

**BHSS School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 17, 2018**

7:00pm.

Library Learning Commons

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1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>Ms. Pathy and Michelle Butt, Outgoing Chair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Pathy, Principal of BHSS, and Ms. Michelle Butt, outgoing Chair of BHSS School Council, welcomed the 53 parents in attendance at tonight's meeting!</li> <li>Ms. Pathy introduced Ms. Nouragas, VP of BHSS, and 2 teacher representatives: Ms. McKague, Head of Guidance and Ms. Succee, Head of Athletics.</li> <li>Parents went around the room, introduced themselves and shared what grade their children are in</li> </ul>
2.	<b>2018-19 School Initiatives</b> <i>Ms. Pathy and Ms Nouragas</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Pathy shared that EQAO results from the 2017-18 academic year will be shared in November</li> <li>Ms. Succee shared a comprehensive list of teams and clubs already underway at BHSS at BHSS and proposed for this year and the staff supervisors for each. This list will be published in the Hogarth Herald and emailed to parents at the end of the week for further reference.</li> <li>Students who are interested in starting a club or team should take their proposal to a teacher and begin the discussion with them about how best to proceed</li> <li>The Terry Fox Walk will happen Friday October 21 during period 5. Students are encouraged to bring a toonie for Terry (\$2)</li> <li>The Music and French Depts are planning a trip to Montreal in May/2019 for students in grades 10 &amp; 11 French Immersion and Core French. Information packages have been sent home, and a meeting for parents will be Thursday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Parents were advised to refer to the BHSS website at <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/billhogarth.ss/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/billhogarth.ss/Pages/default.aspx</a> for up to date information about announcements and school updates</li> <li>Ms. McKague shared updates from the Guidance Dept.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Kumar has joined the team.</li> <li>The Dept. is hard at work developing a Wellness Room for students. The Wellness Committee is also underway - watch for more information to come about parent involvement.</li> <li>To make an appointment with Guidance, students should go on Teach Assist and book an appointment there. Parents should call to schedule an appointment or contact Ms. McKague or Mr. Kumar via email.</li> <li>Pathway Planning - grade 11 is the year for students to start their research into options. The Ontario University Fair is coming up Sept 28-30 <a href="http://www.ouf.ca/">http://www.ouf.ca/</a>.</li> <li>There are 2 SHSM programs at BHSS that begin in Grade 11 - Business and Health &amp; Wellness. These programs offer certification options, career exploration and co-op placements. Students who are interested in more information should consult Ms. McKague ASAP.</li> <li>More information about how to get additional credits can be found at <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Pages/default.aspx</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Ms. Nouragas shared that staff will be working on Health and Safety Compliance training on the PD Day Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. That week is also "Safety Week" at BHSS, and information will be shared with students via announcements and community partner visits. Emergency preparedness drills will also be held: fire drills, lockdown, and hold &amp; secure.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Stars and Wishes</b> <i>Michelle Butt and Diana Hale</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At our last meeting in June, Council members were asked to reflect on our first year and note any "Stars" - things that worked well and should continue this year, and any "Wishes" - things that should be changed or initiated this year. Michelle and Diana reviewed this list with the parents in attendance.</li> <li>Parents asked questions for clarification. The discussion then turned to the task of electing the BHSS School Council for 2018-19</li> </ul>

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4.	<b>Election of 2018-19 BHSS School Council</b> <i>Michelle Butt and Ms. Pathy</i>	<b>The Executive for the 2018-19 BHSS School Council</b> , by acclamation: Chairperson: Raj Devarajah Treasurer: Noel Shippey Secretary: Diana Hale <b>Voting Members for the 2018-19 BHSS School Council</b> , by acclamation: Michelle Butt            Natasha Lall            Heidi Riley Chris Dudley            Tricia Stanton            Lisa Tomjenovic Karen Mo-Petersen   Bankole Idowu            Eva Himanen Neal Newman           Nelson Jean                Dwight Carruthers Bibi Mohamed           Harry Veening            Reetu Sharma	<b>Of note - Quorum for BHSS School Council votes is 10.</b>
5.	<b>Issues and Concerns</b> <i>Ms. Pathy and Raj Devarajah, New Council Chairperson</i>	Ms. Pathy and Raj Devarajah (Council Chair for 2018-19) led a discussion to get parents input on issues or concerns that they would like to see addressed at upcoming BHSS School Council meetings and for the Council to focus on during the school year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Math tutoring/extra support for struggling students</li> <li>Leveraging Math instructional success last year using new methods and using lessons learned to move forward this year</li> <li>SAC - Invite Student Council reps to share plans/ideas/needs</li> <li>More wellness/community events</li> <li>Fundraising initiatives; clarify fundraising goals</li> <li>AED training</li> <li>Establishing a "parents supporting parents" group to support families dealing with grief, illness, loss, etc.</li> <li>Getting a list from BHSS Staff of wishes and needs</li> <li>Seek out guidance about best practices for building a strong parent community</li> <li>Programs on how parents can help teens navigate through healthy relationships</li> </ul>	<b>ACTIONS</b> - Council Executive and BHSS Admin will use this list to inform topics of discussion and guest presenters for future meetings  - This list will also be consulted when sub-committees are formed to address these issues this year
6.	<b>Future Meeting Dates and Adjournment</b> <i>Ms. Pathy and Raj Devarajah</i>	<b>Future Meeting Dates:</b> Monday, November 19, 2018 Tuesday, January 15, 2019 Tuesday, March 19, 2019 Tuesday, May 21, 2019	<b>ACTIONS</b> - Dates of upcoming meetings will be published on the BHSS school website, as well as in upcoming issues of the Hogarth Herald.