



Beverley Acres Public School

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date : Monday, February 13th 2023

Location : Library, BAPS (In-Person)

Attendees : Deepshikha Swaroop, Sushma Karikondala, Tharshini Tharmalingam, Randi Magder, Patton Su, Shabbir M. Zavery

Regrets : Sanaz Sadehi, Julie Mahfouz-Rezvani, Ali Pourjafar, Zenobia Schlicter, Mounika Sourial, Beshouy Mikhael, Riley Mirheydari, Sally Wang, Hassan Zareh, Tabatha Lomov

School Staff: Sandy Kofalvi, Voula Divetta, Melissa Doucas

1. Attendance and Welcome

Compliments about the Winter concert, especially the teachers' dance!

2. Approve Minutes

Sushma firsts, all agree, the minutes from December's meeting are approved.

3. Principal's Update (Sandy and Voula)

PRO Grant

We can send in an application to get funds for a Parent Learning event. Some schools are looking to bring in a guest speaker Dr. ABC (Dr. Andrew Campbell) to talk about dismantling anti- black racism. Langstaff SS would host and it would be a collaborative event put together by several elementary schools in the area as well as Langstaff on May 4, 2023. Dr. ABC is an exceptional motivational speaker who spoke to the administrators prior to school starting this year. The speaker's fees are over \$3000, plus more if we want to serve refreshments. The maximum we could apply for the PRO Grant is \$800. With many schools pooled together we would be able to run this event. We need to decide by this Thursday, or else we can pursue other options. (Reminder that York Hills does offer free sessions in the evenings about helping families dealing with anxiety, teenage years, connections, etc.)

We vote on whether to apply for our PRO Grant funds for Dr. ABC's event at Langstaff; all in favour. We need to engage our parent community to take interest in this event, perhaps with a take home flyer. The goal of the talk is to equip and support families to speak to their families about racism when watching tv together or when witnessing something. Deep and Sanaz will complete the PRO Grant application.

Central School Council Forum – February 15, 2023 to be attended by Deepshikha, Tharshini, and Sushma.



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4. Teacher Rep Report (Melissa)

- Earth Rangers: Grades 4 to 6 students attended this workshop on December 20. The presenters shared information about plants and animals in various ecosystems in an interactive game and tech chat-like format. They also brought some animals with them: an owl, an armadillo and a monitor. Staff and students loved and were very engaged in this presentation!
- Character Matters assembly in January: The Spirit Squad shared positive messages and the BAPS song! Students in each grade were celebrated and appreciated in the areas of Responsibility and Kindness. January's focus was Perseverance and February is Honesty and Fairness.
- Basketball: intermediate is currently ongoing. The area tournaments are March 1 and 2.
- Omnikin: intramural Grade 8 (approximately 70 students). Games are played during recess.
- Staff vs. student volleyball: tomorrow (Yikes!)
- Robotics Club: we have just started the Grade 7 and 8 robotics club.
- YRSC Skills Challenge: Humber college March 1 Grade 7 and 8. Vex IQ, Green energy, Character animation, TV/Video challenge
- Reach for the Top: 4 games, then a tournament which will be on site at another school on March 21.
- Eco Club: February 2 was National Sweater Day - some information about conservation of energy/heating, and students made the display with shirts with messages about conservation and generally about being environmental stewardship.
- Healthy Schools and Eco Club: "Take me Outside" Winter Challenge from Monday February 13 to Friday February 24. A variety of activities were shared with teachers to do collaborative activities with their students, while enjoying nature and the great outdoors.
- Black History month: Students have been celebrating Black excellence - sharing announcements, posters, and book selection displays regarding the contributions of the black community.
- The SERT team borrowed some robotics kits to explore and learn about coding. These "student experts" shared the robots in classes. They discussed their experiences learning those robots - the coding, their learning skills, obstacles they faced, and strategies they used to overcome them.
- The Forest of Reading is the book club where we get to pick the winner! Canada's largest recreational reading program. This program from the Ontario



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Library Association includes some wonderful books featuring diverse authors, illustrators, characters and stories, and encourages a love of reading in people of all ages. BAPS staff and students celebrate Canadian books, publishers, authors and illustrators. We are participating in Yellow Cedar, Blue Spruce, Silver Birch Express, Silver Birch, and Red Maple English forests. Le prix Peuplier and prix Mélèze are the French book clubs at BAPS. Students are encouraged to read at least 5 books from one “forest” in order to vote for their favourite book in April.

- Grade 7-8 Guitar club and Glee club, Grade 4-5 Music Club, Grades 4-5 Art club, Games clubs (all grades) are ongoing.

5. Treasurer Report (Tharshini)

Pizza continues to be very successful, we opened up orders again in January and received more interest. This is our major source of revenue. \$9,000 in profits estimated to be dispersed as follows:

- \$1000 – athletic equipment
- \$650 – bussing
- \$500 – classroom resources
- \$550 – donation
- \$500 – grade 8 grad
- \$300 – library books, will also do a book drive to increase this
- \$500 – music instrument
- \$400 – music repair
- \$4000 – Scientist in the School to be topped up by the school
- \$500 – guest speakers

This month’s balance is \$8730.

Discussion about other lunch program options including Swiss Chalet, subs or pitas. Swiss Chalet is \$5.50 per lunch (which we would mark up to be a fundraiser) with several main and side options and would be prepared individually for each student. Subway might be a better alternative for vegetarians, Shabbir will investigate. The hope is to offer another lunch program after March Break.

The Board Games drive received approximately 55 games. Julie collected 50 games through the community. If we know which games are still needed, we can seek out to fill in the gaps.



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6. Other Business

- **Staff Appreciation Lunch**
We would like to organize a Staff Appreciation lunch. Will look into dates perhaps in April or May (May 4?) before it gets busy with wrapping up the end of the school year. Volunteer appreciation lunch is organized by the school.
- **Movie Night**
BAPS has never run a Movie Night, but it could be a good fundraiser as evidenced by other school successes. Can sell refreshments such as popcorn, chips, water, juice, coffee. Might be better attended by primary students which we don't have at BAPS, however it could be well attended since there hasn't been similar events in the past few years. It would be a good community building event. Trying to find a date that works, suggested April 27th.
- **Next Showcase will be Nowruz and Ramadan**
- **Snack program**
We need to find a smoother system so that there aren't gaps in supply. Shabbir coordinates with Carmela to place orders with Snack Value. We would like to avoid going to outside suppliers because the costs are greater.

7. Next Meeting Date: **April 24, 2023, at 7PM**

8. Adjournment 9:00pm