



**BEYNON FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

DATE: October 25, 2016

PRESENT: Anna Marchetti-Landry, Eugene Murariu, Julie Daniele, Katherine Moriarty, Kathy Taghinia-Khosravi, Kevin Cheng, Kim Short, Lara Loseto, Lisa Orchanian-Rolfe, Michelle Fedele, Nola Stacey, Roopa Kotian, Samantha Heiydt, Sonia Badola, Susan DaSilva-Romeo, Susan Pons, Tobbie Amyotte, Wilma Li, Windy Li.

ABSENT: Anne-Marie Brouillet, Marc Forghani

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Required & Person Responsible
2a) Student Council Evan Shamov	Mme Green introduced the Student Council representative, Evan Shamov, a grade 8 student. Evan reported that Student Council has meetings that began on Wed., Oct 26th. The focus this year will be Character Council “Esprit des Coyotes” with an emphasis on character, spirit days, and athletics. They will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7:45am.	
2b) Teachers Report	Presented by Mme Green - Our students placed well in cross country this year with 26 going to regionals, the most ever. We placed well in the regionals, the coach was Mme Arena.	Council voted unanimously to fund the referee stand.

	<p>There will be a parade of costumes on Halloween with three haunted houses being staged by the grade 7 students. \$2.00 entry fee.</p> <p>There has been a very positive response to the basketball tournaments and strong interest in a volleyball tournament. In order to proceed with the Volleyball a referee stand will need to be purchased. This is a requirement as per the board health and safety. The board approved Vendor fee for this stand is \$915.00 tax included. Mme Green assured us that it would be well used. The Board has already invested in the nets and upgraded much of the sporting equipment. They are asking Council to fund the referee stand.</p>	
1. Principal's Report	Mme Landry shared the BIPSA - Math Strategy from the board. This is the document that sets the parameters and the school uses it as a guide in planning for school improvement. The Board is offering professional development in Math along with release days. Staff will decide what best suits the needs of the school.	
3. Treasurer's Report	As of October 11th, the net profit from the pizza lunch is \$14,000.00, This leaves us approximately \$40,000.00 in the bank when all the grants etc have been deposited.	
4. Fund Requests	4a) Technology cost share with the board was maxed out at \$6539.78. The limit is \$6250.00 however there is bit of room to approximately \$6500.00. It was voted unanimously to match the \$6539.78 in support of our efforts to supply chromebooks to each student. These funds will purchase 42 chromebooks and 1 projector. There are 75 grade 5 students, we still need approximately 30 more. These	Voted on: Unanimously to grant funds

	<p>devices hold up well, and stay in the classrooms. They are assigned to each student.</p> <p>4b) You're the Chef requires a budget of \$1000.00, approximately \$250.00 per class for groceries. This is the grade eight cooking program that is run by parents with great success.</p> <p>4c) Outdoor Classroom. \$12000.00 TD Grant. Mme Landry presented the board approved plan, using a circle of boulder stones on a tarmac, assembled in a circle, with entry points for wheelchairs and is completely level and accessible. There was some discussion as to the location (1) by the bike racks (2) by the garden. There was some discussion as to the real cost due to excavation etc being required. The board plan has been budgeted according to their approved vendors, however there was some consensus that the cost will be higher. We will require further funds to setup the natural playgrounds etc. from the school's own plan. It was determined that a visit to a couple of schools ie. HG Bernard, that have the classroom and other natural features already set up would be helpful. There are some very specific limits on the TD Grant and it must go to some tree plantings etc. There will be some review as to what can be presented to TD as they require to see the plan and be assured that the guidelines are being followed. It was decided that we need to seek some other funds also.</p>	<p>Voted on: Unanimously to grant funds</p> <p>Revisit: Review restrictions, view some already board approved playgrounds. Get a better understanding of cost from the vendors once a sight has been chosen. Or chose the sight that might be the most economical to construct.</p>
<p>5. Committee Updates</p>	<p>Fundraising: QSP went well with \$17,000.00 raised of which we receive 1/4th. This year's team learned on their</p>	

feet. It was decided that at team each year would be required and some check lists prepared for future committee members to have a understanding of what they are required to do. The students were very helpful. Kim has already started booking the vendors for the Festival.

Craft night planning is full speed ahead for December 2nd. It netted about \$1900.00 last year. It cost about \$50.00 per table with the exception of the gingerbread cookies.

Samko/Miko was set up for further fundraising.

Toyota evergreen has a grant of \$3500.00 that may work with our outdoor classroom and it looks like we may need the funds.

Education: Nov 4th, Coffee hour: Topic was set and “Math” to be presented by Mme Loseto. The Topic for the Dec 2nd afternoon meeting is “Productivity for Students” presented by Susan Pons’s colleague.

Quest Conference: “Deep learning in a Digital World” It was agreed that both Lisa and Tobbie would attend one day each for a fee of \$575.00 total.

Student Programs: Parent survey resulted in 123 responses. Primary - 74, Junior - 56, Intermediate - 54. Lego for grade 1-2, Coding for 4 -8, Chess 3 - 5. Crafts and fitness would run as one day per subject focus. First to register would be the criteria for entry and only so many can be accommodated.

Positive Climates for Learning: Moving forward with outdoor classroom and Working on ECO status. Butterfly garden, animal friendly garden, and Healthy snacks for snack bins.

Adina to look into applying for Toyota Evergreen grant.

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	<p>Communications: Principal profile was reviewed. It was suggested that a section be added to support the ECO school agenda. Google Drive: All Council members require a Gmail address to accomodate using Google docs, drive etc and have access to the Beynon fields Drive where previous council minutes, etc can be found and used as a guide.</p> <p>Website update/roll-out. Some thoughts were shared re: content and setting up to encourage parents to visit and keep up to date such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● including links to the School Council portion of the website in school's weekly parent email blasts and teacher's weekly emails ● adding coffee hour summaries/soft copies of any handouts ● starting a monthly SC newsletter in order to communicate to parents what we've purchased, upcoming events, etc. ● putting "School Council Message" button next to "Principal's Message" on school's home page 	Kim to update Principal Profile
Next Meeting	Tuesday November 22nd - Staff Room 7 to 9 pm	