

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

2018-19

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 4, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Place: BSS School Library

Co-Chairs: David Fan, Ben Schu

PRESENT:

Admin – Ms. Arlene Higgins-Wright, Mr. Joe Ravesi (Acting Principal), Ms. Sally Joyce

Council – Ada Leung, Ben Schu (Co-Chair), Cam Chen, Jennifer Fang,, Joanna Yu, Karen Gow (Co-Secretary), Karen Wong (Co-Secretary), Laleh Marashi, Patton Pengyi Su, Rev. Philip Der, Sadiq Lakhani, Shalini Bhatla,, Grace He, Vik Ghandi, Mike Xie, Maggie Deng, Sugirtha Thayanathan, Patricia Kitagawa

Castro Liu (Community Rep)

REGRETS: David Fan (Co-Chair), Preeti Lamba, Jennifer Shen, Yifan Li, Ida Ghiasi, Silvia Moreno-Ip

ABSENT: Vanathy Sivakumaran, Grace He, Jennifer Fang

OTHERS: Ann Wang (parent), Victoria Leung (student council VP), Riva Bhatla (student rep)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

The meeting started at 7:06 pm with a warm welcome and introduction from Ben and Karen W, introducing Councillor Castro Liu joining us for official cheque presentation of community contribution to BSS council.

As there was no screen for the projector, Ben provided photocopies of the agenda and draft proposed budget to attendees.

Ben: Led a discussion of whether to have a WhatsApp group for all council to facilitate communication. It was to be decided by end of meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motioned by Karen W and seconded by Sadiq with all in favour.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motioned by Philip and seconded by Maggie with all in favour.

4. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Presenter: Victoria Leung (VP of student council): December annual winter talent show was a big success. Dancers, singers and band... the year ended on a positive note. During the last week of December, they held a pajamas spirit day. In January they prepared a Valentines' day event. Over 300 roses (\$3 each, \$5 for 2) handed out, sold more than last year (250). Quality of roses this year was not as high as last year, vendor selection was not in the control of student council. They will do this Valentine's event again next year. Hot chocolate Spirit day occurred after Valentine's Day: student council prepared hot chocolate for the students in the morning. Spirit day with athletic council is planned for after March break. The next event will centre around Easter.

5. TEACHER REP REPORT

Presenter: Ms Sally Joyce : There have been a lot of inclement weather days (4) which may have affected activity. Many contests and activity have taken place (see eBulletins). Ms. Joyce posed the question to council as to what we might want to ask Ms. Joyce from the teachers' perspective, going forward. Perhaps council could pose questions through Ben as Co-chair, who will pass along to the teachers.

Karen W. asked about the policy for teaching for students on inclement weather days. Are the students missing anything, are teachers actually teaching? Ms. Joyce mentioned they do have good attendance. Teachers are not permitted to give assessments on these days, teachers often continue teaching, but those who haven't attended will not lose. Often some teachers can't make it in either; there is always work to be done. May be opportunity for individual work. Most students at BSS don't need to be bussed. The individual teacher makes judgement based on their attendance etc..as officially it is still a teaching day.

Philip asked whether another European trip is being planned this year. Ms. Joyce mentioned there is a demand for this type of trip so discussion is on agenda. (Language studies)

6. TREASURER UPDATES

Presenter: Majid (Treasurer)- Biggest activity is the cheque that Castro donated. The cheque has been deposited so money is in the bank. Balance of budget \$6850.21. Note under actuals: \$163.75 should come from the other account for refreshments.

7. VICE/ACTING PRINCIPAL UPDATES:

Presenter: Acting principal Joe Ravesi will be here until April 5 the latest. Marlene, acting Assistant VP, will be replaced by Ellen Rass for Ms. Lau. The VPs and staff have been doing a very good job keeping the school going, stable. We will invite the superintendent Ms. Davis again for next April meeting (she had a conflict tonight with a student event). It was suggested that co-chairs be clear about the next meeting date so that Ms Davis will have enough lead time to attend the next meeting.

VP Arlene Higgins Wright provided an update on action items from last meeting: 1/ Two healthy breakfasts have taken place this year, one last week, one per month planned until the end of the year. 2/. Photos and quality - Mr. Clayden is the administrator in charge of the yearbook and photos. He has shared some concerns with the current photographer about quality and is looking into other vendors. 3/

Traffic control: Police do not provide training for traffic control. Castro L indicated that the YRP are aware of the traffic issues; he can go back to the by-law dept. for training opportunities, but cannot provide personnel as it would create liability issues for the school. Criteria is needed for a crossing guard, they will study it. ACTION for school admin: Traffic reminders to be added to e-bulletin and tweet reminders; Castro L to also follow up with YRP.

OSSL test is scheduled for March 27, so the rest of the students outside of grade 10 do not need to attend school on that day. March 28 is the next Parents day. March 21 is report card day. BSS was selected to host an autism event, students in a class will be getting credits for this program.

8. BUSINESS

- a. Welcome City Councillor Castro Liu and appreciate his contribution to BSS school council (photo session with Councillor Castro)- Photo taken and will be circulated to council.
- b. Community Representative Report: Councillor Castro Liu; June 27 will be the community BBQ at Richmond Green. Another \$1K is coming from E-waste company. Vik mentioned: the traffic island on Frank Endean... the yield sign gets knocked down often and is a danger to pedestrians and cars. Cross walk was studied, and this island was the final solution.
- c. BSS Principal's leave of absence and Board's Response
 - Increase of parent inquiries as no sign of permanent solution to BSS principal's extended leave - An ebulletin was sent out in early February that outlined generally without specifics about the current leaves of absence that there were changes to admin but coverage by ROC in first 2 weeks of Feb. Currently administration handles the gap very efficiently - if an email or call comes in for either Mr. Schouten or Ms. Lau the information will be forwarded as appropriate.
 - Superintendent Ms. Liz Davis to address the issue and answer questions from school council members (Ms. Davis was unable to attend the meeting due to previous engagement_. Acting principal Joe Ravesi assures us that no student has been adversely affected by the changes in admin. (*Should the superintendent be unable to attend the April meeting, school council can discuss and decide on next action plan)
- d. Equity & Inclusive Ed Team Update: Presenter: Riya (Ms. Joyce support): - Mosaic funding is approved, and the final event will happen in April. Fashion for Social Action will take place **Wed. April 17**, (6 - 7:30p), the last event of the Mosaic symposium . This will be the final tie-in for all the workshops. Riya would encourage our involvement (student led, event in the evening in the cafeteria and include several different themes, eg. Indigenous, LGBTQ, identity issues, diversity etc...). The goal is to educate, engage and raise awareness about different identities. Fashion / identity displayed through art, cultural performer, poetry and dance. Parents can help with the booths, especially to bring in cultural materials, (no stereotypes, more about the details of the cultures). Riya will send out a Google form to outline information about objects to fill and volunteer opportunities. The council could consider distributing pamphlets about the event at the meet the teacher evening Mar 28. Riya will pass info to Shalini, who will send to council for volunteers and artifacts. Shalini suggests we could include a council booth that evening as well. Mr. Clayden is the admin member supporting this event, although it is very student driven

with a big student voice. Shalini asked whether BSS council is willing to be part of the event. Details will be forthcoming for us to decide.

e. Parent Support Group (Maggie/Jennifer/Philip)

8:15

Parent support group workshop

Presenter: Maggie - We had about 20 parents attend this past session, and a discussion ensued about time management with social media...Feedback from parents included a request for guidance on course selection. We would need administration staff to address. Timing could be determined with guidance department, possibly for next Fall (Ms Arlene Higgins Wright would look into it).

Maggie will provide the information about parent support group as a resource for other parents, on the BSS website.

Question re: Summer school - what is process for summer school registration -no longer shows on career cruising platform. Ms. Higgins Wright indicated that notification will go to students.

9. Other Business - March 28 Parents Night - therefore we will need to reschedule March 28 parent support group. Discussion about whether to do Meet and Greet on Parents Night.

Budget considerations : \$700 spent of the PRO grant, we could possibly use remainder toward the April 17 event. Per budget there is support for another workshop in the form of \$300; refreshments funds. A table will be available for council on April 17 Fashion for Social action event.

Mar 28 meet and greet: The information will go out for volunteers at different shiftsKaren G volunteered to coordinate the Mar 28 Meet and Greet the volunteer shifts etc..Patricia will send info about the last meet and greet evening to Karen G (Post-meeting note: Ada also volunteered to assist coordination).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm; motioned by **Karen W**, seconded by **Shalini** with all in favour.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 29 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>