

BLUE WILLOW P.S
School Council Minutes – MAY 9th 2024

School Council Meeting Minutes	Location: BLUE WILLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL – Library
May 9 2024	Time: 6:08p.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 (Chair) • Amanda Galati Hunte (Treasurer) • Tammesha Cox (Secretary) • Jag Nebula • Tania Allen • Andrea Trifunovic • Lisa Lai • Ali Rezaei • Robert Brown II • Essi Strazimiri • Elisha Bessette (Pisano) • Elif Topyurek • Maryam Mojlaaj • Megan Kenaraki • Aparna Narayan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Terry McElrea (Principal on Assignment) • Ms. Deborah Abel (Vice Principal) • Mr. Alphanso Barton (teacher) 			Name (if applicable)

	Agenda Items	Discussion and Action Items
1.	Call to Order & Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 6.08 pm by co-chair Regina Teper
2.	Land Acknowledgement	Ms. Debora Abel delivered the Land Acknowledgement Two books entitled Wayi Wah and Braiding Sweetgrass were introduced to the students to expose indigenous learning within the school.
3.	Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.
4.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	There were no changes or objections to the March 7 th minutes. The minutes were approved, as written. Approved by Regina Teper and seconded by Maryam Mojlaj.
5.	PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL REPORT	<p>ONGOING AND HAPPENING AT BWPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good news assembly currently focuses on kindness. The last good news assembly took place at the end of April and was put on by the junior team. It also focused on showcasing achievement and a sense of belonging and showing kindness to others. It is a good way to celebrate all learners. • The week of May 13th, transition learner profile meetings take place to support transitions for Grade 8 students who are at risk academically, socially,

		<p>emotionally or due to language barriers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also at the school assembly, Autism Acceptance month was celebrated in April. With the transition from awareness to acceptance on the forefront. The school currently has three (3) community classes with students on the spectrum and they are also integration of students in the regular classrooms. • SEVA (Sikh Educators Voice Alliance) Chai and Chat took place on May 8th, 2024, from 9am to 10am. Members of the Sikh community were present to connect with the school community. • During this school year, the six (6) mandated fire drills were completed. During the fire drill, all students exited the school in an orderly fashion in a timely manner. The exit times were good and have been improving over time. Staff ensured that all students were accounted for, and they recorded the time that it took to exit safely. • Lockdown drills were also completed this school year. Lockdown drills are taken very seriously as they come to life when a school is in imminent danger. During the drill, staff walked around to check the doors and the classrooms and ensured all students and teachers were out of sight. Students were also told not to draw attention to themselves to ensure safety. For students with sensory challenges, it was suggested that sensory bins and blinds can be used for students in future drills. Ms. Abel will reach out to the school's Occupational Therapist for more information on this option if it is deemed necessary by community class teachers and will get feedback on what can be implemented for students who have sensory needs. The Community Outreach group suggested that they can use this as an opportunity to educate parents and the community and to acquire relevant tools. It was suggested that the council can reach out to York Region Mental Health, and York Region Fire Department to visit the school to have a chat with students and staff <p><u>Upcoming School Events</u></p>
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	COMMITTEES PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement: Voting members should be onsite to vote 4 times a year. <p>Online Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology should be available for online representation of council meetings to ensure parental involvement even if they're not physically present Hybrid meeting options should be offered if possible Hybrid meetings would be the responsibility of Council <p>Student Representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council would like to add a student representative at the next school council meeting <p>September Council Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first council meeting in September will include a summarized report and a review of the constitution <p>Order of Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First meet with Principal, then bring the matter to council for a two-thirds vote to pass the notion <p><u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make the agenda more detailed so that the council also have an idea in advance on the action items. Going forward, council to receive data for teachers' presentations beforehand, when possible, so that well-informed decisions can be made on funding needs. Council to get teachers Wishlist in advance, when possible. <p>The Administration will have a large overview in advance of what is needed for the fundraising plan and present it to the council beforehand.</p> <p>Current account balance – 16,377.68</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hot lunch invoice was paid.
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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 8:18pm.

Future Meeting Date: