

Bells Corners Public School Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday Oct 3, 2023 6:30pm (Virtual/In Person Hybrid Meeting)

Present: Sadhana Lad, Marianne Tilton, Elysa Esposito, Destinee Quick, Sandra Pedersen, Troy Baker, Dina Mohey, Amy Cameron, Meaghan Mullen, Stacey Price, **Robabah Najafi**, Kaylee Jobin, Nina Jensen, Jenna Guerrero (student)

Absent: Paisley Fleming

Meeting called to order by Sandra at 6:35pm

Approval of previous Minutes

Moved: Kaylee

Seconded: Troy

Passed with all in favour.

Principal's Report - Sadhana Lad

October is here and students are fully engaged in many routines and many instructional activities. The last week of September was a busy and productive week for our students and educators here at BCPS. It was a pleasure to welcome and meet all our families at our Meet the Educator Night. Families were able to visit their child's classroom and understand how the learning environment is set up. If you were unable to attend, there will be Parent-Teacher Interviews that will take place in November to get a better understanding of how your child is achieving.

Thank you to school council for organizing the school bbq that allows many of our new families to make connections and for returning families to connect with each other.

On September 29th classes honoured the learning and reflected on **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation**. Classes read stories and engaged in activities/discussions that focused on initiatives to work toward reconciliation. This work is ongoing and will continue throughout the school year.

October is Islamic Heritage Month in Canada. This is a time to celebrate, inform and engage with Islamic history and culture and learn about the many contributions that Muslim people have made to Canada and beyond. One way we honour Islamic Heritage month is students engage in announcements and educator's embed this learning into their daily lesson.

October 10th: Indigo Love of Reading BCPS Fundraiser

Our Bells Corners PS library is in need of books that reflect the diversity and interest of our students. Last year, School Council and BCPS Admin put forward an application and we collaborated with Indigo to participate in the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation's annual Adopt

a School fundraiser! Every dollar raised in-store at Indigo Pinecrest and online between October 10 - 31, 2023 will go DIRECTLY to our school to help fill our shelves with new and diverse books! More information will be shared on October 10th. The link will be shared with the community to donate on October 10th.

Kindness Squad

Students in grades 5 & 6 to help promote kindness within the school and out into the community. Help with delivering pizza & booster juice, run kindness clubs that give back (i.e. knitting club, shoe tying club), run school-wide events to bring the school together (school-wide bingo, world kindness day, "only one you" rock garden, etc.), and kindness LEADS at recess. Would school council be interested in helping fund the materials needed to run these events? I.e. BINGO materials, cards for seniors, smooth rocks,

Only One You - rock garden

School would like to collect approx 300 rocks so that each student can paint one and then we will create a rock garden to show how unique each child is and how beautiful the rocks look all together.

Kaylee to get rocks from her parents over the long weekend.

Ideas for 5 year plan:

- Trees along the perimeter of the school yard
- Mural for within the school -every child blooms with flowers throughout the hallway with bulldog core values
- Entry way - how can we make it more prominent
- All gender washrooms for students
- Outdoor learning space with a garden in the backyard
- New sports jerseys and a banner

Would it be possible to cover the cost for pizza for students - 6 in total

Educator's Report - Marianne Tilton

- 5 educators submitted receipts for the \$50 reimbursement, more to come next month.
- Planning for Scientist in Schools workshops is underway.
- Newcomers Welcome session for families new to school in Canada was a success in building connections with our new families.
- Thank you to council for all the work on the BBQ.
- Luv2Groove -- did Council include funding for this in the budget for this year? If not, we will bring forward a request if it is something the School Council is interested in considering (last year's cost was about \$1800 + HST for 4 days of workshops. We would need to check this year's pricing).
- ** Paisley Fleming is absent, we will pass on the question to her.

Treasurer's Report

September Statement - Paisley to send statement
Account Balance as of 27 Sept 2023: \$24,621.28
Outstanding cheques as of 03 Oct 2023: \$ 1,068.07
Cash on hand: \$1930.55

Notes:

- BBQ money will be deposited this week
- \$757.46 was raised after expenses
- Funds provided to school:
 - Teacher "wish-list"- \$344.98 (amazon)

To Action

1. Follow up with Erin regarding letter to add Destinee co-treasurer signatory.

Matters for Discussion

- a. Welcome BBQ - Sept. 28 4pm - 6pm (Recap, lessons learned, pre-sales?)
 - i. have hamburgers cooked ahead and warming in oven?
 1. Need to look into food safety protocols
 - ii. Separating lines
 - iii. clearer signs for cost of items (eg. chips \$1.50 drinks \$1.50. There was confusion that it was one drink, one bag of chips total \$1.50)
 - iv. pay for and get drinks and chips ahead of main, clear up lineup backlog
 - v. freezies?
 - vi. Sadhana giving presentation outside instead of in the gym
 - vii. Make clear that this is a fundraiser, not a free BBQ
- b. Using square space as a tap system to eliminate cash
 - i. Nina has an apple tap device school could use, would need subscription
 - ii. Troy will do more research on square space
 - iii. A cash option will always be needed due to our school demographic and varying economic statuses.
 - iv. Many felt the cost to use squarespace would not be possible or worth it for our school
- c. [Halloween Dance \(allocate jobs, logistics\)](#)
 - i. Halloween Dance - Jobs - Andrew has agreed to be amazing DJ for the dance, posters ready to go, printout 5:30-7:30pm, Cost \$2/person in advance or \$3 at the door, pizza options: 1) pepperoni and cheese, 2) cheese, 3) gluten free & dairy free. Pre-orders for Pizza due Oct 20. Buying Pizza the night of: WHILE QUANTITIES LAST (pay at the door). Have a table for pizza that is pre-ordered, another table for extra- while quantities last.
 - ii. Destinee to purchase items needed for dance
 - iii. have prizes for 50/50 draw (like movie gift cards from last year)

- iv. Need volunteers - Sandra has connected with highschool and they will likely send students.
- v. Classes to create decorations for gym

- d. Review of Council procedures from the school board
 - i. All new and returning members should review the [council/board procedures](#) at beginning of school year.
 - ii. For events: When possible, cash should be counted by 2 people before it leaves, placed in deposit envelopes and sealed and signed by 2 people who counted it, additional procedure from school board, has to be stored on school property. Can be deposited next day, but has to stay on school property until it's ready to be deposited. Decide as a group what is doable - team effort.
- e. Wishlist
 - i. Need 1-2 ppl to purchase wishlist items from HD and Walmart (From Elysa)
 - 1. Destinee will purchase all from WM
 - 2. Sandra to purchase from Home Depot
 - ii. Amazon orders arrived. Soccer balls ordered, longer delivery date.
- f. Review Fundraising calendar
 - i. Recapped from Sept Council Meeting, Halloween Dance (Oct 27), MacMillan's in December, Movie Night in May. Not doing Little Caesar's again.
- g. What are blue hoodie shirts for? No one had clear answer. Someone will ask Mrs. Ramsay/other staff who have been at BCPS for a while
- h. Snowsuit fund - are there other needs for kids?
 - i. Mitts, hats, underwear, socks

Other Items

a) Motion to Cover 1 piece of pizza for 6 students each pizza day. Up to \$90 with a \$10 buffer

Moved: Amy

Seconded: Stacey

Passed with all in favour.

b) Marianne Tilton Question: Did the budget have love to groove from last year?

- i. We'll follow up on that. If not in budget, we'll bring it forward. Cost \$1800, unsure what upgraded costing for this year.

Announcements (next meeting)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov 7th, 2023 - 6:30pm (In-Person/Hybrid)

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm