

BLUE WILLOW P.S
School Council Minutes – NOVEMBER 21, 2025

School Council Meeting Minutes	Location: BLUE WILLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL – Library
Nov 21 2024	Start Time: 6:10 p.m End Time: 7:30
	In Person and Virtual

In Attendance

parent/guardian/ family Members: (Voting Members)	parent/guardian/ family Members: (Non Voting Members)	Student Member(s)	Administration/Staff Members	Regrets	Other Attendees
1. Jag Nebula (Co-Chair) 2. Andrea Trifunovic (Co-Chair) 3. Elisha Bessette (Pisano) (Secretary) 4. Amy Chai (Treasurer) 5. Lisa Lai (Online) 6. Amanda Galati Hunte 7. Tammesha Cox 8. Weronika Drab 9. Elif Topyurek 10. Essi Strazimiri 11. Tavia Allen (Online) 12. Tiziana Guido	13. Adia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Corey Birnbaum (Principal) Ms. Deborah Abel (Vice Principal) 		Name (if applicable)

	Agenda Items	Discussion and Action Items
1.	Call to Order & Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by Jag Jag went over the norms, and welcomed everyone.
2.	Land Acknowledgement	Mrs. Abel shared a teachers' efforts in education from the staff meeting regarding connecting to identities & importance of our names to our heritage. Mrs. Abel delivered the Land Acknowledgement. 2 versions of the Land Acknowledgement are used at the school.
3.	Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written and would be placed on the school website. Amanda motioned – all approved
4	Admin	School Happenings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Dance (with alternative non-dance activities available for students) • Take our Kids to Work (for students currently in grade 9). Grade 8's to High School Day: High school students in for the day and gr 8 to high school • Good News Assembly: Kindergartens singing at good news assembly, incredibly successful • Intermediate Girls and Boys Volleyball Tournament • Book Fair: Book fair was successful, sales - \$3000 scholastic dollars or \$2000 cash but decided not to go that route. • Progress reports shared with families • Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews • Kindness Week and Kindness Club • Collection of Early Reading screening data • Remembrance Day Assembly

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Improvement planning: Current School Improvement Priorities are – monitoring cycles 6-8 week cycle for strategies and resources. Also looking at wellbeing and sense of community across the school. Matterng and being represented in the classroom will echo in achievement. Invested in early literacy screening , as well as a math assessment and a need for manipulatives. • Morning entry and afternoon dismissal safety routines: Safety, - morning routines, after school routines, life skills and how to behave appropriately for everyone’s safety. Q: How will drop off be managed after construction is finished. A: Will let us know when they have an answer. Follow up – Q little ones have to walk around a far distance A: needs assessment can be scheduled to do a walk through. • Construction update • Recess equipment order: Recess equip order is in, for the mesh bag with age appropriate items. Two classes per bag, both for maximizing the items selected and for safety’s sake. Q- in spring is adult volunteerism an option for additional supervision? A: yes, we have had a few people have reached out, but yes its an option, with a background. Q: Fighting on the school yard, and there was not enough intervention. Need more sportsmanship refereeing on the yard. A; acknowledged and will explore. When the recess bags come in, there will be an email blast discouraging personal items at all from being on school property during school hours. • Big Brothers/Big Sisters: Game On • Kindergarten Year 1 Observations • Community Class - walking trips/YRT bus trips • New TV/Monitor display (coming soon) • Cost Sharing - using School Generated (Tuck Shop/Pizza) for 20 Chromebooks and 30 micro bits • Choir • Junior Girls and Boys Volleyball Tryouts • Intermediate Girls Basketball tryouts • Grade 3-8 Dance Club • Healthy Snack program - Community Class <p>Additional Discussions/ Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Buzz for baskets and Frosty Fest is high and gratitude, abundant - Question: catholic school transition – special requirements; Answer was to just hit the admission dates on time.
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	<p>Community Engagement</p> <p>B-WICKI Paul Davis coming for social media awareness; school is footing the bill for it. Parents are invited, Day time event,</p> <p>Frosty Fest is our evening event (in two events) – trying to break up the volume of students. Free for entry, raising money by sales of popcorn, donated coffee, and pizza, arts and crafts, Movie night in January – evening after the break.</p> <p>Trying to get an anti-racism speaker in February with the help of a grant Asking Mr. Ekins to put on a concert off site, live music.</p> <p>B-Wicki end of year will be taking pointers from last year Requesting \$500 for supplies for Frosty Fest Motion by: Jag Seconded by: Andrea Motion Passed</p> <p>Q: What if some families want to bid on baskets? A: it is totally on line.</p> <p>Q: What are the fees for the auction? A: minimal one. Should get a QR Code Round table the minimum bid idea/buy back.</p> <p>Use the web, don't use cash; check</p> <hr/> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>9.95 profit on big box so far Krispy Kreme is next</p> <p>Book basket turning into the blind date with a book idea.</p> <hr/>
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		<p>Hot Lunch Committee</p> <p>Decision to not move forward with Ciao – Instead found a 100% halal, with Indian options. They are offering samosas and a vegetarian rice. Start date is not looking like December 2nd.</p> <p>Tubbies asked not to do waffle fries – too cold – regular fries are doing better.</p> <p>Questionnaire for parents regarding the vendor performances is going out – Mid December expected to go out.</p> <p>Lunch lady is staying – she is more affordable, and healthier which is a need and a want from parent.</p> <p>Fancy burger – made a customized menu for us! Results of the last survey wants a lot more food diversity.</p> <p>Not everyone knows how to use lunchbox – wanted to host a virtual session over zoom with a live demo for how to use it! – Settlement workers with language barriers would be able to attend and it could be helpful.</p> <hr/> <p>Pro Grant – Jag</p> <p>Karate and Art were this years main focus to be run as per discussed last year.</p> <p>After school is better if coordinated with le club.</p> <p>The list has just come out and we are waiting to hear back from them, it is still new.</p> <hr/> <p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Weronika – Council forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There were some vendors that gave out a lot of parenting resources. Services are free for most programs and sessions for kids with a variety of developmental challenges. Flyers were taken. Stepping stones parenting classes. Can we make photocopies? A; Yes - The forum – running a school council – a lot of councils were where we were last year. - Pancake day – school sold them for \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and they made a lot of money. - Stem night with York university and cooking classes - Concert and bingo night
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On curriculum night – before they started Cake and coffee before- Champion parent for each age group – how they infiltrated the grades to get info out.- Social hour before council meetings.- Math – direct parents to the ministry website.
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5.	Meeting Adjournment	
		Jag noted there was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

- February 27, 2025. Changed to Feb 20th due to Provincial Election (Revised on Jan 29, 2025)
- May 22, 2025