

**BLACK WALNUT PUBLIC SCHOOL – Council Minutes**

November 7th, 2022

**In Attendance:**

**Parents:** Jennifer Reitsma, Thanusha Jeganathan, Arooj Arslan, Anna Leung, Daniel Martin-Weaver, Nassim Ghods, Arslan Ghani

**Teachers:** Radhika Batt, Aldo Barovier

**Principal:** Vivienne Baines

**Vice Principal:** Krystal Chung

**Regrets:** Reshma Khan

**Land Acknowledgment**

- Jennifer Reitsma read the YRDSB Land Acknowledgement

**Approval of today's agenda** –Arslan Ghani and Anna Leung

**Approval of October 2022 minutes** –Arslan Ghani and Thanusha Jeganathan

**School Report** – Vivienne Baines/Krystal Chung

- The school is in the early stages of planning for 10 anniversary – will reach out to school and parent community for volunteers when needed.
- Many extra-curricular activities are currently running at BWPS including chess club, eco club, cross country and volleyball.
- Outdoor classroom is almost done.
- Volunteers needed to assist with hot lunches
- School improvement plans informed by student led focus group is ongoing – focused on topics mattering and belonging, and will be seeking input by student, staff and families.
- New opening in fence by portables is being used by many families. Staff have ensured safety and there is ample safe parking close by.

**School Council Report** – Jennifer Reitsma

- The Principal profile is due and volunteers are needed to help with revisions and review, and are to reach out to Jennifer if they are able to help.

**Treasurer's Report** – Arooj Arslan

- No changes declared from last meeting. The council balance remains \$1821.38.

**Yearbook** – Jennifer Reitsma

- Reshma needs to connect with school office and will have a report next meeting. Several staff have offered their support to assist with this year's yearbook.

**Fundraising Update** – Jennifer Reitsma

- The school council may potentially take over the pizza/pasta lunches (advertising and as point person for vendors) as this has been a lot of extra work for staff. Jennifer will email parent council to see if there is any interest in volunteering.
- Survey planned for parent engagement event
- Potential asks for fundraising monies include school events such as Scientists in School, school and recreation equipment and towards 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.

**Other:**

- Next council meeting dates determined: January 16<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting – hybrid meeting on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7pm