



Beverley Acres Public School

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date : Monday, December 12th 2022

Location : Library, BAPS (In-Person)

Attendees : Sanaz Sadeghi, Sushma Karikondala, Randi Magder, Sally Wang, Julie Mahfouz-Rezvani, Patton Su, Riley Mirheydari

Regrets : Deepshikha Swaroop, Tharshini Tharmalingam, Ali Pourjafar, Zenobia Schlicter, Mounika Sourial, Beshouy Mikhael, Shabbir M. Zavery, Hassan Zareh, Tabatha Lomov

School Staff: Sandy Kofalvi, Voula Divetta, Melissa Doucas, Rebecca Zaretsky

1. Land Acknowledgement video from Baythorn PS, Attendance and Welcome
2. EQAO results presented by Mme Zaretsky

First time we've had results in several years due to Covid. This was a digital test where in the past it was on paper.

York Region results (students who are achieving level 3 or level 4 – provincial standards)

71% Math

79% Reading

73% Writing

MJPS Primary Assessment Grade 3 results (only take Math because they are not instructed in English)

74% Math

N/D Reading

N/D Writing

BAPS Junior Assessment Grade 6 results

79% Math

96% Reading

95% Writing

There is some work to do based on the results so that we can meet the needs of our learners. Families will receive individual results for their students.

Also reported on the students' perceptions about Math, Reading and Writing, which are positive overall.

There is information on the www.eqao.com website for parents to see sample questions and learn more.



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3. Teacher Rep Report

So nice to have a busy and active school again!

- The grade 8s went on a Field Trip to McMichael Art Gallery. There, they took a guided tour of the gallery and saw works by the Group of Seven and others, and they participated in interactive lessons around the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Students also participated in a painting workshop and created amazing watercolour landscape paintings to bring home. The students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and did a great job of representing BAPS.
- The Games Club has been running for Grades 5 and 6. Students enjoy playing board games and card games. It gives them the chance to interact in small groups outside of the classroom. They are loving Games Club!
- Grade 4 and 5 Art Club also takes place once per week. Each week, students get to participate in a Healthy Schools committee initiative - SNACK (BINGO). Last week, each homeroom had a BINGO board with healthy snacks on it. Each morning on the announcements, the announcers read some fun facts about healthy foods and named two healthy snacks for classes to cross off on their boards. Students listened eagerly to hear each morning. The winning class was Ms. Zaretsky's class. They were very excited to win a free period.
- Eco Club: They have put GOOS (good on one side) paper bins in each class. The Junior students are learning about Water Warriors.
- Character Matters - The character trait for November was Kindness. December's trait is Responsibility. Teachers have received some resources and strategies to teach character in class and there are posters and announcements in the school to support positive character development. We will have a Character assembly next week where certain students will be recognized for their outstanding efforts in these areas.
- Intermediate volleyball: Both girls and boys teams did very well. The boys placed 3rd in the region.
- Junior Volleyball - Grade 5-6 has started up.
- The Holiday Concert is taking place this Thursday.
- Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6 classes, Glee Club, Guitar/Ukulele club, Grade 4-5 music club will be participating. There will be a day and an evening show.
- Richmond Hill Community Food Bank - over 1000 items were donated and the food bank reached out to express their tremendous gratitude for our support. They are extremely appreciative.
- 30 Grade 7-8 students helped out the evening and morning of Student-Led conferences. They demonstrated responsibility, kindness and leadership skills to support our staff and families.
- Clothing Drive - We had an overwhelmingly positive response to this initiative. Families donated many items of winter clothing to support families in our York Region community. Grade 7 and 8 helpers worked tirelessly to sort and fold the donated clothing and really wanted to do their best to help out.



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- Spirit Days: Fridays in December are Pyjama Days. Next week is a spirit week. Intermediate leadership committee is planning the daily themes. There are announcements and posters to communicate with staff and students. Details will be sent in the Blizzard to help families plan.
- Junior Leadership committee starts in January.

4. Budget Meeting recap

We will have approximately \$10,000 in revenue from pizza sales in addition to \$1000 leftover from last year.

We allocate funds to:

- Scientist in School (1 round per class works out to about \$250 each). If there is another round, then we will get it subsidized or funded as field trip.
- Sports equipment
- Bussing for trips
- Class materials
- Games for clubs
- Grad
- Library
- Music guitars and repairs
- Leadership
- Guest Speakers

Does not include money for technology. The cost sharing program to help purchase technology is on pause for now.

There is a PRO Grant program to get funding up to \$800 for parent engagement.

Voula says 2 students came forward with a motivational speaker from TED Talk that they would like to have come to the school. Could be possible to use PRO Grant if it is parent focused.

Perhaps worth asking parent community about what topics they would like to hear from guest speakers.

York Hills has many free webinars that would be beneficial for many parents on the www.yorkhills.ca website.

Discussion about a parent support group that could be served by the PRO Grant.

5. Lunch Programs

Discussion about other lunch possibilities such as subs, Swiss Chalet, pitas to start in January.



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6. Movie night

License \$575 fee for the teachers to show a movie at the school. Could sell snacks and juice to offset the price of the license fee. The intermediate students could be helpers to make the evening run smoothly. Looking at running a movie night in January, and perhaps splitting the event for juniors and intermediate into 2 nights.

7. Games Club

Would like to ask parent community for board game donations to support our Games club and indoor recess. Need a volunteer to coordinate.

8. Next Meeting Date: **February 13, 2022, at 7PM**

9. Adjournment 8:45pm