

BLUE WILLOW P.S
School Council Minutes – MARCH 7TH 2024

School Council Meeting Minutes	Location: BLUE WILLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL – Library
MARCH 7 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"> • Regina Teper (Co-Chair) • Amanda Galati Hunte (Treasurer) • Tammesha Cox (Secretary) • Jag Nebula • Lisa Lai • Weronika Drab • Shuchi Java • Aparna Narayan • Kulvinder Gill • Elisha Bessette • Elif Topyurek • Andrea Trifunovic • Essi Strazimir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Rita Angellotti (Principal) • Ms. Deborah Abel (Vice Principal) • Mr Alphanso Barton (teacher) • Ms Gajendran (librarian) • Ms. Paluzzi (teacher) • Ms. Gill (teacher) 			Name (if applicable)

		<p><u>Recent School Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Kindergarten Registration • Supporting Course selection for Grade 8 students • Black History Month- Celebrated through classroom activities; 2 author visits. • Lunar New Year- Celebrated through classroom activities. • Pink Shirt Day: Honoured through classroom activities. <p><u>Upcoming School Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 Career Day • Planning for graduation, including Grade 8 Team Building Trip • Grade 7/8 Team Building Bowling Trip • Discover Kindergarten • EQAO • Vaughan Fire Services Hazard House • BORC – Grade 2,4,7 • Track & Field • Community Class Dance Workshops • April- B.L.U.E Good News Assembly (Blue Willow, Upstanding Citizen, and Excellence • Early planning underway for Math’s Night (Tentative date – April 18) <p>The principal mentioned some of the school’s current Extracurricular activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior and Intermediate Girls and Boys Basketball and Volleyball • Intermediate Badminton • Games and Reading Club • Intermediate Girls Empowerment Group • Library Helpers • Dance Club
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		<p><u>Instagram Account</u></p> <p>The Blue Willow Instagram account has been launched. The Instagram handle is @blue_willowps. The purpose of this account is to showcase extracurricular activities, celebrate student success, and inform or update families in a fun way. Communication will be sent to families to inform them of the launch.</p> <p><u>School Improvement Report</u></p> <p><i>What is the School Improvement Plan (SIP)</i></p> <p>The SIP identifies and outlines the school's needs, practices, and the work required to achieve school developed targets and goals. The goals of the SIP align with the Board Priorities, goals, strategies, and plans. They are reviewed and updated on a continual basis. An important part of the development and review of the SIP is the school council's input. The school principal shares and collects input on the SIP past of their responsibilities on the school council.</p> <p>To date, the school has built a collective and shared understanding of culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy through staff PD to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on UDL • Focus on text selection • Focus on high expectations • Understanding the cultural continuum <p>As next steps, the staff will bring information gathered by leadership team to the full staff by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building understanding of the journey • Share results of the data analysis • Gather input from staff on the theory of action generated from the conversations about the data.
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		<p><u>School Data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community is seeing an increased population which then translates to an increase in the number of students at BWPS. • There is also an increase in the number of students leaving BWPS (121); and the school has received 175 new students so far. • There is an increased number of new learners (new to Canada) and Multi Language Learners (MLL). The data presented showed an almost 7% increase Year-over-Year (YoY) in 2022. • Increasing number of suspensions related directly to protocol for addressing incidents of discrimination/hate. Suspensions also relate to physical altercations occurring at recess and during instructional time. • There is also an increase in microaggressions and racial slurs. A need for continued work around protocols to address; interrupt; educate students. • There is also an increase in the number of behavioural challenges in primary classes. • There is an increase in the number of families requiring assistance from outside agencies and community partners. • In the classroom, data showed that there is an increased number of EIS students requiring school-based support.
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		<p>Action Plan</p> <p>To continue to focus on a sense of belonging, the school has a few items on the agenda and has started to implement some.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Hopes (School Activity) • Introduction of Good News Assembly • Celebration of heritage months with school/classroom activities • Sharing with staff and community, the school highlights in the weekly communication • Introduction of Instagram • Updating the library and library resources (longer term project) • Staff PD on Math and Literacy <p><u>Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)</u></p> <p>EQAO's provincial tests assess students' literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy (mathematics) skills at key points in students' kindergarten to Grade 12.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To date, BWPS staff have focused on building a stronger sense of mattering and belonging based on EQAO student questionnaires, data tracking from ongoing student interactions. 2. The EQAO data has also been shared with staff. 3. BWPS saw decreasing EQAO results with the number of level 2 students having increased. 4. In the Junior Division 61 students participated and 62 participants in the Primary division.
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	<p><i>Committees Presentations</i></p> <p><u>Teacher Presentation</u> Ms. Gajendran and Ms. Paluzzi & Ms. Gill</p> <p>The motion was to approve \$650 for dance costumes for dance committee presentation.</p> <p><u>Grants Sub- Committee</u></p> <p>The Pro Grant was approved, and Funds will be used to fund the elementary Math Night.</p> <p><u>Hot Lunches Sub-Committee</u></p> <p>Ital Pizza was introduced as a lunch suggestion, however more information will need to be gathered for it to be considered an option. Lunch Lady was discussed as another lunch option and possible samples to be distributed at the next meeting, for it to be considered as a viable lunch option for next school year starting September 2024.</p> <p>A vote was made to proceed with the plans for a frozen pizza option from Casa Nostra. Arrangements will be made for orders to be picked up from Casa Nostra on the date which will be announced later, located at 51 Jevlan Drive.</p> <p><u>Fun Fair committee</u> The Fun Fair committee and the Community development committee have decided to merge to try to bring forth more community-based events in the future.</p>
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		<p><u>Constitution Committee</u></p> <p>Constitution committee reported approval of the Blue Willow Public School- School Council constitution as is.</p> <p>However, it was recommended that parents review the current constitution and suggest any changes that they best see fit.</p> <p>The most recent version of the constitution was last updated in February 2016.</p> <p><u>Approval of Upcoming Funding</u></p> <p>The Council approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost Sharing (15 iPads) – purchased for \$3,426.45. • Robotics- \$2000 (Invoice however totalled \$840.26) • Dance – Shirts purchased (may still be additional costs) \$332.67. <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>Current account balance - \$5965.24</p> <p>Multiple invoices to be paid from this balance including Harvey's and Kernels.</p>
6.	Decision Items (as required)	
7.	Other Business (as required)	
8.	Meeting Adjournment	Regina Teper noted there was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Future Meeting Date:

