

BLUE WILLOW P.S
School Council Minutes – January 18, 2024

School Council Meeting Minutes	Location: BLUE WILLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL – Library
Date: JANUARY 18 2024	Time: 6:00p.m.
	In Person

In Attendance

parent/guardian/family Members:	Administration/StaffMembers	Student Member(s)	Regrets	Other Attendees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nadia Mohamad Regina Teper Tammesha Cox Jag Nebula Lisa Lai Maryam Mojlaj Elif Topyurek Chandaa Noreen Kiran Nagra Essi Strazim Andrea Trifunovic Amrinder Saini 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Andre Medina (School Principal) Ms. Deborah Abel (Vice Principal) Mr. Alphanso Barton (Teacher) 		Amanda Galati Hunte	Name (if applicable)

	Agenda Items	Discussion and Action Items
1.	Call to Order & Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 6.00 pm by co-chair Regina Teper
2.	Land Acknowledgement	Ms. Deboral Abel delivered the Land Acknowledgement. Ms. Abel also mentioned the two types of Land Acknowledgements are done by the BWPS students weekly (Kindergarten/early primary simplified version and regular version)
3.	Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.
4.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	There are two changes to be made to Meeting Minutes on November 23 rd , 2023. Jag to be added as Fundraising Committee and Mr. Alphanso Barton to be included as teacher representative. The minutes were approved, as written. Approved by Regina Teper and second by Chanda Noreen
5.	Information Items (as required)	<p><u>Norms of Collaboration</u></p> <p>The Chairs asked everyone to read and acknowledge the Norms of Collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presuming positive intentions • Listen to understand. • One person speaks at a time. <p>The norms were all agreed to by everyone present.</p> <p><u>Meeting Minutes</u></p> <p>The meeting minutes will be posted on the school's website under the School Council tab. http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/bluewillow.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/default.aspx Ms. Abel advised that the Minutes from October 5, 2023, meeting, are currently uploaded and November 23rd 2023 will be up on the website shortly.</p> <p>Mr. Medina re-introduced the School's Council team and the teacher's representative Mr. Barton.</p>

	<p><i>Sub-Committees Updates</i></p>	<p><u>Communication</u> Emails for members will be shared with the council.</p> <p>The email address to contact the Chairs is up and running and any communication should be sent to them at blue.willow.ps2@sc.yrdsb.ca Emails will be responded to in a few days from receipt.</p> <p>SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES</p> <p><u>PRO Grant</u> Regina Teper is completing the application for the PRO grant.</p> <p><u>Fun Fair Committee</u> A second request for volunteers for the Fun Fair committee was made. Tammesha Cox volunteered to the position of lead and Regina Teper volunteered to be a member of the committee. The Fun Fair is proposed to be held in the last week of May 2024. A meeting with the principal will transpire to iron out all the relevant details.</p> <p><u>Community Engagement Committee</u> A request for members to establish the Community Engagement Committee was proposed. We had no volunteers at this time. This committee is streamlined to focus on community events which will benefit the surrounding community.</p> <p><u>School Council Constitution Committee</u> A request for members to establish the School Council Constitution Committee was proposed. Jag Nebula and Elif Topyurek volunteered. The committee will review the current BWPS school council constitution and act in an advisory capacity to the Principal. They will share recommendations to the School Council.</p> <p><u>HOT LUNCHESES COMMITTEE UPDATE</u> The presentation was made by the lead Essi Strazimiri, and she was accompanied by Andrea Trifunovic. We currently have pizza day on Mondays by Little Caesars, which is run by the school.</p>
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	<i>Teacher Report</i>	
	<i>Principal Report</i>	<p><u>TEACHER REPORT</u> Mr. Barton made a presentation on the Teachers’ Wish list on what they would like for the School Council’s assistance with this school year.</p> <p>The items on the Wish List are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iPad – 1-3 per class for MLL (Google translate) use (Gr.4-8) \$560 each. A total of 15-45 • Arts Performance - \$2000-\$3000 (if the entire school attends) • Portable Bluetooth speaker (JBL Go3) \$70 • A full-sized World Map to help support learning in Social Studies / Geography <p>iPads do not fall under the cost share program. With 1-3 iPads per class that would be a total of 15-45.</p> <p>No decision was made on moving forward with any items during this meeting.</p> <p>Conversation took place regarding the costs of iPads and YRDSB purchasing process</p> <p><u>PRINCIPAL REPORT</u> In response to questions asked, the principal mentioned that the school’s aim is to replenish</p>

		<p>chrome books and school uniforms which were 15 years old. With the current school budget, a quarter of the funding is used for textbooks.</p> <p>Many questions raised which principal addressed and therefore due to time constraints Principal was unable to share additional information.</p>
6.	Decision Items (as required)	<p>Fun Fair Committee Team: Tammesha Cox & Regina Teper. School Council Constitution Committee: Jag Nebula and Elif Topyurek volunteered. Fund Raising Committee – Kernels popcorn and Casa Nostra frozen pizza. Hot Lunch Menu- Harvey's</p>
7.	Other Business (as required)	<p>Any information for publication in weekly newsletter to be sent to Ms. Abel by Thursday.</p> <p>An agreement was made that when sub-committees meet it will be funneled through Chairs and then via Mr. Medina.</p>
8.	Meeting Adjournment	Regina Teper noted there was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

Future Meeting Dates: March 7, 2024
 May 9, 2024