

# BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

## 2017-18

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** June 19, 2018

**PRESENT:** Mr. Schouten, Ms. Arlene Higgins-Wright, Ms. Mandy Lau, Mr. Lim, Mr. Horner

Ada Leung, David Fan (Co-Chair), Grace He, Ida Ghiasi, Jennifer Chen, Karen Wong (Co-Secretary), Laleh Marashi, Maggie Deng, Majid Sohrabi (Treasurer), Rev. Philip Der (Co-Chair), Shalini Bhatla, Vam Thurairajah

**REGRETS:** Castro Liu (Community Rep), Patricia Kitagawa, Preeti Lamba, Vik Gandhi

**ABSENT:** Karen Gow, Ken Xu (Co-Secretary), Kevin Qiao, Sandy Liu, Tracy Zhao

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:**

The meeting started at 7:07 pm with a warm welcome and introduction from Philip.

The Banner presentation took place to the winner of the Council banner contest, Fariha Razzak. A cheque was presented to her, followed by Fariha's summary of the background of the banner design that emphasized the importance of diversity and education (message is that education is more than just the academics but a means to discover what to do in life and embrace people around you). Philip also thanked David for securing the banner.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motioned by Karen and seconded by Majid, with all in favour.

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

It was noted that Karen and Shalini had sent their regrets for the last council meeting on May 8.

**IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: N/A**

**V. REPORTS:**

**A. Student Council Report:**

Presenters: Allan & Victoria (upcoming president and vice-president)

Allan presented the report on behalf of the student council:

- Grad day (June 8) – there were two injuries with the inflatable obstacle course so will omit for next year
- Completed elections for new school council members

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- Make a move week – four different sports equipment were purchased to promote more participation in physical activities across all schools; BSS will have the equipment over the Summer; there is a sports equipment contest for the best photo using the equipment (winner will keep the equipment)
- Semi-formal contract is in progress
- Grade 9 day preparation is in progress
- Grade 9 conference will be at Green Acres
- Victoria – presented all student council members; Joshua sends his regrets

**B. Staff Report:**

Presenter: Mr. Horner

- Today is last day of classes
- Graduation will be on June 27
- Teachers will have 2 P.A. days
- Mr. Horner has been with BSS for 16 years and on the school council for approximately 10 years

**C. Principal's Report:**

Presenter: Mr. Schouten

Mr. Schouten provided an update on current & upcoming events:

- Busy with exams and closing the school year, as well as preparing for next year (hiring, Grade 9 day, club information has already been sent out to staff, school calendar, etc)
- Shalini indicated possibly hosting a group Symposium with another school, such as Richmond Hill High; Mr. Schouten indicated having no experience with this before, but it has been done; he recommended opening it up to other schools as well (Richmond Hill, Alex Mac, etc); perhaps different schools could rotate and host the event; Ms. Higgins-Wright shared her past experience and indicated it will take much longer to plan when other schools are involved
- David discussed a request that came from a student regarding not having a debate club next year; Mr. Schouten explained the one year ban is due to issues/incidents with the club in the past year(s) (ex. the club arranged for trips that occurred privately/independently with no adult supervision and no permission from the school; debate club wants to do too much and staff is reluctant to be involved due to high commitment)

**G. Reports**

- Parent Support group presented by Maggie
  - Positive feedback from participants
  - Groups vote for a variety of topics
  - Survey went out to continue the support groups for 2018-2019 with 95% wanting to continue
  - Group wishes to meet during the Summer time
  - Topics have been very broad

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- Mr. Schouten to determine if permit is to continue for next year; needs to understand details of the topics, timing, etc; decision to extend permit will be made in the Fall
- PRO Grant application was submitted; tentative event date will be on Thursday, October 25, 2018; event can be hosted in different languages; should budget over \$1,000 for the event; may receive feedback in September; suggested topics include the following:
  - Choosing courses for university
  - Discovering the inner you
  - Communication
  - Any other topics

**H. Treasurer's Report:**

Presenter: Majid

- Mr. Schouten indicated that funds cannot be moved from the school budget account to the fundraising fund; recommend to have 3 different lines/accounts going forward (PRO Grant vs school vs council fund raising)
- Ending balance available: \$6,782.76
- Philip raised some questions about the spending. The School Council granted Equity & Inclusive Ed Symposium for \$2000. They spent the following:

Rodrigo Chavez Workshop	\$565.00
Stay Driven Motivation Speaker	\$791.00
Mosaic - FNMI Guest Speaker	\$550.00
Mosaic - Tae Eun Kim	\$200.00
Mosaic - Subin Moon	\$200.00
Total	\$2,306.00

Meanwhile the school council also allocated \$2000 to support needy students to participate in school activities:

Baseball Team Support by Council	\$86.50
Students Athletics by Council	\$160.60
Ultimate Frisbee Council Support	\$331.00
Total	\$578.10

As well, there is an unknown item:

May 20 - 25 Centre Staples	\$216.92
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Mr. Schouten explained that it is for Relay For Life. However, Relay for Life did not request funding this past year. Hence, Mr. Schouten will look into the above items.

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- 16 Heavy duty fans (\$116 plus tax per fan) – \$2,100; to be purchased for 16 rooms upstairs; moved by Karen & seconded by David; with all in favour
- Quest 2019 (Supporting 2 parents) – \$700; not moved and will be carried over for next year’s spending
- Ms. Lau explained the background of the Exam day pre-breakfasts; served 100 students with pre-exam breakfast; joint effort with programs and partnered up with community class; provides SHSM leadership skills; piloted it to see if it can be expanded to offering breakfasts on a weekly basis next year; will roll out a survey to have an instant pot to serve congee, soup, noodles, etc. for students to feel like home; there will be hot and warm selection; will have a wellness committee; there are some grocery stores with signs indicating may want to support community with healthy eating; same funders as “healthy snacks”; Food for learning grant; Ms. Lau can submit an application for next year
- Majid will work with Mr. Schouten to clarify amounts

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- 2018/19 School Council Election will be on Sept 25; process was reviewed by Philip; Karen indicated yearly process is fine when there are approximately 20-22 applicants (the process is challenging when there are more)
- Reviewed appendix D – Summary of 2017/18 Council activities; to be amended by adding Carol Chan guest speaker on Oct 24, as well as adding all meeting dates
- Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept 25 at 7 p.m.
- David presented a farewell to Mr. Lim & Mr. Horner; Mr. Lim appreciated the parent support and said thank you; Philip thanked both and indicated how much the students will miss Mr. Horner and Mr. Lim; David will prepare gifts for next time

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:37 pm (with all in favour)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Bayview Secondary School Library

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