

BAYVIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

2018-19

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 2018

PRESENT: Mr. Schouten, Ms. Arlene Higgins-Wright, Ms. Mandy Lau, Mr. Brad Clayden, Ms. Sally Joyce

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, Sugirtha Thayanathan, Yifan Li, Vanathy Sivakumaran, Vik Gandhi

REGRETS: Grace He

ABSENT: Castro Liu (Community Rep)

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

The meeting started at 7:00 pm with a warm welcome and introduction from Philip.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: N/A

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

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

IV. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: N/A

V. REPORTS:

A. Student Council Report:

Presenters: Joshua Chung (vice-president)

Joshua provided an update on current and upcoming events:

- Grade 9 day (September 4) – students led various workshops; very successful event that delivered school rules and policies; worked with prefects to assist with tasks
- Club Fair – 67 clubs and teams were introduced for student sign up; over 700 attendees; used smaller tables vs large tables
- Annual grade 9 conference took place on Sept 20 at Camp Green Acres; allowed grade 9 students to know students from grade 11/12 as well as teachers
- Oct 18 – Grade 9 student council rep election
- Oct 4 – Will have annual budget request process to work with clubs and teams in order to determine the budget for the year
- Halloween spirit day will be taking place at the end of October
- Semi formal – Nov 22 at the Terrace; expecting 550 students

B. Staff Report:

Presenter: Ms. Joyce

- Busy with getting courses up and running
- There are 67 clubs
- Music camp was successful during the past weekend
- Grade 9 curriculum night is coming up this Thursday

C. Principal's Report:

Presenter: Mr. Schouten

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

- Enrolled 1725 students (50 over projection); it is difficult for students wanting course changes (course selection is important for students to choose wisely as the school is staffed for these selections); headcount is over projection as there were 75 walk ins from June to present; received additional staff from the board; this semester is well staffed; next semester is TBD, but will probably have more staff in order to free up students who are on waiting lists for second semester; all students have their timetables for semester 1
- P.A. Day – Annual compliance training took place and covered health & safety and school safety; requirements were reviewed for anaphylaxis, asthma, concussion, epilepsy, etc.; lock down drill, threat assessment review, followed by school and department improvement plans
- Introduced the new VP Mr. Brad Clayden who came from Richmond Green, Ms. Higgins-Wright and Ms. Lau

G. Reports

- Philip presented an overview of last year's activities (as outlined in Appendix A)
- 2018/2019 PRO Grant application (Thursday, October 25 tentative) was presented by Shalini
 - Mental Health and Wellness Symposium
 - Currently looking for a speaker
 - Youth speak (approx. \$500)
 - Safe talk suicide prevention
 - Sue Qua can cover mental stress or effective communication (will be complimentary)
 - Mothers against drunk driving, etc.
 - Another possible topic could be "mental health after high school"
 - Applied for \$1000 and still waiting for approval (possibly up to November)
 - Ben Schu has a contact who is the president of the mental health society who could be a guest speaker for free (Ben to connect with Shalini)
- Donation from Ward 3 BBQ Castro Liu - \$6000 + \$1000; he will continue as community rep

H. Treasurer's Report:

Presenter: Majid

- \$2,960 was the starting balance last year
- \$7,633 expenses last year
- \$4,393.87 is the opening balance for this year

I. 2018 Election Process:

Presenter: Philip

- Philip explained the role of the Co-Chair – focuses a lot on speeches (ex. Grade 9 day this week and Graduation in Spring); shares tasks for fundraising and engagement initiatives
- Philip explained the Executive council member roles and responsibilities (2 co-chairs, 2 co-secretaries, 1 treasurer)
- Motion to close the nomination was moved by Vik, and seconded by Majid; with all in favour
- There are 26 applications (would require 14 for quorum – 26 parents and 1 teacher rep)
- Each applicant was given 30 seconds to introduce themselves
- Motion to have 26 council members was moved by Vik, and seconded by Karen G; with all in favour

- Motion to dissolve last year's council was moved by Vik & seconded by Karen W; with all in favour
- Co-chair applicants were given one minute for their speeches: David Fan, Ben Schu, Jennifer Fang, Maggie Deng and Shalini Bhatla
- Treasurer applicants were given one minute for their speeches: Vanathy Sivakumaran and Majid Sohrabi
- New Executive council members were voted in; ballots were submitted and counted by the three VPs (Ms. Higgins-Wright, Ms. Lau and Mr. Clayden)
- Co-Chairs are David Fan and Ben Schu; Treasurer is Majid Sohrabi; Co-Secretaries are Karen Wong and Karen Gow

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Funding request from Ms. Sally Joyce for Equity & Inclusive Education
 - Tour for Humanity – Oct 4/5 Workshop for students (focus on Canadian issues, first Nations); multi media exhibit in a bus; request for \$500
 - Tour for Humanity – for parents (\$500)
 - Kairos Blanket – request for \$1000
- Funding request from Ms. Lau for Healthy School breakfast
 - Pilot took place last year during exams; a hot breakfast can serve up to 100 students
 - There is a grant from School Nutrition Ontario, but additional funding is needed; will also seek funding from local grocers
 - Request for \$3000
 - Will serve 3 food groups in the form of a sit down breakfast 1-2 times per month in the cafeteria; supports overall well being and social atmosphere; this is in addition to the current healthy snacks program
 - Mr. Schouten requested commitment for the total of \$3000 (split \$1500 per semester)
- Both funding requests of \$500 for the Tour of Humanity workshop in October, as well as \$3000 for the Healthy School breakfast were approved; motioned by Shalini and seconded by Patton, with all in favour
- Oct 25 Mental Health & Wellness Symposium (budget of \$1500) – Motioned by Karen W, seconded by Sadiq; with all in favour
- Engagement team to meet with Shalini after the meeting
- Frequency of the ongoing meetings should be every 6 weeks; next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov 7 at 7pm; subsequent meeting is Monday, Dec 17 at 7pm
- Thursday, Oct 18 meet & greet – may set up in 4 different corners of the main floor vs the cafeteria; volunteers are Patricia, Patton, Maggie, Cam and Shalini; will be chaired by Maggie
- On behalf of the council, Philip was thanked for his wonderful work as Co-Chair for the past 4 years

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm; motioned by Karen and seconded by Jennifer with all in favour.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 7 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>