

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

2018-19

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 29, 2019

PRESENT:

Admin – Ms. Arlene Higgins-Wright (Acting Principal), Ms. Sally Joyce (Teacher Rep), Ms. Liz Davis (Superintendent), Mr. Scott Tammik (Teacher Rep)

Council – Ben Schu (Co-Chair), Cam Chen, David Fan (Co-Chair), Ida Ghiasi, Jennifer Fang, Jennifer Shen, Karen Wong (Co-Secretary), Laleh Marashi, Mike Xie, Patton Pengyi Su, Rev. Philip Der, Preeti Lamba, Sadiq Lakhani, Shalini Bhatla, Sugirtha Thayanathan, Yifan Li

REGRETS: Ada Leung, Karen Gow (Co-Secretary), Majid Sohrabi (Treasurer), Joanna Yu

ABSENT: Maggie Deng, Patricia Kitagawa, Grace He, Silvia Moreno-Ip, Vanathy Sivakumaran, Vik Gandhi, Castro Liu (Community Rep)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

The meeting started at 7:11 pm with a warm welcome and introduction from Ben and David.

Congratulations was given to Ms. Arlene Higgins-Wright as the current Acting Principal.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motioned by Jennifer, and seconded by Sadiq, with all in favour.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motioned by David and seconded by Philip, with all in favour.

Ms. Higgins-Wright made note of an update to Section # 7 of the previous minutes – last item should reflect that BSS was selected to have a new autism classroom where students are NOT receiving credits.

IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: N/A

V. REPORTS:

A. Student Council Report:

Presenter: N/A

B. Teacher Rep Report:

Presenter: Ms. Sally Joyce

- Ms. Joyce thanked the council for our contributions to the various initiatives
- Had over 30 workshops; had a wide variety of courses taking part; very warm and interactive; received positive responses and feedback about the student organizers
- Passion for Social was held on April 17 and was very successful; about 100 people attended by the end of the evening with students/teachers/parents dancing; warm and supportive event, similar to a wedding; students set up different tables of different cultures; council provided food,

drinks and volunteers that was really appreciated; focused on diversity where Persian and Chinese students were dancing Bollywood dance (wonderful diversity); thanked Ms. Sally Joyce for her leadership and commitment

- Music night was successful
- Mr. Scott Tammik was introduced as the teacher within the Technological department

C. Principal's Report:

Presenter: Ms. Arlene Higgins-Wright as Acting Principal

- There was great collaboration between student council & athletic council when they hosted Spirit week (ex. Summer day, Hawaiian day, basketball tournament); great spectators, great MC
- Egg Hunt occurred approximately a week ago
- Prom coming up this Thursday (increase in ticket sales)
- IB exams will be starting shortly
- Breakfast – Mr. Becker confirmed it takes place every Thursday
- Best Buddies, contests, OFSA (badminton), Science Olympics, DECA club members are currently in Florida (respectful and well behaved)
- Report cards have gone home for mid terms
- OSSLT has taken place
- Parent Support – there are weekly emails from guidance notices to students; there are settlement workers who work with school (Farsi, Mandarin languages); Guidance wants to come to first council meeting in September; putting together a Pathways/curriculum night

Action Item: Co-chairs to coordinate with Guidance to attend next September's council meeting

VI. BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Superintendent

Presenter: Ms. Liz Davis

- New superintendent was promoted in September after 12 years working as a Principal in the North for underprivileged schools; worked at Rotman business school and focused on deep thinking and deep learning; had other partnerships with youth; IB was new for her
- Cannot speak to Mr. Schouten's personal leave and timing of leave is still unknown
- Ms. Higgins-Wright and Mr. Clayden have been constant and steady
- It was proposed if Ms. Higgins-Wright could be the full time Principal and Ms. Liz Davis presented the process; process at senior team level is to determine ideal fit for the community; based on the submitted Principal, look for a relationship builder, diversity as strength; Acting principal means the role is not permanent – depends on system needs and may go back to being a VP; there is no max timeline for a principal's absence vs a teacher (do not have to guarantee position) as not represented by a Union
- Government piece speaks to budget cuts as CFO is very strict about money; boards have options of where to allocate the money; board is organized
- Have 11 administrators at the ministry of education and will determine if their contracts will be extended or end early
- Acting Principals can only do a max of 50 days as can affect their pension
- Retired Principals/vice principals are challenging to secure as they may be travelling or used all of their days up; things continue because of the team and the teacher leaders
- Ms. Lau & Mr. Schouten's return are unknown

- Ideal is to have 4 admin, but currently have 3 (Ellen R. is currently working temporarily for 50 days)
- Ms. Davis has 16 schools in her oversight
- Ministry has been clear that they will change class size from 22 to 28 for Secondary schools; rolling out the changes; ministry will continue to focus on mental health; proposal for online courses have mixed reviews; financial literacy will be part of the curriculum; want to be engaged with meaningful work
- Budget for the school is tight and based on number of students in the school; 90% budget is salary based while the remainder is budgeted per student headcount; school makes decisions of where money is allocated
- French immersion and number of inbound students growing; last year there were about 1500 additional students unaccounted for (ad hoc influx)
- Capital costs and funds used to maintain buildings; must now spend all capital money
- Want air conditioner for the 2nd floor
- There is a return to work plan process based on extended leave period; big HR & Disability management department to ensure proper return procedure

B. School BBYOD Committee on 1:1 program

Presenter: Mr. Tammik

- BBYOD (Bayview Bring your own Device)
- Requests and demand for technology is far exceeding what the school can provide
- Initiative started with Mr. Schouten and then Mr. Ravesi
- 1:1 student and device
- Want to focus on digital literacy component
- Equity will be key so all students can participate
- How: Fall 2020 Start
 - 5 year plan
 - year 1: planning & preparation
 - Year 2: Grade 9 only
 - Year 3: Addition of Grade 10
 - Year 4: Addition of Grade 11
 - Year 5: Addition of grade 12
 - 3 Year Plan
 - Year 1: Planning & Preparation
 - Year 2: Grade 9 & 10 Only
 - Year 3: Addition of Grade 11 & 12
- Parents
 - Teach Digital Citizenship
 - Placing boundaries on how technology is used at school and at home
 - Support admin and teacher efforts to teach students the responsibility that comes with technology
 - Provide device for learning
 - Provide students with a laptop or netbook, a device that they can bring and use in school every day
 - Students will need to access internet and do word processing
- Board approved vendor that lends out computers to students

- Will perform a survey of current students who bring laptops
- Mr. Tammik feels there will not be any conflict with the ministry's mandate to remove mobile phones from school
- Questions can be directed to: Scott.tammik@yrdsb.ca; monte.meldazy@yrdsb.ca

C. Parent Workshops

Presenter: Shalini

- Zumba night coming up on Thursday, May 9 at 7pm; water/juice refreshments will be provided; target gift cards of \$50 per each instructor
- Proposed to end the year with a parent social with Grade 9 incoming parents in the month of May; council to confirm
- How should the remaining \$200 funds be spent (for May planning)
- It was indicated that there's an influx of students who may feel depressed for various reasons

D. Parent Support Group

Presenter: Philip

- Less turnout at the last session; 90% are Mandarin speaking due to a chat group
- Should advertise in advance
- Last meeting focused on "Why Teens hate their parents"; key themes are that teens feel parents want to control them, don't feel understood, or listened, try to seek autonomy; parents don't pay attention to the kids as parents bring work home, too much extra curriculum; this is all natural

E. Treasurer's Report:

Presenter: Ben on behalf of Majid

- There is a current balance of \$4916.45
- Budget of \$850 for Staff Appreciation breakfast (May 8)
- Request came forward for gym sound system improvement

Action Item: Majid to outline all upcoming expenditures in order to arrive at final budget and amounts remaining

H. Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Parent Engagement – Philip

- Staff appreciation breakfast will be on May 8 and requesting volunteers to arrive at 7:15 to assist with the setup; confirmed volunteers are Sadiq, Shalini, Ben, Coco, Philip, Patton, Cam

OTHER BUSINESS:

- N/A

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, June 10 at 7:00pm in the Bayview Secondary School Library

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School Council Handbook

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/SchoolCouncils/Documents/SCHandbook.pdf>

Bayview SS Constitution

<http://www.bayview.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/parent-council/constitution.pdf>