



Beverley Acres Public School

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



Date : Monday, 14th November 2022

Location : Library, BAPS (In-Person)

Attendees : Sanaz Sadehi, Deepshikha Swaroop, Sushma Karikondala, Tharshini Tharmalingam, Randi Magder, Sally Wang, Shabbir M. Zavery, Hassan Zareh, Tabatha Lomov, Mounika Sourial, Beshouy Mikhael

Regrets : Patton Su, Riley Mirheydari, Ali Pourjafar, Zenobia Schlicter, Julie Mahfouz-Rezvani

School Staff: Sandy Kofalvi

1. Presentation by Sheri Epstein, the principal at Langstaff Secondary School about the Grade 8 transition to high school. 7:00pm
2. Attendance 8:15pm
3. Approve Minutes from October 3, 2022: Tharshini firsts, Sushma seconds, all agree. The minutes are approved.
4. Principal Update
 - Principal profile: School Councils are expected to come up with a list of the qualities that we would like to see in a principal. Due to time constraints, we will not have time to flush it out during our meeting. We will review the most recent submission, and discuss over email and then submit a profile. The deadline is December 1.
 - Progress reports will be sent out electronically from the Board but due to a new computer system, they will not be ready until after the Parent/Teacher interviews. BAPS has decided to print them and distribute them on Wednesday in advance of the student led conferences on Thursday/Friday.
5. Teacher Rep Report
 - The Grade 8 students visited the YRDSB French Immersion high schools last week for Take Your Kids to High School Day. Students had a chance to see the schools, participate in lessons, and hear about student leadership and co-curricular involvement opportunities.
 - Beaver Math contest tomorrow
 - Grade 7 and 8 Pizza lunch helpers are eager to support the classes. Pairs of students will be assigned to help each class this Wednesday and moving forward.
 - Grade 7 and 8 student ambassadors will be helping out with student-led conference night/morning.
 - Grade 4-5 Art club started today. There were approximately 70 students in attendance. They will be meeting weekly.
 - Grade 4-5 Music club will be starting tomorrow. It will include some singing and some instruments - depending on student interest and ability. There are some Grade 7-8 helpers with this club.
 - The food drive was a huge success. Members of the student leadership committee created posters and announcements and did presentations in each class to talk to students about the needs in our community and how we can contribute. We collected



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over 1000 items. Some Grade 8 students worked very well to organize, box and pack the items into cars that took our donation to the food bank. The Richmond Hill Community Food Bank was so appreciative of our support.

- The winter clothing drive started today and will run until December 5. Families are encouraged to donate winter clothing items to support members of our York Region community. We are accepting items starting now. Bags will be given to each class to collect the donations. Student Leadership committee students will help to sort and fold our donation before it is given. (Also - take a look at the tables outside the office - maybe your child's lost clothing item is there?)
- Character Matters – Kindness
- Remembrance Day assembly and Wall of Remembrance
- Glee Club / Guitar Club
- Eco Club
- Healthy Schools
- Sports:
 - Cross Country
 - Flag Football
 - Currently - Volleyball (Intermediate) and Junior will be starting soon

6. Treasurer Report

We have not had a budget meeting yet this year. Due to Covid and the lack of fundraising over the past years, we have started the year with \$2500. \$1600 has been allocated for musical instrument repairs. Pizza lunches are starting this week which is typically our biggest fundraiser, and we have 243 students participating so far. We will offer another opportunity to join the pizza program in a few weeks. We are hoping to offer subs or pitas.

Shabbir will reach out to Carmela about the snack program to use our grant money to purchase snacks for the students. We also have grant money to purchase a refrigerator to store the perishable snacks.

7. General Council Roles

Discussion about the roles that are still unassigned on the School Council. Deep will reach out to the Members who had expressed interest but were unable to attend this evening's meeting.

- a. Roles of Fundraising & Committee Lead / Co Lead (Sushma & Tharsini)
 - ✓ Lunch program, Raffle, Silent Auction, Bake
 - ✓ Updates about the Pizza Lunch program
- b. Roles of Parent Support & Committee Lead / Co Lead inside School
 - ✓ School grounds
 - ✓ Workshops & speakers for parents / students
 - ✓ Staff appreciation event
 - ✓ Communications / Newsletters
- c. Roles of Community Engagement & Committee Lead / Co Lead
 - ✓ Community Event
 - ✓ Donations Drives



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✓ Blizzard Cup

d. Roles of Volunteer & Committee Lead / Co Lead

8. Other Business

- Sushma will graciously donate Christmas decorations to help decorate the school for the holidays, as well as Chanukah and Kwanza.
- Thinking about movie nights for the school community with pizza and popcorn as a fundraising idea. Looking at dates in January 12 and 19th. Will check to see what movies the Board has the rights to.
- Game night with raffles or silent auction, perhaps in the spring.
- Thursday evenings are the best day for the school to host an event in terms of permits.
- Speak to Deep about topics for Parent workshops to use for the PRO Grant of \$800.
- Might have a credit with a Xmovement program that we can make use of with a Carnival.
- Dance-a-thon dance day held in the gym.
- Thinking about other workshops that would draw crowds. Perhaps healthy living, or character matters traits, mental health, equity and inclusion.
- Need to reach out to the community for volunteers.

9. Next Meeting Date: **December 12, 2022, at 7PM**

10. Adjournment 9:30pm