

2022-2023 Bayview Secondary School Council Minutes

Date: Monday, November 7, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Place: Online

Co-Chairs: Arlene Amitirigala, Linda Zhang

Treasurer: Maggie Ye

Secretary: Angela Yeung

1. Attendance

Administration

Principal: Aldrin Fernando

Vice-Principal: Milton Hart

Teacher Rep - N/A

Student Rep - N/A

Members of Council 2022 - 23

1. Arlene Amitirigala
2. Linda Zhang
3. Maggie Ye
4. Angela Yeung
5. Joanna Yu
6. Sarah Chow
7. Joanne Pan
8. Deepshikha Swaroop
9. Mary Li
10. Marelle Castle
11. Janet Deng
12. Sharon Wang
13. Tina Liang
14. Yan Wang

Other Attendees

Pauline Guo, Kenzie Wass, Michael Yu, Roula V, Nancy, Jason Wang, Judy Han, Simon, Xuan Ke.

2. Welcome

Arlene greeted everyone and clarified that the meeting has to go online because the school is closed due to the strike.

3. Approval Agenda

- Sharon Wang motioned to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Joanne Pan seconded
- Agenda approved

4. Approval September 17, 2022 Minutes

- Marcelle Castle motioned to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Swaroop Deepshikha
- Minutes approved

5. Principal Updates

The school is preparing for the IB assessment. There are 300 applicants for 116 spots in grade 9. The assessment is on Wednesday evening, November 16th and on Saturday, November 19th. Everything is back to normal. All field trips and athletic teams are running well. The soccer team made it to the finals. The Girls Varsity basketball team and boys volleyball team made the playoffs. There is a meeting planned to talk about the semi-formal which is going to be in February. The school is still waiting for the Board to approve the international field trip to Europe either Spain or Portugal which was planned and pulled back due to Covid-19.

The interim report was sent out on the 6th week. The school has started an "After school literacy program" for students who need help with Math or who did not pass the literacy test last year. The literacy test is starting on November 15th to December 8th. The Grade 9 and Grade 10 students will bring the permission form home. The program is free of charge for those who might need help in preparing for the test.

Aldrin introduced two Community Partner Developers, Kenzie Wass and Pauline Guo who joined the meeting for tonight. They support identity-specific communities that may need access to resources. The family & student support form can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBMRuiabwo4O98-ETun66gzjvYkkHF0J0TFdVqi4qiPXnl0Q/viewform>

Linda suggested CPD to work with the Parent Support Committee.

6. Teacher Rep Report - N/A

Vice Principal Mr. Hart reported that mid-term marks will be submitted by teachers on November 18th. The annual Ontario Secondary School Literacy test from November 14th to December 7 is eligible for the first time to Grade 10 students as it was formerly eligible only for Grade 11 and 12. The test will be taken online on Google classroom.

There are two after school literacy prep courses on Tuesday and Thursday. The students who need help are identified by the Student Assess Group or Student Service Group and other departments. The test format is the same as last year. The settlement and education partnership group in York region is offering two workshops.

Learn Above The Education System (ONLINE)

1st workshop - 11/15 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

2nd workshop - 11/22 4:30 - 6:00

The poster regarding the LEADS and the LEARNS will be sent to the email affiliate to the parent council. The principal will send out the information in the parent news flyer on November 8th as well.

7. Student Council Report - Briefing/Updates from Student Body - N/A

Aldrin updated on how the student council is working. There are approximately 50 clubs. The student council is planning for the holiday assembly on December 23rd. They are working with the drama club and the musical selection. They are also working on the Semi formal as well which is going to be in February 2023.

8. Treasurer's Report

Opening balance \$4518.24

Linda said there will be one donation coming in Dec from last June's BBQ event.

9. Business

a. 2022-23 Planning: School Council Co-Chair Vision

Arlene introduced the vision of the school council - active, engaged, empowered school council that supports the school in creating the best educating environment for the students.

Tangible outcomes - make plans, share ideas, being open, attend meetings

Great execution - execute plans

Increase communication - to let the parents and students know who we are and what we are doing we will have a regular slot to input information on the newsletter

In order to increase the attendance of the school council, Arlene is planning to send out the agenda and minutes one week before the meeting and the second reminder the day before. Parents are requesting to get the link to attend the meeting, not just council members.

The school will provide a complete email listing and support in notifying parents about council meetings.

Linda explained the roles, responsibilities and plan deadline of the Fundraising, Parent Support & Parent Engagement Committees

Fundraising: all funds raised will be used to help students and improve the learning environment, support school activities. Fundraising plan & timeline

Parent Support: helping parents in different language groups: Chinese, Persian, Cantonese. Plan & timeline, communication platform (weekly)
WeChat, WhatsApp, and Line Group to communicate daily

Parent Engagement: invite speakers and organized activities.

Action Planning Timeline

11/7 Chairs elected and confirmed

11/8-11/30 Hold meetings in subcommittees to lay out activities for the school year

11/30 Submit the plans to co-chairs

12/1-5 Review and feedback from co-chairs

12/5 Confirm the subcommittee plans and present in the next meeting

c. Confirmation of Sub-Committee Chairs

*Fundraising committee: **Mary Li (Co-Chair), Marcelle Castle (Co-Chair)**, Linda Zhang, Vivian Tu, Janet Deng, Deepshikha Swaroop, Emily Wang, Joanna Yu*

*Parent Engagement Committee: **Deepshikha Swaroop (Chair)**, Sarah Chow, Arlene Amitirigala, Olivia Peng, Donna Dong,*

*Parent Support: **Joanne Pan (Chair)**, Syeda Hussain, Olivia Peng, Angela Yeung, Helen Safari*

d. Fundraising Plans: Holidays and Others

Holiday fundraising plan:

1. Gift baskets
2. Bake sale - parents to bake;
- Krispy Kreme - Angela contacted last year and confirmed that they have an affiliated fundraising program with the school. Please check out the deadline for application. <https://krispykreme.ca/fundraising-community/>
3. Silent auction - electronic objects, gift certificates, vouchers, any donations from companies (questions about volunteers to sort out items, do we accept new or used items)
4. Bubble Tea Sales - event similar to last year which did very well

10. Q & A:

- a. The donations from School Cash Online is fully accounted for and goes towards funding sports activities, clubs, technology upgrades and other needs.
- b. The parking lot is chaotic and parents often block the road. It was suggested that the school council could use the WeChat groups to ask parents to be more considerate. Linda suggested the principal raise the concern in the weekly school newsletter.
- c. There is a BSS parents WeChat group with 500 people and a lot of them would like to make donations against the strike. How can they contribute and how do the parents know what the school is looking for?
Sharon Wang is going to contact the Principal directly to discuss this
- d. Parents were interested and asked how to join the BSS WeChat group.
Linda will set up WeChat and WhatsApp digital platforms for better communication and support.
- e. Yan Wang raised the issue of lost items and smoking on campus.
The principal clarified that by law that no smoking is permitted within 20m around the school property. The students should not share their locker combination with others and they should keep their own belongings in their locker instead of bringing it along if not necessary. There is no CCTV in the changing room for privacy. If there is anything that is lost, the student should report to the school but there is nothing that has been reported recently. Joanna Yu restated the Ontario vaping rules which were mentioned by the principal.

11. Next Meeting: December 5, 2022 at 7 p.m.

12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.