



William Berczy Public School School Council Meeting

Date and Time: 6:30 – 7:30pm, Thursday, Sept 29, 2022

Feedback or questions? Email william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

ATTENDEES	
<p>2021 – 2022's Executive members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Penny Lam (Principal) ● Joyce Vickers (Vice Principal) ● Mandip Rai (Co-Chair) ● Shuang Liu (Co-Chair) ● Ray Lu (Co-Secretary) ● Keith Maharaj (Co-Secretary) ● Jacara Fletcher (Co-Treasurer) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Parents</p> <p>Rachel Zhou, Puja Bansal, Tina Lee, Thomas Qu, Mingquan Zhang, SeuLeen Truong, Yu Jiang, Ying Zhou, Seena Jayachandran, Courtney Elawar, James Kan, Lili Min, Mary-Ann Gow, Thomas Wu, Echo Lu, Avery Mia, Ellen Cheng, Stephen Kwong, Anna Shao, Mandy Ma, Bin Liu, Shan Tao, Robin Cai</p>

MINUTES		
6:30 p.m.	Opening & Welcome	<p>Presented by: Mandip Rai & Shuang Liu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overview of Agenda ● Brief introduction with Ron Lynn (York Region District School Board, Board Vice-Chair - Markham Wards 2, 3, and 6) ● Introduce Penny Lam (Principal) and Joyce Vickers (Vice Principal) ● Review of School Council norms
6:35 p.m.	Minutes Review & Approvals	<p>Presented by: Mandip Rai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May 2021 meeting minutes approved by Jacara Fletcher, Ray Lu and Shuang Liu
6:35 p.m.	Budget Report	<p>Presented by: Jacara Fletcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All funds raised and carry over were spent (minor carry over) within School year 2021/2022 ● Playground Reserve closing balance is \$17,033

6:40 p.m.	Principals Update	<p>Presented by: Penny Lam & Joyce Vickers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grades K-3 Class Reorganization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-3 classes were re-organized to achieve smaller class sizes after 2 new staff members were granted by the Board of Education ○ Re-org was executed successfully, reducing grades K-3 class sizes ○ Thank you to all that assisted! ● Extra curricular activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers have started during school and after school programs, please contact your children's teacher or School Council for more details. ○ Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Soccer (lunch time) ■ Cross country - 12 kids qualified for regionals! ■ ACTION (Parents): sports balls are getting old, require equipment donations ○ Robotics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ACTION (Parents): Friday after school volunteer(s) with robotics background needed ○ Chess club (lunch time) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ACTION (Parents): require chess set donations ○ Brain Teaser club ● Morning drop off and dismissal routine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please use only the right driving lane for kiss'and'ride drop-offs. Do NOT drive in the other lanes for safety reasons - we don't have enough volunteers to manage all 3 lanes simultaneously. ○ Please have your kids ready to expediently exit the vehicle (e.g. have their materials collected) to ensure a smooth flow of traffic ○ Please do not park in the school's east or west parking lot during the morning rush (8:30-9am) ○ ACTION (Parents): if you would like to help in the mornings (8:45-9am), please email School Council (william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You will get a brief training ■ Ad hoc volunteers are welcomed!
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6:50 p.m.	Fundraising Plan & Ideas	<p>Presented by: Mandip Rai & Shuang Liu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Process: School prepares a School Improvement Plan that aligns with [School] Board Director’s regional priorities. Once agreed, funds can only be raised for those priorities, and raised monies must be spent in that same school year ● York Region District School Board is a registered charity; donations are tax deductible (per Board Policy #129.0). Online donations provide an immediate tax receipt for donations greater than \$25 (inclusive). ● School Improvement Plan categories for 2022/2023 will continue from last year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental Health ○ Equity and Inclusivity ○ Extra Curriculars ○ Learning enhancements (e.g. equipment) ○ Grade 8 Graduation ● Discussed historic fundraising ideas. ACTION (Parents): email Fundraising ideas to School Council

6:55 p.m.	Volunteer Opportunities	<p>Presented by: Shuang Li</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Background: the School Council coordinates all Parent volunteer opportunities. There are several programs in place today that require volunteers for the next school year. Currently these opportunities are managed by Shuang Liu ● Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you are interested in volunteering, email Shuang Liu ○ All candidates will be vetted by the Principal and Vice Principal ○ Volunteer schedule will be published by program ○ Volunteers will check-in at the school office when on school property ● Healthy Snack program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Led by Ms. Sunitha Krishnan ○ Various snacks are sourced (thank you Mrs. Krishnan!) and delivered to the school, funded by several nutrition donation programs (applied to by Principal and Vice Principal) ○ Volunteers needed in the morning and afternoon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Morning: sort food and deliver bins to classrooms ■ Afternoon: collect and clean bins ● Library (book shelving) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help re-shelve and organize books in school library ○ Great opportunity to work with the school Librarians, and to learn about books available to students ○ Commitment: 1 day per week, a few daytime hours ○ Limited training required (book sorting / shelving system) ○ All required volunteer spots were filled during this meeting ● Pizza Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a weekly pizza day, where slices are sold and delivered to students during lunch. ○ Volunteers needed to order pizza (Pizza Nova) and pick + deliver slices to classrooms (e.g. ensure classes get the right number of cheese and pepperoni slices) ○ Program runs every Friday from 12:15-12:50 p.m. ○ 20 volunteers required each Friday, not required to commit for the full year (e.g. join us on a day-off or slow work-from-home-day)[KM1] ○ Typically, we see lots of Moms, this year we need more Dads!
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7:00 p.m.	School Council elections	<p>Presented by: Penny Lam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New School Council Executive team is elected every school year ● Thank you to the outgoing Council team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mandip Rai (SC Co-Chair) ○ Shuang Liu (SC Co-Chair) ○ Ray Lu (SC Co-Secretary) ○ Keith Maharaj (SC Co-Secretary) ○ Jacara Fletcher (SC Co-Treasurer) ○ Miyuki To (SC Co-Treasurer) ● Paper ballot election was held for the following roles. WBPS School Council Executive for 2022/2023 will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tina Lee (Chair) ○ Anna Shao (Co-Chair) ○ Keith Maharaj (Secretary) ○ Thomas Qu (Co-Secretary) ○ Seena Jayachandran (Treasurer) ○ Tao (Thomas) Wu (Co-Treasurer)

7:25 p.m.	Tentative School Council meeting dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tentative schedule for School Council meetings (minimum of 4 meetings): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 29th - in person meeting at Berczy ○ December 8th - in person meeting at Berczy ○ February 2nd - Virtual via Zoom ○ April 20th - in person meeting at Berczy ○ June 1st - Virtual via Zoom ○ June 26th - in person meeting at Berczy ● All dates are subject to change by new Council
7:25 p.m.	Other important dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 6th - Curriculum Night/Meet Council night ● November 17th (PM) - Parent Teacher Conference ● November 18th (AM) - Parent Teacher Conference ● Winter Break - December 24, 2022 to January 8, 2023
7:30 p.m.	Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Q: will there be field trips this school year ● A: yes. Teachers are working through trip plans that need to be approved by the Board of Education (e.g. currently awaiting approval for a walking trip to Varley Art Gallery). We may see some changes to traditional trips because of increasing costs. School Council can assist by raising funds towards class trips.
<p>Next School Council meeting will be announced by new School Council Executives</p>		