



William Berczy Public School – School Council Meeting

Date and Time: 7:00 – 8:00pm, Tuesday, Nov 09, 2021

Location: Virtual

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Meeting ID: 209 119 5740

AGENDA

Present

2021 – 2022's Executive members

Penny Lam (Principal)
 T Tran (Vice Principal)
 Shuang Liu (SC Co-Chair)
 Mandip Rai (SC Co-Chair)
 Raymond Lu (SC Co-Secretary)
 Keith Maharaj (SC CO-Secretary)
 Jacara Fletcher (SC Co-Treasurer)
 Miyuki To (SC Co-Treasurer)

Parents

Total 36 parents participated:
 Agatha Liu, Carrie, Chloe Zhang, Echo, Helen Tao, Henry, Hilton, Jane, Julia Ma, Jade Wang, Kate, Ka Ying Cheung, Leonard Young, Lirong, Maggie Chen, Millie, Rachel, Nancy Yu, Sunny Jia, Tony Shi, YanFeng, Wendy,...

7:00 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
7:05 p.m.	Review and Approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes Oct. 5, 2021 • Financials 	Presented by: Mandip Rai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick review Oct 5th's school council meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School council executive team election ○ Entry and dismissal routine ○ Reorganization and remote learning ○ Crosswalk message and safety ○ Morning drop-off routine safety • Ray Lu and Shuang Liu approved Oct. 5 meeting minutes. Presented by: Shuang Liu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education enrichment spending update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student Chromebook ○ Beaver computing challenge grade 5-8 ○ Scientist in schools ○ Intermediate wish list ○ Science room wish list ○ Extra curricular booster Subtotals cost: \$44578.82

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Parents</u> should direct questions about Enrichment Spending to william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca • <u>Parents</u> should direct Program suggestions to their home-room Teacher
7:15 p.m.	2020-2021 Budget Report	<p>Presented by: Shuang Liu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground reserve 2020-2021 carryover \$20,000 • Education enrichment fundraising donations – \$41,612
7:20 p.m.	Principal Update	<p>Presented by: Penny Lam & Mr. Tran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ka Ying Cheung (Zoe Cheung), new teacher at Berczy provided update from Equity & Diversity [Teacher] team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focused on incorporating Indigenous education into lessons and tasks (e.g., compiling resources for grade-level suitable lessons around land acknowledgements) ○ Employing texts and resources that are representative of the cultures in the Berczy community) ○ Focused on education around self-regulation • Parents encouraged to attend virtual Remembrance Day celebration on Nov 11th • PA Day on Nov 19th, being used for Partner Teacher sessions. <u>Parents</u> are encouraged to sign up for sessions via Edsby or reach out to your child’s home-room Teacher to arrange • Graduation Planning – see section below • Morning Drop-Offs – Mr Tran: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modified kiss’n’ride process with encouraging results with respect to student safety and congestion; will continue this approach into the winter months ○ <u>Parents</u> interested in assisting in the morning (15-20 minute commitment), contact william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca
7:30 p.m.	School Council Activity Planning	<p>Presented by: Mandip Rai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Background - every year schools can apply for funding for “Programs” from the Board that can go towards speakers, parent seminars, etc. Last year’s program (Parenting in the Digital Age) was an online session attended by 400 parents! ○ Hope to get direction from Board in School Council Forum on Nov 10th for 2021-2022 school year ○ Please send suggestions to School Council (william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca) • Teacher / Staff / Volunteer Appreciation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Background - in past years there was an in-person Appreciation Lunch in school gym (around Holiday Season) where Parents brought food and/or donated money for gifts for an

		<p>Appreciation Lunch – not possible this year with COVID restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plan is to hold onto this idea until later in the school year when restrictions may be lifted ○ <u>Parents</u> that are interested in donating towards small tokens of appreciation, please contact Shuang (william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cultural Celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School is open to celebrating any Cultural Celebrations ○ <u>Parents</u> with ideas for celebrations please reach out to School Council (william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca) or your home-room Teacher ● Look out for an email survey capturing interests and suggestions pertaining to Activities ● Until COVID restrictions are removed Field Trips (e.g., to Quebec City) are on hold
7:35 p.m.	Graduation Planning	<p>Presented by: Penny Lam & Mandip Rai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Miyuki To will lead this year’s Graduation Committee. ● <u>Parents</u> interested in getting involved can reach out to Miyuki To directly or through william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parents with kids at any grade level are welcomed to help, volunteering could be as light as setting up chairs, blowing up balloons on the day of ● Planning Committee needs to... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Set a date and time ○ Find a venue ○ Arrange DJ and Photographer ○ Fundraise – need to raise approximately \$10k ○ Strategy: plan as if there will be a traditional in-person celebration, and scale back (e.g., to virtual) if COVID restrictions apply at end-of-school-year ● Venue details <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Venue needs to accommodate ~400 attendees (96x Gr8 students + 3 guests each), including COVID distancing requirements ○ From a previous year, Crystal Fountain holds a ~\$1,600 non-refundable deposit from Berczy, but their costs/prices have increased 30% (seen in many small businesses that are re-opening) making the venue not-viable this year. ○ <u>Parents</u> that have relationships or great experiences with affordable nearby (10-minute drive) venues, please share with the Graduation Committee
7:45 p.m.	Fundraising Planning	<p>Presented by: Shuang Liu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Background on Fundraising rules and objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School identifies goals tied to the Director’s Annual Plan (e.g. focus on mental health, equity, curriculum - math, etc.)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School Council identifies Programs / Activities to enhance Programming pursuant to those goals (e.g., a Speaker to offer Parenting tips for supporting virtual learners that are away from friends) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The more students and goals a particular Program address, the higher it is on the priority list ▪ Prioritization is informed by Teachers, School Council and Vice + Principal's office ○ School Council costs these Program / Activities ○ We determine how much the school can contribute (limited programming budget) ○ School Council plans fundraising Initiatives to raise funds for the remaining costs (e.g., bake sale, trinket sales, etc.) ○ School Council and Parents participate in fundraisers ○ Fundraising stops once the sufficient funds are raised to fund that Program / Activity (i.e., untethered fundraising is not permitted) ● Monies raised cannot go to funding curriculum or teaching consumables, these are provided by the School Board. ● 2021-2022 Fundraising Plan is in development and will be shared once prepared. ● Target Programs / Activities this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Graduation ○ Cultural celebrations (see Activity Planning section) ○ Programs / Workshops (see Activity Planning section) ○ Camera for Yearbook (Mr. Pyane's wish) – also accepting camera donation
7:50 pm	Discussion/Questions	<p>Presented by: Penny Lam & Mandip Rai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <u>Parents</u> are always welcomed to direct questions send their questions to Ms. Lam or the School Council (william.berczy.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca) ● Q: Where is calendar of planned activities and celebrations? A: YRDSB website ● Q: Will there be field trips for younger grades? A: Currently on-hold until COVID restrictions are loosened, awaiting further notice from School Board. However, there are several applications into the School Boards for kits (e.g. Scientists in School kits) that we can bring to the class in lieu of field trips. ● Q: when will progress reports be sent out? Will they be sent in advance of Parent-Teacher interviews A: awaiting direction from School Board, no details at this time ● Q: How do we fix hole in JK/SK playground A: Ms. Lam will investigate same week

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Q: can we install the turf enjoyed in the JK/SK playground in the larger Playground (e.g. replace the gravel)• A: if changed to turf, the School (not the board) will be responsible for maintenance and repair (expensive) • Q: Will there be a Holiday concert? A: There will not be a whole-school concert. However, Primary Teachers are working on a virtual concert, <u>Parents</u> look out for communications from Primary home-room Teachers • Q: Have the fundraising events been planned? If so, is there a schedule?• A: Plan is in development. School Council will share plan with Parents once finalized.
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Next School Council meeting: **Tuesday February 8, 2022 6:30-7:30 p.m.**