

2021-2022 Bayview Secondary School Council

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Place: Zoom Meeting

Co-Chairs: Colin Hilkowitz and Ben Schu

Treasurer: Linda Zhang

Co-Secretaries: Joanna Yu (minutes taker of this meeting); Maral Sadr

1. Attendance:

Administration

Arlene Higgins-Wright (Principal), Seiji Ishiguro (VP), Stacey Sadacharan (VP)

Teacher Rep

Lara Joffe

Student Rep

N/A

Members of Council

Ben Schu, Angela Yeung, Linda Zhang, Roula Visram, Colin Hilkowitz, Jacqueline Lam, Yingli Zhang, Maggie Ye, Rohit Kumar, Syeda Hussain, Sharon Wang, Lydia Lu, Judy Han, Joanna Yu

Regrets: Maral Sadr, Jennifer Fang, Patton Su, Anabela Costa, Jennifer Zhao, Jennifer, H-C, Farida Kafaie, Joanne Pan

Other Attendees

Castro Liu, Beenish Imran, Ping Jiang, Mingming Li, Yanhui, Yan Wang, Brian Xiu, Tina, Johnson Zhou, Janet Mejia, Jinner Arellanos, Jenny Wang, J.B., Rosanna Lo, Cathy Shi, Maryam Mohammed, Mahsa T, Susan Yu, Ryan L, Parvaneh Esmaeili

2. Welcome: Ben

3. **Approval of Agenda**

- Joanna motioned to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Linda
- Agenda approved

4. **Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2022**

- Angela motioned to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Syeda
- Minutes approved

5. **Student Council Report:** N/A

6. **Teacher Rep Report:** Lara

Questions from Parents:

- IB exams are done and many IB students are not attending school. Will the students be flagged for truancy?
→ Students should have a chat with Lara or their alpha VP to fill out a short term absence form if they don't intend to come back, but intermittent absence is generally fine.
- Can current Grade 9 students apply to the IB program for next fall?
→ The program is at capacity, but students can email Lara to be put on a waitlist. As well, these students have to make sure they have the course prerequisites needed for Grade 11 if they get off the waitlist.
- How can students opt out of the new graduation requirement of two online courses?
→ All students have the option to opt out; currently, only grade 10 students have had a specific form sent to them.

7. **Principal Updates:** Arlene Higgins-Wright and VP's

Slideshow Presentation by Arlene

- Statistics: Total Students -1763 currently/1837 next year; 144 staff members
- Board and Community Partners: social workers, settlement workers, mental health nurse, inclusive schools & community services
- School Climate: many are still wearing masks, nicer weather outside, 18 students are transferring to SVS next fall, teams/clubs/events; Indigenous history month
- Updates & Key Dates: Culminating Activity Days from June 22 to 28; mark review day June 29 (half day); report cards delivered electronically from July 6 - 8 ; 367 students were at prom; on June 16 students and staff will receive rapid antigen tests for summer on behalf of the board; graduation on June 29 and diploma pick in July; no air conditioning at graduation arena

- Chromebook Fundraising Update: Thank you to Linda and her daughter Hayley for raising money for Chromebooks for incoming grade 9's with bubble tea sales →\$1493.25
- Sally Joyce had asked for money from Council for art supplies to use for inclusive designs with her French classes—everyone did amazing work on National Indigenous History Month, work presented in display cases in foyer, hallway bulletin boards and windows to the courtyard. Lots of learning for students
- Arlene is transferring to Middlefield CI as Principal, and Seiji Ishiguro is transferring to Alexander Mackenzie HS as VP
- Incoming Principal is Aldrin Fernando, returning from leave of absence/Huron Heights SS; Shawn Perry is incoming VP from Ministry of Education/Maple HS
- There will be five periods next year, with different lunch periods (2, 3 or 4), in order to allow as many students as possible to get their course preferences; incoming grade 9s will have a common lunch in period 3
- New programming for fall: Applied courses not offered in Grade 9 English, French, Geography; Science is destreamed; new Grade 11 English course: Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Métis and Inuit Voices; gifted English, Geography, Math, Science in Grade 9

8. **Treasurer Report:** Linda Zhang

As of June 14, 2022:

- \$9372.77 revenue
- \$7368.53 total expenses
- \$2004.24 balance
- See #10 below for an update of expected balance

9. **Business:** Ben

Engagement - Mental health presentation was a success, thanks to Yingli, Jennifer H.C., and Maral.

Fundraising – Thank you to Linda and her daughter Hayley for helping raise money for Chromebooks for incoming grade 9's with bubble tea sales - \$1493.25 raised. The school now has enough funds as 100% of the funds raised will be donated to the Chromebooks. No other donations will be required.

Councillor Castro Liu – Castro has been donating part of his profits from his annual barbecue to BSS. A plaque was presented to him for his kindness and generous support. A similar plaque was presented to Markham Metals for their support to the school as well (Castro accepted it on its behalf). This year's barbecue (first in two years due to Covid) will take place Friday, June 17 at Richmond Green from 5:30 to 8:30. He will donate an anticipated \$5000 to the school afterwards.

Parent Support – Part of mental health presentation

Pro Grant – Money used for presentation

10. **Other Business:** Arlene

Funding Requests:

- Digital printing for pads in the gym \$2200 + tax = \$2486
- Sharon motioned for approval; Angela seconded motion
- Members voted to approve the purchase
- After Councillor Liu's \$5000 donation and the approval of the \$2486 expense for the digital printing, the year end balance will be \$4518.24

11. **Next Meeting:**

- The first meeting of the 2022 – 2023 school year will likely take place the third week of September 2022
- current council members are expected to attend, as it will be the last meeting of the school year 2021 – 2022

12. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30