

Beverley Acres Public School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 21, 2023

Location: Virtual

Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm

In attendance:

School Staff: Sandy Kofalvi, Voula Divetta

Parents: Bianca Scuric, Tharshini Tharmalingam, Sushma Kavikondala, Carmen Lam, Shabbir M. Zavery, Deepshika Swaroop and Julie Mahfouz-Rezvani

Regrets: Mounika Sourial, Melissa Doucas

1. Welcome:

Welcome statement by Bianca

2. Principal's Report:

A quick report on the various activities within the school was given by Sandy

- No job action by teacher unions as they have reached an agreement which is great news as this would avoid any disruptions to students and teachers alike
- Intermediate girls' and boys' volleyball teams represented the school at area level games, though did not make it to the regional level
- The junior volleyball teams are starting the tryouts and students are excited to take part in them
- A daytime holiday concert within school timings is being planned by the staff and the tentatively decided to be held on December 15, 2023. Families will be invited to the concert.
- As part of the healthy snack initiative by YRDSB, a fundraising activity by Tim Hortens, the Tim Hortens Smile Cookie Campaign was conducted at school where half of the funds raised will be given by Tim Hortens to YRDSB to support the healthy snack program. BAPS students were invited to submit posters for this campaign, to be put up at various local Tim Horten locations and 164 posters were submitted. BAPS was one of the only schools to participate in the poster submission and the students were led by Mme. Noakes, Mme. MacDonald and Mme. Veitch. Yvonne Kelly, one of the support staff from YRDSB put the posters in the local Tim Hortens. This was a great initiative to give back to the community and support the free healthy snacks program at schools

- YRDSB experienced a technical system outage that started on November 8, 2023 as a result of a cyber attack incident. Due to this, there is sporadic access to all emails and online learning material. Sandy expressed the school/board's appreciation for the patience and understanding of the parent community while YRDSB is trying to solve the issue. The parent interviews were held on November 16th evening and November 17th morning, while the tech issue was ongoing and despite the technical disruptions and the student report cards not being digitally available for parents, the school community came together and the parent-teacher interviews were well attended and very productive

3. Teacher's Report:

n/a

4. Treasurer's Report:

Awaiting further information and final numbers for the three lunch programs (Subway, Swiss Chalet and Pizza hut) from the school. These could not be communicated due to the technical problems being experienced by YRDSB. A budget update will be given at the next meeting

5. Movie night:

Movie night to be held on November 30, 2023. Snacks (pre-packaged popcorn, chips etc.) and pizza will be available for the movie evening and Carmela will be helping to set up school cash online. Pizza options were discussed and both pepperoni and cheese pizza options will be available. Juice bottles and water bottles will also be available for sale via school cash online and on the evening. The requirement of volunteers for the evening was discussed and a total of five to six parents will be needed to man different counters and school entrances. Three council members are available to volunteer and others will be recruited over the next week. Different council members were assigned tasks for the evening as follows

- Sushma to pick up juice and water bottles from Costco
- Tharshini will coordinate the pizza and the placards for directions to the gym etc.
- Bianca will be responsible for the flyer and the pre-packaged snacks
- Deepshika will coordinate the arrangement of the tables/placards for counters

6. Pizza lunch program for January – March Term:

Pizza options for the next term were discussed. Price quotes and other options from Pizza nova, Papa John's and Pizza hut will be collected and a final decision on pizza lunch for the next term will be taken. Price, quality and the vendor's ability to provide slices in individualized boxes along with labelling for each class will be considered when making the decision

7. Other Business:

- **School survey:** The survey conducted by the school on various lunch options and activities at school will be shared by Sandy shortly or in the next meeting. This would help the school council better align the activities and lunch options with the needs of the school community.

- **School council meetings:** Mode of the meetings (in-person versus online via zoom/teams) was discussed, and it was agreed that alternating the in-person and online meetings would be most beneficial. Dates for school council meetings discussed for 2024 are as below
 - a. January 23, 2024 at 7pm (in-person)
 - b. February 27, 2024 at 7pm (virtual)
 - c. April 16, 2024 at 7pm
 - d. May 7, 2024 at 7pm

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8.30pm