



William Berczy Public School – School Council Meeting

Date and Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm, Tuesday, Feb 08, 2021

Location: Virtual

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Meeting ID: 209 119 5740

AGENDA

2021 – 2022's Executive members		Parents
Penny Lam (Principal) Joyce Vickers (Vice Principal) - Welcome Shuang Liu (SC Co-Chair) Mandip Rai (SC Co-Chair) Keith Maharaj (SC CO-Secretary) Jacara Fletcher (SC Co-Treasurer) Miyuki To (SC Co-Treasurer)		Total 8 parents participated: Ying Chen, Ying Zhou, Helen Tao, Jane, Jenny, Jiayi, Sheldon, Leonard Young,
6:30 p.m.	Opening and Welcome	Presented by: Mandip Rai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm welcome to all participants to the SC meeting • Track attendance of parents and Council members • Apologies for the incorrect Meeting Code in meeting invite
6:30 p.m.	Review and Approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes Oct. 5, 2021 • Financials 	Presented by: Mandip Rai & Keith Maharaj <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick review Nov 9th's School Council meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of Budget standing and processes ○ Introduction to Equity and Diversity team ○ Morning drop-off routine safety ○ School Council Activity Planning – process and plans ○ Graduation Planning – process and venue ○ Fundraising Update – process and plans • Mandip Rai and Shuang Liu approved Nov. 8 meeting minutes. • <u>Parents</u> can direct questions to william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

6:35 p.m.	Principal Update	<p>Presented by: Penny Lam & Joyce Vickers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to our new Vice Principal Joyce Vickers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joining us from TDSB ○ Taught for 15-years before becoming a VP (last few years) ● Refresh on COVID screening process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Much better adherence to screening process – thank you ○ <u>Parents</u> please do not send your kids to school if they are not well, including non-COVID illness ○ Per provincial guidelines, individual nor collective COVID cases will not be reported by the school, in the same way that a child with a cold/flu is not reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is a change from protocols during the height of the Delta-wave ▪ Schools do not have access nor collect the data to report ● Staff changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ William Berczy is hiring to fill in for staff on leave ○ You may encounter more supply teachers than usual during this transition ○ Once backfill plans are complete a fulsome update can be shared
6:45pm	Fundraising & Budget	<p>Presented by: Mandip Rai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “William Berczy School Council Fundraiser” flyer was emailed on February 3rd ● A call for Donations – fundraising goal of \$15,000 ● This year, donated monies will be applied towards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Whole school program enhancements ○ Gr8 graduation events ○ Mental health education for students ○ Technology enhancements ● Preferred method for donations is School CashOnline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Register - https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Registration/Profile ○ Make a Donation - https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Fee/Details/4/72/false/true <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <Fund Destination> = “WILLIAM BERCY P.S.-E486” ● Expenditures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expenditures to date: \$32,669 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 92 Chromebooks ▪ Beaver Computing Challenge ▪ Science Room Wishlist
6:50pm	Staff Appreciation Lunch	<p>Presented by: Shuang Li</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff Appreciation Lunch occurred in Dec 2021 ● Funded by generous donations ● Guests greeted with food, beverages, décor and some gift cards ● Remaining \$1.8K will go towards a future appreciation event

6:55pm	Graduation	<p>Presented by: Miyuki To & Penny Lam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date: TBD (tentatively the week of June 20th) • Fundraising Goal: \$10K • Venue: Crystal Fountain to benefit from previous deposit • Cap and gowns already purchased (gift to students from the school) • Grad picture day: Feb 24th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Still need to determine plan for Virtual students
7:00pm	Speaker event	<p>Presented by: Shuang Li</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with Healthy Mind, hosting a COVID/Pandemic presentation on February 13th, 10:30am at Zoom ID: 650 345 8626 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 healthcare professionals will present and answer questions ○ English session, including Mandarin speaking presenters • Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to reduce personal risk ○ Understanding COVID-19 vaccine safety ○ Challenges faced by Healthcare professionals ○ COVID effects beyond respiratory system
7:10 pm	Discussion/Questions	<p>Presented by: Penny Lam & Mandip Rai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: is there data on the vaccination rates of William Berczy staff? • A: Provincial requirement is that staff (including supporting staff) are either vaccinated or tested regularly. At William Berczy, all staff have been vaxxed. • Q: questions trying to determine number of COVID cases at school • A: Individual cases are not necessarily reported to the school • A: Absences are counted and reported to the School Board daily at 10am • A: at 30% absenteeism, a conversation is had with the School Superintendent • A: on Feb 8th, 23 of 548 students were absent (inclu. dentist appointments, personal days with the family, illness, etc.) • Q: will there be a Picture Day for not Grade 8 students? • A: Photographer has been rescheduled to May • Q: in what mediums are school updates sent? • A: English communications are sent via email. Some messages are also relayed to a Parent WeChat group (Mandarin and English) managed by Shuang Li (shuang824@gmail.com) – email her to get added to the group • Upcoming dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Day: February 21st ○ March Break: March 14 – 18th ○ Easter: April 15 – 18th

Next School Council meeting: **Tuesday April 12th, 2022 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

