



Beynon Fields School Council  
Minutes to School Council Meeting

**Beynon Fields Public School, Staff Room**  
**Wednesday October 11, 2023**  
**6:30pm to 7:30pm**  
**Hybrid**

*Our School Council believes that collaborative partnership among the school, the family, and the community is essential to improving student achievement and well-being, and increasing a shared sense of accountability for public education.*

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Sofia Papadatos, Principal  
Jeffrey Borsuk, Vice Principal  
Melissa Wong, Teacher Rep

**School Council Members in Attendance**

Hadiqa Chaudry	Alex Noudelman	Stephanie Silverman	Fatima Choi
Vicky Ho-Antipas	Farnaz Droodgar	Jenny Enoaoe	Genevien Simpson-Griffiths
Dirusha Kushal	Leanne Li	Maryam Mosaffa	Namrata Shrestha
Ray Razavi	Karen Wu	Sylvia Xu	Mei Zhang

**Parent & Community Members in Attendance:**

Wilma Li                      Julie Lau

AGENDA ITEM	Details
Call Meeting to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm</li><li>Welcome &amp; Introductions by Co-Chairs</li><li>YRDSB Land Acknowledgement</li><li>Attendance</li></ul>
Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elections Meeting - September 27, 2023</li></ul>	<b>Approved by:</b> Alex Noudelman <b>Seconded by:</b> Fatima Choi
Approval of Principal Profile	<b>Approved by:</b> Namrata Shresta <b>Seconded by:</b> Vicky Ho-Antipas
New Membership	Stephanie Silverman had expressed interest in joining the school council prior to the meeting. Previously, she was a community member. We had space to add another person to the school council and there was a quorum to vote. All current members had expressed their approval of the new membership.
Use of School Generated Funds	Sofia Papadatos and Vicky Ho-Antipas provided an overview of school-generated funds through fundraisers and lunch programs. These are funds that are run by the School Council and administered by the principal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Unacceptable Use:</b> Items paid for through grants, facility maintenance and repairs, core instructional materials.</li></ul>



	<p>Technology cannot be purchased through school-generated funds. However, there are windows of opportunities available from time to time...as was the case last spring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Acceptable:</b> Funding for field trips, bussing, in-school programs, guest speakers, presentations, extra-curricular activities</li> </ul>
<b>Fundraising Update &amp; Financial Report</b>	<p><b><u>August 31, 2023 Update:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fun fair raised \$855 in revenues. The spring fun fair is more of a community building event than a fundraising one.</li> <li>• We generated approximately \$63,000 last year in revenues and \$21,178 was available for spending as of August, 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>September, 2023 Updates:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Balance: \$22,531.42</li> <li>• Revenues coming from Pizza, Swiss Chalet and Subway.</li> <li>• Net Revenue: \$21,200.00 from Pizza lunches; \$4,200.00 from subway lunches; \$5,500.00 from Swiss Chalet.</li> <li>• Total available for spending for term one is \$48,677.12.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Current Fundraising Efforts in Effect:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Monday and Tuesday:</b> The Lunch Lady (\$1/meal is donated to the school)</li> <li>• <b>Wednesday:</b> Subway lunches - 183 orders.</li> <li>• <b>Thursday:</b> Pizza Nova – 372 Orders; 507 Slices</li> <li>• <b>Friday:</b> Swiss Chalet – 303 students.</li> </ul> <p>Open to other ideas as long as it meets ministry health guidelines.</p> <p><b><u>Other Fundraisers:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terra Cotta Cookie Dough Fundraiser will run again this year. Fundraising money will go towards grade 8 graduation.</li> <li>• Popcorn will be sold 3 days a week. Proceeds also go to grade 8 graduation</li> </ul>
<b>Establishment of Committees</b>	<p>Vicky and Namrata provided an overview of the various committees that will be available for sign up, including Student Programs, Equity &amp; Well-Being, Fundraising and Community Building committees. All parents are encouraged to join.</p>
<b>YRDSB Policy Video</b>	<p>Given the hybrid format of the meeting, the link was provided in the agenda for council members to watch on their own time.</p>
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p>Sofia Papadatos provided an overview of the following school events and happenings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update regarding Active School Travel</b>-opportunity for a council member to serve as rep</li> <li>• <b><u>Current Events:</u></b></li> </ul> <p>-Terry Fox-Sept. 21;  -National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Sept. 29;  -Grade 7-8 Immunization Clinic-Oct. 13;  -Black Excellence Program &amp; Conference – Oct. 26 @Bill Crothers Secondary School</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Field Trips:</u></b> -Grade 8- multi-field trip experience; -Grade 3-Kortright Centre; -Grades 2, 4, 7-Vivian Outdoor Education Centre) -Grade 1 Scientists in School</li><li>• <b><u>Sports:</u></b> -Flag Football Tournament - Oct. 6 -Cross Country Areas (gr. 4-8)- Oct. 12</li><li>• <b><u>Clubs and Groups:</u></b> -Lunch Monitors (grades 6-8) -Robotics Club - Choir -Forest of Reading -Student Council - Healthy Schools Committee -Morning Announcements Club - French Book Fair</li><li>• <b><u>Grade 8 Graduation:</u></b> -Multi-trip proposal. The first trip is to Horseshoe Valley. -Transitioning to High School. Parents are encouraged to look for information sessions dates on the board website. Different high schools provide different programs, such as FI, IB, and Arts. - Nov. 1 - Take your Grade 8 students to high school day.</li><li>• <b><u>Student technology use:</u></b> Students are not permitted to use cell phones during the day unless supervised by the teacher and for program purposes.</li><li>• <b><u>Student Sign Out for Lunch:</u></b> Grade 8s are permitted to leave school property at lunch and parent consent is required. Sign out is done through YRDSB start up forms. Students must return to school prior 1:30 pm.</li></ul>
<b>Expenditure Report &amp; Funding Requests</b>	<p>Request received for funding of the following programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Subscriptions:</u></b> French magazine and online resources (1-8)-\$1700</li><li>• <b><u>Musical Instruments:</u></b> 3 year plan-\$5000/year estimated</li><li>• <b><u>Robotics Kits:</u></b> \$157/kit. We need about 10 kits.</li><li>• <b><u>Scientists in the School:</u></b> Energy Unit grade 1 classes-\$250/class; total: \$1800</li></ul>
<b>Q&amp;A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b><u>Lunch Time Programs run by parents:</u></b> This is a possibility this year. Parents are encouraged to come and speak to the admin to ensure that teachers are not running similar programs.</li><li>• <b><u>Grade 8 graduation:</u></b> Sofia Papadatos provided an overview of the decision-making behind the move to host multi grad trips versus one overnight trip in the spring. The board’s mandate of equity and inclusivity played a factor in the decision. Parents are encouraged to speak to the admin and share feedback.</li></ul>