

# **BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL**

## **2018-19**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** June 10, 2019

**PRESENT:**

**Admin** – Ms Arlene Higgins-Wright (Principal), Mr. Bradley Clayden (Vice Principal)

**Council** – Ada Leung, Ben Schu (Co-Chair), Cam Chen, David Fan (Co-Chair), Ida Ghiasi, Jennifer Fang, 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, Sadiq Lakhani, Shalini Bhatla, Silvia Moreno-Ip, Sugirtha Thayanathan, Yifan Li

**REGRETS:** Ms. Sally Joyce (Teacher Rep), Jennifer Shen

**ABSENT:** Grace He, Preeti Lamba, Vanathy Sivakumaran, Vik Gandhi, Castro Liu (Community Rep)

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:**

The meeting started at 7:03 pm with a warm welcome and introduction from Ben and David.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

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

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

**V. REPORTS:**

**A. Student Council Report:**

Presenter: N/A

**B. Teacher Rep Report:**

Presenter: Ms. Higgins-Wright presented on behalf of Ms. Sally Joyce who sent her regrets

- Thanked the School Council for support and contributions throughout the year
- Activities such as Mosaic, Passion for Social Action, etc were very successful

**C. Principal's Report:**

Presenter: Ms. Arlene Higgins-Wright

- David congratulated Ms. Higgins-Wright on behalf of the council and indicated that the Superintendent had mentioned that her experience and leadership lead to the great decision; based on the council's feedback, this helped to move the decision quicker
- Ms. Higgins-Wright thanked everyone for patience this past year with the movement of staff, Ellen R's last day of work was May 31 so received another ROC (Miss Ramery)
- Thanked Mr. Clayden; with movement in and out, Mr. Clayden was an excellent team player; council agreed as well based on overall positive feedback and his quickness to respond to inquiries

- Mr. Schouten will be at the Markham District High School; Seiji Ishiguro will be the replacement VP (currently at Middlefield in Markham); Ms. Lau is still undetermined, but spot is available
- Activities that have happened – music finale, Relay for Life (raised about \$24k, fewer students but raised substantial amount of money)
- Athletic banquet happening this week
- Graduation on June 25, which is the last day of exams, exam review day is the day after; staff available until June 28
- Europe trip – Ms. Joyce is currently requesting for approval by the school board; there will be an information meeting this Thursday night; typically would select from grades 10/11 although all are eligible; would take place during March break; cost is approximately \$4100; requesting \$500 deposit; there's a limit of approximately 30-40 students; students are selected based on interest
- School structure will have admin changes – Spring is time tabling season based on student course selections that took place in February; school may be growing, status quo or declining in population (our population is declining so staff may be moving to other schools); surplus situation of staff; sections are currently tight; schedules will come out in August; previously had 660 sections and now there are 605 sections this year; there were about 100-120 walk-ins; Government recommended plans will probably not be effective this September as YRDSB waited (at this point, eLearning has not been confirmed; class sizes are exactly the same and could be 28-29 max); 509 students graduating this year; 382 grade 11 students going to grade 12; 350 grade 8 students going to grade 9
- Yearbook – there were some missing student names as there were issues with some duplicate names as well as some students who declined to be in the book (approx. 100 out)

## **VI. BUSINESS**

### **A. Staff Appreciation Breakfast (May 8)**

Presenter: Philip

- There were 6-7 council members who participated
- Ordered for 100 people with food leftover that went to food bank
- Teachers wore “NO” buttons against education cuts and the breakfast gave them a boost of morale
- Total expense was \$715 for a total of \$795 with tip included
- Last year's event took place on OSSLT day and teachers were relaxed; recommend to do this at the same time for next year; can also do breakfast on a P.A. Day; next year's OSSLT will be on March 31

### **B. Zumba Night (May 9)**

Presenter: Shalini

- Only 20 people attended
- Whoever came had a great time
- Shalini joined a York Region Committee to combat cuts to education – goal is to protest against the government; there is a meeting tomorrow so individuals can reach out to Shalini directly for more information

**C. Parent Support Group**

Presenter: Maggie

- Next one is June 13
- Topic will be “How to assist teens to have a productive summer”

**D. Relay for Life**

Presenter: Shalini/David

- Comment re Pizza – Recommend to have volunteers next year to assist with transporting the pizzas
- High spirit and proud of this initiative; had cancer survivors who gave inspiring speeches

**E. Treasurer’s Report:**

Presenter: Majid

- \$2,663.09 Balance
- Spent \$1,085 for Needy students, but we allocated \$1,500; there is \$415 remaining
- Received \$1,000 from recycling company, but hasn’t yet showed up yet; the event will happen this Saturday
- There is still \$600 left for 3 graduating students

**H. Town of RH**

Presenter: Ben on behalf of Councilor Castro Liu

- BBQ coming up on Wed, June 26 from 5:30 – 8:30 at Richmond Green

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Next meeting will be on Thursday, September 19 for the elections; staff is thinking of organizing an event on another Thursday for pathways evening
- This will be Majid/Shalini/David’s last year; David will attach the school election forms; those who are leaving are to return for one last meeting in September
- Prom had about 250 attendees; it was safe and a great time had by all

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm in the Bayview Secondary School Library

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO REFER TO THE BELOW LINKS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**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>