



**BEYNON FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES  
BFPS Library  
January 24, 2018**

**DATE:** January 24, 2018

**PRESENT:** Gail Davie, Heather Zaitlin, Jin Jin, Kathy Khosravi, Kim Short, Lara Loseto, Lisa Orchanian-Rolfe, Michelle Fedele, Roopa Kotian,, Tannaz Mokhtari, Wilma Li, Sylvia Xu

**ABSENT:** Girija Mittal, Giulia Arena, Susan DaSilva-Romeo, Julie Daniele, Kevin Cheng, Katherine Moriarty, Marc Forghani, Samantha Heiydt, Helena Sun

| Agenda Item                    | Description  | Action Required |
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| <b>Approval of Nov Minutes</b> | Approved unanimously   | N/A             |
| <b>Principal's reports</b>     | <p>Vice-principal Lara Loseto is leaving - last day Feb 5th, 2018 - replaced by Terry Cariglia-Bull</p> <p>Nominate a Fabulous teacher for "teacher's award"- Info on teaching awards.ca</p> <p>Safe routes to school- parent's concern about roundabout and children's safe crossing due to increased traffic. In consultation with Board and Town officials to assess the traffic at the roundabout at busiest time. Assessment from Town personnel possibly some time in March would then determine need for crossing guard. Info on safe driving at roundabouts and benefits of walking to school will be distributed to school community via email.</p> <p>Trustee communicating with the Town to push for crossing guard</p> <p>Heather discussed some information on bias, personal unconscious and implicit types of bias. This will be the topic of our February coffee hour.</p> |                 |

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|                           | <p><b>Bias is a tendency to lean in a certain direction, often to the detriment of an open mind.</b></p> <p><b>Unconscious bias</b> describes situations where our background, <b>personal</b> experiences, societal stereotypes and cultural context can impact our decisions and actions without us realising.</p> <p><b>Implicit bias:</b> Also known as <b>implicit</b> social cognition, <b>implicit bias</b> refers to the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner. ... Rather, <b>implicit biases</b> are not accessible through introspection or self-analysis. eg. categorization, generalization</p> <p>To learn more try taking a test at <a href="https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/canada/takeatest.html">https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/canada/takeatest.html</a><br/> a social psychology test is designed to measure a person's unconscious or automatic associations between types of people and specific concepts or ideas.</p> <p>School climate information from 124 parent responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- generally clean, positive learning climate</li> <li>- responsive, caring staff</li> <li>- gender, racial background, the way children look, were some of the issues that rated higher than the results from Board, are of concern and will be reviewed and addressed.</li> </ul> |     |
| <b>Teacher's Report</b>   | Mme. Davie:<br>Reported on analysis of data from parent and school environment surveys<br>Reports cards going home Feb 15th<br>Snowshoes- purchased by council- students are out and about and having fun!  | N/A |
| <b>Treasurer's Report</b> | QSP- net income \$3294<br>Subway order net income \$1450<br>Craft night net income \$1742<br>Pizza orders will happen in Feb.<br>Year end festival deposit for inflatables and photo booth, etc have been paid.<br>Scientists in school - a few more classes participated<br>You're the Chef coming up - Feb 6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23. Volunteers are needed please email school council. Your help is much appreciated.<br>Violin and stereo were purchased and put into good use.  |     |



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|                             | <p>Laura and Heather feel the empowerment project would be the better option according to data from school climate surveys collected. There are some concerns from members of council regarding credentials of presenter.<br/> Council will vote on the empowerment presenter in Feb.<br/> Council will also ask for feedback/testimonials from other schools.</p> <p>Feb 16 coffee hour topic <b><u>Recognizing the unconscious bias in yourself</u></b> - Heather to present</p> <p><b>Student programs</b><br/> Lunch time programs are underway- registrations have been collected coordinating time and space as well as volunteers<br/> Asking grade 8 students to monitor lego clubs as they get very busy.</p> <p><b>Update on King City SS</b><br/> DEC- they hosted a meeting relating to the changes to boundaries, was well attended. Kim felt more confident - council chairs, Principal and Vice Principal were very reassuring. Safety and crime issues were discussed. Most issues were not really occurring at school and mostly in the neighbourhood. Const. Kevin Hamilton will present on safety issues at their next council meeting.<br/> Positive takeaways: King City SS is a smaller school community and would be a positive learning environment, there will be school bus availability, Staff and administration are very eager and working hard to implement positive new changes.<br/> Next steps: inviting King City HS to come and present music or other programs to Beynon students in Grade 7.</p> | <p>Roopa<br/> will allocate room and<br/> volunteers for each activity</p> |
| <p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> | <p>February 21, 2018 @ 7:00 PM in the library</p>   |  |