

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

2018-19

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 17, 2018

PRESENT: Admin – Mr. Bradley Clayden

Council – Ada Leung, Ben Schu (Co-Chair), Cam Chen, David Fan (Co-Chair), Ida Ghiasi, Jennifer Fang, Jennifer Shen, Joanna Yu, Karen Gow (Co-Secretary), Karen Wong (Co-Secretary), Laleh Marashi, Maggie Deng, Majid Sohrabi (Treasurer), Mike Xie, Patricia Kitagawa, Patton Pengyi Su, Rev. Philip Der, Preeti Lamba, Sadiq Lakhani, Shalini Bhatla, Silvia Moreno-Ip, Yifan Li, Vik Gandhi

REGRETS:

ABSENT: Grace He, Sugirtha Thayanathan, Vanathy Sivakumaran, Castro Liu (Community Rep)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

The meeting started at 6:33 pm with a warm welcome and introduction from Ben.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motioned by Karen W and seconded by Jennifer, with all in favour.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

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

IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: N/A

V. REPORTS:

Funding request:

Presenter: Riya Bhatla (co-president of the Student Equity & Inclusive Education Team)

- Presented a funding request in the amount of \$2,000 (proposal had originally been submitted to administration in October)
- She described the purpose of this team as well as the funding needs for upcoming workshops and guest speakers coming up in Feb-May; each guest speaker costs approximately \$500-\$600
- Council had funded the tour of humanity bus in October which was very successful
- The first event will be the Mosaic symposium taking place last week of Feb/beginning of March
- Another event will be the April Fashion for social action – for students to display clothing to break stereotypes
- Teachers sign up to bring their classes to these events (ex. arts, French classes, but dependent on the teacher). Questions from council about the number of students who attend and the impact of these events on the wider school population. Riya mentioned that workshops are attended by about 80-90 students, specifically smaller to make them more interactive, and acknowledged that while open to the whole school the workshops lend themselves to social science subjects. However the impact is felt beyond, and reflected in the wider school events hosted by the Team throughout the year.
- Some guest speakers are a comedian/rapper, a band member, museum rep (artifacts), poet, etc
- Total cost is \$5,000 and while the initiative is funded by other sources, the request to council is for a portion of the cost, i.e. \$2,000

A. Student Council Report:

Presenter: Mr. Clayden on behalf of the student council

- This Friday there will be an end of year assembly run by all students during the last period

B. Staff Report:

Presenter: Mr. Clayden on behalf of the teacher rep

- Just completed a professional development day

C. Principal's Report:

Presenter: Mr. Clayden on behalf of the Principal

- Staffing will be increased due to the increase in the projections of student count; currently at 1740 and increasing every day; 6 new postings for English LTOs for next semester; a new posting will be out in January for a contract position
- Joe Ravesi is the current acting Principal replacing Mr. Schouten; Mr. Schouten's expected return date is targeted for January 14/15 while Ms. Lau's return is expected February 4
- In January, there should be an announcement to the school regarding the acting principal. Council requested that if Mr Schouten is not back as planned in January, Mr. Clayden feed back to the Superintendent that an announcement be made
- Council sends regards to both the Principal Mr. Schouten and VP Ms. Lau

G. Treasurer's Report:

Presenter: Majid

- There is a current balance of \$827.20
- Laleh indicated that Castro would bring the cheque of \$6000 (from Ward 3 BBQ) + \$1000 (recycling program); timing TBD
- Will provincial cuts have an impact on school funding; will this impact the PRO Grant (we shouldn't depend on this); other educational programs may be cut (indigenous, tutors in classroom, fundamental mathematics, ensuring access to post secondary paths, etc); school council funding of \$1000 is expected
- \$700 already spent for the two guest speakers; dependent on receiving \$1000 PRO Grant (we currently owe school account this \$700 that was allocated to be paid by the PRO grant).

H. Reports

Parent Engagement – Shalini

- Mental Health & Wellness Symposium of Nov 15 went very well and received great feedback; people attended from neighbouring schools

Principal profile – David

- The profile was completed and should be shared with the rest of the council (co-chairs to send); Final draft had been shared to entire council for comments - no comments received, the executive made a few additional editorial changes before submission

YRDSB Inaugural Board Meeting (Dec 3rd) – Philip

- The School Trustee spoke, but there were protests that took over the inaugural meeting
- The protest was against the elected trustee, Elizabeth Terrell-Tracey from East Gwillimbury and Whitchurch-Stouffville, as she was accused of making a racist comment to her competitor; police got involved; this group had been protesting for 2 months and asked her to resign

- There were approximately 15-20 protestors with a crowd of approximately 80 people

Action Item: Co-chairs to share the principal profile with the rest of the school council

BUSINESS:

- Parent Support Group
 - Family Youth Services York Region (Linda Caron) – lead for the agency and positive parenting support lead; can have groups, 1-1 ratio sessions, work with teens, etc; there are already presentations prepared (coping with stress, anxiety with teens, depression, issues with friends/relationships, internet/screen time, etc); there are also other reps who speak other languages; can have translators
 - Suggest that all groups have same topic and FYSYR can prepare researched tips/strategies
 - School permits available on Thursdays; can use library; no fees as school will cover; permit will be with FYSYR; proposal to have on same Thursday of the month for consistency in schedule.
 - Can start meetings towards the end of January to June (can skip March)
 - Maggie, Jennifer, Sadiq, Philip, and Ben to coordinate– Maggie to meet with Linda on details of the sessions
- Student's Safety – Morning traffic safety
 - Laleh met with Castro; will have police presence in January (with no additional costs at this point)
 - Mr. Clayden spoke to Student resource officers (SROs) who can only attend between 9am – 5pm (can suggest 8am – 4pm)
- Budget
 - Mr. Clayden indicated that the Arts department requested \$1,300 in order to update the school art frames (each costs \$98.20 and want 12 frames in total); showcases student work; conditional acceptance if we have the funds; motioned by Karen and seconded by Maggie (Execs must review the entire year's budget)
 - The healthy breakfast initiative is currently under way and is very successful (fruit, vegetables, cereal/crackers)
 - \$2000 request from Riya, as outlined above
 - Execs should meet to arrive at initial budget summary; no vote on these items until we can outline the budget; last year's budget was approx. \$6200

Action Items:

Maggie to meet with Linda to coordinate details for the upcoming support group meeting sessions.
Executive council to meet in order to create first draft of this year's budget.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Next meetings will be at 7pm on Mondays: January 21, March 4; April 29; June 10
- In case of Mr. Schouten's absence, can invite the interim principal to the next meeting, or Liz Davis (superintendent)

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm; motioned by Karen W and seconded by Jennifer with all in favour.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 21 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>