

# **2020-2021 Bayview Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Place: Virtue (Zoom Meeting)

Co-Chairs: Ben Schu (Chair), Rev. Philip Der

Co-Secretary: Sharon Wang, Helen Teng

## **Attendance:**

Administration: Arlene Higgins-Wright, Stacey Sadacharan-(VP)

Teacher Rep: Lara Joffe

Student Rep: Nathaniel Frost

2020-2021 Council: Ben Schu, Philip Der, Helen Teng, Sharon Wang, Maggie Deng, Rob Chen, Jennifer Fang, Jennifer Hsieh-Chung, Ian Kallmeyer, Lida Moradkhani, Joanne Pan, Patton Su, Sophia Su, Yan Wang, Mike Xie, Joanna Yu, Sherry Zhang, Tom Zhuang

Regrets/Absent: Janet Deng, Jennifer Shen, Farida Kafei, Ed Zhai,

## **Minutes**

### **1. Attendance**

### **2. Welcome**

Ben started the virtual meeting and welcomed everyone at 7:06 pm. He advised parent council members to notify Sharon for their attendance in the chat room.

### **3. Approve Agenda**

Ben presented meeting agenda.

Jennifer Fang made the motion for Agenda approval, Patton Su seconded.

The proposed Essay Contest discussed during last council meeting was added in this agenda.

### **4. Approve April 27 Council Meeting Minutes**

Ben presented last council meeting minutes. Helen Teng motioned the approval of the Minutes; Jennifer Hsieh-Chung seconded.

### **5. Student Council Report**

StuCo President Nathaniel Frost presented on behalf of the Student Council.

- (1) **School Merchandise** – The sale of school merchandise has completed successfully with a total of 247 orders received.

- (2) **StuCo Election** – the election of President and Vice-President for next StuCo will be held by the end of this school year. Campaign will kick off on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and actual election will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Election for the rest of StuCo members will be postponed to the new school year in September

## **6. Teacher Rep Report**

Ms. Joffe has no current updates from teachers but is welcome any questions parents may have. She has also updated that school's Relay for Life event has started virtually on May 31 and the event will run for 2 weeks.

## **7. Principal Updates - presentation by Arlene Higgins-Wright**

### **a. BSS Stats:**

- Students - Total 1649 registered students
- Staff – there are currently 104 staff members plus 16 Long Term Occasional (LTO) teachers.

### **b. School Climate:**

- For students (Principal appreciated StuCo's dedication in this difficult time)
  - Recent Music Showcase
  - Mental Health Resources and Support available
  - Weekly Guidance Message has been sent to students and posted on school website.
  - Vaccines available for youth 12+ (Waiting for information on whether vaccination expectation is required prior to next school year)
  - YRDSB Student Surveys (May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup>) -It is voluntary and anonymous via GAPPs for Grade 7-12 students. There is opt-out option if parents do not wish their children to participate.
- For parents,
  - Parent Engagement Event – Tuesday June 15.
  - Parent Support Groups
  - YRDSB Family Surveys (May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup>) -voluntary and anonymous, translated version available on YRDSB website.
  - Trustee Determination and Distribution Study – feedback survey (May 14<sup>th</sup> - June 18<sup>th</sup>) – look for email link
- For Staff
  - Continued efforts to support our students – engagement, academics, mental health, well-being, traumatic events in this challenging time.
  - Credit rescue efforts

### **c. Updates**

- Grad Photos – Postponed.
- Graduation Ceremony – Virtual ceremony will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Summer School – Registration deadline is June 25<sup>th</sup>

**d. School Model – currently still “Online Learning”**

**e. Key Dates**

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Full Disclosure Date
- Jun 8<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Credit Conferencing & Rescue Day
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school for students

**f. 2021 – 2022 – Hybrid Model**

- Students attending face-to-face and students attending remotely will be taught simultaneously by the same teacher
- Families can opt for in-person or remote learning during the summer
- Placement of students will be at the home school
- No virtual schools (SVS)
- All classes have the potential of being hybrid
- Adaptive model will continue
- Timetable will begin once instructed by the Board
- No course change requests until September and requests are not guaranteed

**g. Programs & Initiatives**

- New LEAAP – aiming for new students to be connected to a mentor from higher grades for smooth transition to BSS.
- New Intensive Program– aiming for students who want to obtain post-secondary certificates and may need to take some additional courses.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year ELD – PALM -focusing on development of literacy and math skills for students with interrupted learning. This program will be expanded to 2 cohorts.

**h. School Population**

- An increase in student population - 1730 (approx.)
- New staff will join BSS. Teacher population will increase along with student population

**Some Q & A:**

Q: Hybrid model setup. Will there be a camera installed in the classroom for synchronized learning?

A: The hybrid model has been announced but no detailed setup has been communicated. We will know during the summer.

Q: Hybrid Model – will there be more flexibility for student to switch between 2 models or will there be a window of time for switching.

A: TBD

Q: Student number cap

A: It will still be the same as before until further instruction is given.

Q: If there is bully issues, who/where to report to?

A: Encourage student and family reaching out to Alpha VPs as well as referring to the School Board's website resources.

## **8. Financial Report**

The treasurer Maggie gave a brief review of the updated Financial balance sheet including the spending of the city council donated fund.

## **9. Business**

### **a. Parent Engagement Group updates**

Lida Moradkhani has updated parents on the upcoming seminar to be presented by Linda from Family Service. The topic would be "How to Communicate with Teenagers Effectively", which will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm – 9 pm. For seminar honorarium, the council member approved \$300 subject to the acceptance of the presenter. This amount was motioned by Philip and seconded by Yan, with 14 approving votes.

### **b. Parent Support Group updates**

Jennifer Hsieh-Chung presented on behalf of the group. The last PSG meeting on "Communicating with Teenagers" on May 20<sup>th</sup> has a dozen parents show up. The next PSG meeting will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> for topic of "how to talk to teenagers about dating".

### **c. Revised School Expenses and Funding Application**

Philip has highlighted the items being approved for school funding requests, including new spending this year on a souvenir for Graduate students, new funding for 2 round tables for ELD program, new funding for courtyard furniture, and adjusted funding for healthy breakfast next school year.

Essay Contest proposed by Tom Zhuang was not included in this budget.

Tom briefly presented his proposal on the Essay Contest, intending to promote learning in an ever-changing global society, especially the pandemic we are experiencing now. Philip suggested to postpone the event to the start of next school year, considering the present timing with only a few weeks left for this school year. Sharon suggested to cut down the funding budget. Jennifer H and Joanna Y questioned on who the judges and what the judging criteria would be.

Principal Higgins has concerns on the purpose of this contest and whether the purpose is enough for students to share their thoughts and whether the result would help school council to further engage parents or to improve council's function. She also has concerns on the level of impact on how many students would be benefited for this funding, with school council funding criteria in mind.

With the above unsolved questions, Ben has requested Tom to prepare for a presentation to answer these questions parents and principal raised.

Pending the proposed Essay Contest, Sharon moved the motion to approve this revised budget, Joanne Pan seconded, with 12 approving votes.

**d. Updates on School Council Constitution**

The Constitution was created in 2007 and updated in 2015. Philip went through the revised Council Constitution focusing on the changes made to the previous version. The changes are mainly in Article 5 (Membership), Article 6 (Election), Article 7 (Executive Officers) and Article 8 (Sub-Committees).

Sharon motioned to approve this revised version; Jennifer H seconded, with 14 approving votes.

**10. Other Business**

- a. Q & A session – refer to Q&A after Principal Updates above.
- b. Tentative Next Meeting: Thursday, September 23, 2021 or Tuesday September 28, 2021
- c. Ben appreciated Philip's 7-year service in BSS's council.
- d. Principal Higgins appreciated all council members and parents engaged this school year.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm**