



**BEYNON FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

DATE: October 25, 2017

PRESENT: *Girija Mittal, Giulia Arena, Heather Zaitlin, Helena Sun, Jin Jin, Julie Daniele, Katherine Moriarty, Kathy Khosravi, Kevin Cheng, Kim Short, Lara Loseito, Lisa Orchanian-Rolfe, Marc Forghani, Michelle Fedele, Roopa Kotian, Samantha Heiydt, Sylvia Xu, Tannaz Mokhtari, Wilma Li*

ABSENT: *Anne-Marie Broulliet, Gail Davie, Susan DaSilva-Romeo,*

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action Required & Person Responsible |
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| Approval of September minutes | September minutes was unanimously approved and will be available on school website. | Tannaz will submit it to Catherine in main office for posting on school website and provide a copy for filing. |
| Principal's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School climate- the survey provided to students in grade 4-8 was discussed with respect to Math skills and learning, inclusivity, equality, safety, and representation (culture, religion, gender, race). Students rated their confidence in Math at 85%, and 50% felt there are some barriers to learning. <p>The board's mandate is to improve on these areas and as more info becomes available to administration it will be communicated to staff, students and school community at large.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PA Day - October 20th- The school climate survey was discussed and teachers would like to know more about the barriers to student learning and confidence. The goal is to better understand different representations (culture, | Heather/Lara reported on these items. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> religion,race,gender) in order to reduce barriers for learning. Continued focus on Mental Health and student success is ongoing. EDSBY - A database used for student attendance, also used as a tool for learning and project submission by students and evaluation and feedback by teachers in a safe and secure environment. This tool will be used for parent-teacher interviews this year. Parents will get an invitation from the school and will need to create an account in order to schedule time slots for the interview. Grades 1-3 will have 15min time slot assignments and for Grades 4-8 both teachers will be present for the 10min time slot. Chromebooks- 48 were purchased, will be received sometime next week and will be available to students once they are ready for use. Last school council meeting date change to June 6. | |
| Teacher's Report | <p>Book Fair coming up week of November 20th.</p> <p>Track and field- 77 students went to Areas and 30 to Regionals. Grade 5 boys finished 5th place and Grade 7 boys came in 1st. All students showed excellent cooperation in unravelling the unknowns of the day.</p> | |
| Treasurer's Report | <p>Pizza sale generated about \$16000 so far.</p> <p>Council not funding Logics Academy this year - this cost was included in the Arts/Science Package offered to parents at start of school year.</p> <p>Lice check; 3 per year costs \$847 each time for a total of \$2541.</p> <p>Scientists in school so far 10 classes participated and 23 remain to complete for a total of 33 homerooms.</p> <p>Inquiry about Kinball and other equipment purchased last year</p> <p>Water Bottles- Total of 500 and currently 358 are available for purchase through school cash for \$10 each.</p> | <p>Wilma to work with Catherine to get invoice for Kinball, etc.</p> |
| Fund Requests | <p>Cart for Chromebooks- \$1000 Unanimously approved.</p> <p>Cost sharing benefit was maximized in purchase of chromebooks.</p> <p>Lice check; September, January and March: total of \$2541 was</p> | |

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| | <p>approved unanimously. You're the Chef program for grade 8- fantastic program, kids learn to make breakfast, lunch and snack in a fun environment and share the meals together. \$1000 funding was unanimously approved for this program.</p> | |
| <p>Committee Updates</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraising: QSP- \$11k in sales of which school profits 32%, prize campaign ended Oct 24 but online orders continue throughout school year Options to increase sale and participation: introduce the idea at grade 1 orientation focusing on French magazines/reading material as a resource. <p>Water Bottle sales & Mabel's labels - need to improve marketing these items, set up table at coffee hour and craft night, etc.</p> <p>Subway lunch program- possibly on Tuesdays in Term 2, organizing distribution, discuss with Moraine Hills to get feedback, option for trial period for quality, delivery, organization</p> <p>Lunch lady - an alternative to Kids Kitchen, possibly superior variety, lower cost.</p> <p>Greeting card box - Kathy discussed cost (33\$), school profits 11\$/box, would need to cover \$150 cost or about 13 boxes. Need a special event/table at events. Park it for now.</p> <p>Lisa discussed option of collecting recipes from school community and selling cook books.</p> <p>Year-End Festival- Kim negotiating a quote with Superior Events (for food, DJ, inflatables, rock wall etc) to do all the bookings New options: rock wall, will provide 2 staff, airbrush tattoo artist. After winter break pls join the festival planning committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education- Coffee Hour- November 17th at 9:00am | <p>Kathy to look into options, Samantha to provide verification for compliance with PPM 150</p> <p>Kim will look into it</p> |

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| | <p>Topic: community liason officer - school community safety Meg H democratic parenting Math, any other suggestions submit to Julie</p> <p>PRO Grant- approved for 1000\$ Topic for this year is parenting strategies Options for speakers include Empowerment Project (teaching mindfulness), Clear Concept (teaching time management, study habits, etc.) or Meg Haley (teaching democratic parenting) Possible date April 11 or 25th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Climates for Learning You're the Chef funding approved for \$1000 (groceries & equipment) Healthy Family Night - consider yoga or taekwondo for kids, for parents we'll have a chef from 6-7 and possibly Meg Haley 7-8 Michelle: Healthy school lunch event- Jan 22-26 healthy school lunch provided to the winning class <p>Eco - trees around outdoor classroom, Adina to apply for grant(s) RBC's community service initiative - up to 5 events and 5 volunteers \$1000/event, school cannot accept money from or advertise for private company Eco club has started and are caring for butterfly garden, edible garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Governance - Board items for review - tabled for November • Students Programs Start up arts and crafts program, reaching out to volunteer list in google drive, yoga at lunch hour a possibility | <p>Julie to research Empowerment Project and contact Meg Haley</p> <p>Kim to contact Clear Concept</p> <p>Heather to put us in touch with her yoga contact. Kim to contact taekwondo person Julie to connect Michelle & Meg Heather to reach out to staff re: healthy school lunch event</p> <p>Katherine to coordinate with Adina regarding grant(s)</p> <p>Marc to present pertinent items in November</p> <p>Roopa to email volunteers from database</p> |
| <p>Next Meeting</p> | <p>Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00pm Corrie McBain will be present as will a representative from Plant services of YRDSB.</p> | |