

AGENDA with MINUTES

Ballantrae P.S. Council Virtual Meeting

November 9, 2023 — 7:00pm

Council Executives: Indu Bains and Kristy Karkanas, Co-Chairs | Maria Philp and Lesley Carino, Secretaries | Robyn Hadder, Treasurer | Indu Bains and Maria Philp, Social Media Officers

Voting Members (10): Lesley | Eila | Jessica | Robyn | Kristy | Maggie | Nadia | Maria | Marny | Amanda

Attendees: Robyn | Indu | Maria | Marny | Jessica | Nadia | Amanda | Cindy | Lesley | Kristy | Michaela | Eila

Staff Attendees: Craig Barton, Principal

Item	Owner	Action
<p>Welcome!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual meeting• Land Acknowledgement (Craig)• Approval of minutes from October 2023<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kristy, Nadia• Open Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Anne has resigned her position as a voting member, but she will stay on as a volunteer.○ Items Added to the Agenda<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Forest of Reading▪ Adopt-a-Senior▪ Pizza Sales	Indu/Kristy	
<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School & Board Status<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ No updates• Teacher Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ As of Nov. 20, we will have a new music teacher! Daniela Rinaldi will be teaching music on Days 1 and 4.• Movie Licence<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The movie licence has been purchased.○ Any teacher can use it without having to log in each time, as long as they are in the school (using the school's IP).• School Demographics<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Today's IT issues affected the school's ability to access the demographics report. Hopefully, it will be accessible next week and can be presented at the next council meeting.	Craig	Craig to present report at next meeting.

Fundraising Plan Status	Craig	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Improvement Plan (SIP) Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our school is aiming to align its goals with the YRDSB's 4 core goals which are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Build safe, healthy and inclusive learning and working environments where students and staff feel they matter and belong. ▪ Build trust and collaborative relationships with students, families and staff by developing shared solutions through respectful communication and responsive actions. ▪ Build a collective understanding of the ongoing impact of colonialism on Indigenous Communities, Anti-oppression, and Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy. ▪ Provide effective instruction and assessment that reflect students' identities, lived experiences, strengths, needs and interests. ○ Our school has developed the following goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>If we deepen our understanding of student, family and staff lived experiences, their strengths and their needs (i.e., their "story"), we can use this information to create a safer, more inclusive learning environment. This will result in an overall decrease in stress behaviours.</i> ○ Our school has developed the following literacy goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>If we use school-wide, grade specific reading screeners, then we will be able to program intentionally using current research-based reading strategies to increase our students' ability to decode and understand texts.</i> ● Purchases Made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$100/classroom for indoor recess games. ● YRDSB Technology Cost Sharing Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technology cost sharing will be returning this spring. ● Winter Concert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be held on Dec. 7 (grades K-4). ○ Can we hold a front seat/parking spot raffle again this year? Indu will find out. ○ We could collect food/unwrapped toys and gifts on the night of the concert to be donated to local charities. ○ Could we hold an anonymous food/toy drive for our specific BPS community? Craig will find out. ● Forest of Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Forest of Reading is a Canadian recreational reading program designed to celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators and nurture a love of reading. The program has six categories organized by age and grade. ○ Cost is \$750 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Motion: Spend \$750 of council funds on Forest of Reading? ▪ VOTE: YES 	<p>Craig</p>	<p>Indu to find out if we can hold a raffle.</p> <p>Craig to find out if we can hold a BPS food/toy drive.</p>

<p>Financials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Current Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Account Balance: \$436.65 ○ Pizza Account Balance: \$14,146.28 	<p>Robyn</p>	
<p>Teacher Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill-a-Purse-for-a-Sister is underway and a box has been set up in the office to collect donations. It is filling up! • Intermediate volleyball teams had tournaments this week. • Robotics Team is starting up. Mr. Alan, Ms. Ivic, and Ms. Filtsos will be running it for grades 6-8. If there is interest from grade 5 students as well, then they may be able to join too (depends on the number of students because we have a limited number of robots for 4 teams). • Roots of Empathy program is beginning. The kindergarteners will be meeting the mom and baby tomorrow. • Knights of Columbus free-throw competition for grades 4-8 is coming up. The top girl and boy from each grade will advance from the school to the first round of the competition. Ms. McKnight is running this event. • Ms. McKnight has volunteered to lead a Yearbook committee this year. • A Remembrance Day assembly is planned for tomorrow, assuming that the current IT issues get resolved. If not, then it may be postponed to Monday. • Cindy Cheng brought in a huge box of fidget toys for the school! Thank you very much for your generosity, Cindy! 	<p>Craig</p>	
<p>Council Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable Sector Check <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Once you have received your letter of a completed VSC, bring it to the school and they will photocopy it for their records (you keep the original). ○ It is valid for 3 years. ○ Must be for York Region (VSCs done in other regions are not valid for our school). • Council Survey Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 35 surveys have now been completed and returned to the school. ○ Comments are mostly positive. ○ Results will be compiled and council can discuss them at the next meeting. • School Council Forum Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kristy, Indu, Cindy, and Craig attended. ○ It was informative – especially the information regarding fundraising and technology (how can we better use technology to communicate with parents, the use of technology to translate languages, etc.). ○ The dinner was great! • Voting Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please notify Indu/Kristy/Craig if you are unable to attend a meeting (absences could affect the council’s ability to vote at that meeting). 	<p>Indu/Kristy</p>	<p>Survey results to be discussed at next meeting.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adopt-a-Senior Card Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For the last couple of years, BPS students have created handmade holiday cards which get delivered in care packages to nursing homes/senior residences. ▪ Motion: Run this program again this year? ▪ VOTE: YES 		
<p>'FUN-Raising' Planning/Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pizza Lunch Program Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nonno's offers a gluten-free option. ○ A blurb will go out in the next newsletter asking families if anyone would be interested in a gluten-free pizza option before we offer it in the winter session. ○ Kristy will work out the pricing if there is interest. ○ Kristy is working to find out if Nonno's pepperoni pizza meets the Healthy Schools requirements – current thought is that it does not because the salt content is too high. ○ Some students come to school on Fridays without a lunch, thinking that if they bring \$3, they will definitely get a slice of the leftover pizza. Some do not get a slice. ○ To avoid disappointment and hungry students, we will discontinue selling leftover pizza slices beginning in the winter session. ○ Several notices of this change will be sent out to families beforehand, and it will also be noted prominently on the winter flyer. ● Kernel's Popcorn Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCO cannot be accessed at present because of the IT issue, so we do not know what the orders are. ○ A report is needed by tomorrow in order to place the first order, but a report might not be available until Monday. ○ The popcorn pick-up must take place on Tuesday evening in order to deliver bags to students on Wednesday. ○ An extra 50 bags of butter salt popcorn will be ordered for the upcoming movie night. ○ We can extend the ordering period to Monday because some parents who wanted to place orders today were unable to do so due to the IT issue. ○ Jessica will find out if she can place our order on Monday instead of tomorrow. If she can, then Craig will send out a notice to parents to let them know that orders can still be placed on Monday. ● Family Movie Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Team: Jonathan, Lesley, Maggie, Jessica, Marny ○ Thursday, Nov. 23 – primary movie night. Movie will be appropriate for JK – Gr. 3 students. Older students are welcome to attend as well. ○ Selling 50 bags of butter salt popcorn (no SCO, cash only) for \$3/bag. ○ Encourage families to bring refillable water bottles (we will not be selling drinks). ○ The next newsletter will be going out on Monday. We should choose the movie by then so that it can go in the newsletter. We can choose from these movies: https://acf-film.com/en/video.php ○ <i>Ruby Gillman</i>, <i>Teenage Kraken</i> or <i>Spiderverse</i> are Craig's suggestions. 	Indu/Kristy	<p>Blurb to go out in newsletter to gauge interest in gluten-free pizza option.</p> <p>Kristy to find out if Nonno's pepperoni pizza complies with Healthy Schools requirements.</p> <p>Jessica to find out if we can place our order on Monday instead of Friday.</p> <p>Movie Night flyer to go out in newsletter and posted to Facebook.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council decided on <i>Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken</i>. ○ Doors will open at 5:30pm and the movie will start at 6:00pm. ○ This is not a drop-off event. ○ Attendees can wear PJs and bring pillows, stuffies, etc. ○ Will be held in the gym; we can use the gym matts. ● Little Caesar's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Launch date has changed to Nov. 13. ○ Will go on SCO on Monday (not tomorrow as planned because of present IT issue). ○ Orders will be due on Nov. 27 and delivery to school will be on Tues., Dec. 12. ○ Goal is to sell 200+ kits. ○ Jessica will get a digital flyer for distribution. ○ Paper flyers are already at the school. ○ Indu will check if she has the flyer from last year (could just edit it instead of starting over). ● Professor Jamz Dance-a-Thon Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Booked for Tuesday, Feb. 13. ○ Launch assembly is scheduled for Jan. 29. ○ Jessica is the lead. ○ Nadia has volunteered to help and Marny and Michaela may also be able to help. ○ Cindy has also volunteered, but she will be able to firm up closer to the date. ○ Need volunteers to man the Cosmic Store. Volunteers are not required to stay for the whole day (can come and go as needed like last year). ○ We can ask for parent volunteers via the newsletter. ● Graffiti Wall - Matthew 'Testament' Jones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jones is a spoken word artist and has hosted an event for us in the past (via PRO Grant). ○ Earliest dates to book are in April as he is booking up quickly. ○ 1 instructive session and 1 led painting session per class - \$4,500 ○ 1 instructive session per class - \$2,750 ○ Supply costs would be additional. ○ Indu will send out more information and sample photos via e-mail and we can vote remotely. ○ Jones will likely require a deposit in order to secure a date. ● Recipe Book Fundraiser? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We could gather recipes from the BPS community and create a cookbook which we could sell as a fundraiser. ○ Perhaps next year, as this year's fundraising calendar is already full. ● Jessica's workplace has a digital road sign on Bloomington. Can it be used to promote school events? Craig to find out. 		<p>Jessica will get a digital flyer.</p> <p>Indu to check for last year's flyer.</p> <p>Call for volunteers to go out in a newsletter closer to the date.</p> <p>Indu to send out more information via e-mail.</p> <p>Council to vote via e-mail.</p> <p>Craig to look into use of digital road sign.</p>
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<p>Meeting Adjourned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm <p><u>Upcoming Meeting Dates:</u> Jan. 11, Feb. 22, April 18, May 16, June 6</p>		
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