

BLUE WILLOW P.S
School Council Minutes – SEPTEMBER 26TH 2024

School Council Meeting Minutes	Location: BLUE WILLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL – Library
SEPT 26 2024	Time: 6:00 p.m.
	In Person

In Attendance

parent/guardian/family Members:	parent/guardian/family Members:	Student Member(s)	Administration/Staff Members	Regrets	Other Attendees
1. Amanda Galati-Hunte 2. Tammesha Cox 3. Jag Nebula 4. Tania Allen 5. Andrea Trifunovic 6. Lisa Lai 7. Robert Brown 8. Essi Strazimiri 9. Elisha Bessette (Pisano) 10. Elif Topyurek 11. Maryam Mojlaj 12. Megan Kenaraki 13. Aparna Narayan 14. Rohini Paul 15. Yusif Hasanov 16. Tiziana Guido	17. Faranak Arianpour 18. Weronika Drab 19. Amy Chai 20. Hoda Salari 21. Anna Motazedi 22. Shuchi Jawa 23. Sonal Bhatia 24. Pavan Thadani 25. Ankit Gupta 26. Oleg Yeudayev 27. Nazima Aliyeva 28. Bircan/ Guzel Dusmus 29. Aida Salehitavana 30. Nima Tadbir 31. Dritan Boshti 32. Delaram Alinaghi 33. Marzena Tyszkiewicz 34. Nadia Mohamad		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Corey Birnbaum (Principal) Ms. Deborah Abel (Vice Principal) Ms. Setton (teacher) 		Name (if applicable)

	35. Irina Boshti 36. Mercan Kirisikoglu 37. Rose Dipardo 38. Kuldip Singh 39. Aparna Mohankumar 40. Marisa Harris 41. Meera Vaidya				
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	Agenda Items	Discussion and Action Items
1.	Call to Order & Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Mr. Birnbaum
2.	Land Acknowledgement	Ms. Deboral Abel delivered the Land Acknowledgement. 2 versions of the Land Acknowledgement are used at the school. Students are taught Indigenous education and Truth and Reconciliation Day is celebrated nationally on Monday September 30, 2024.
3.	Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.
4.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	There were no changes or objections to the May 9 th , 2024, minutes. The minutes were approved, as written. Approved by Jag Nebula and seconded by Amanda

		<p>Construction</p> <p>Construction of the 2 kindergarten classes will be completed after the winter break with work taking place outside of school hours. They are currently on schedule.</p> <p>There is a hiccup with regards to the new tarmac as it is not level. The fix needs to be done prior to winter this year.</p> <p>School Marquee</p> <p>We are awaiting letters for the sign to become usable as they are on back order.</p> <p>Council annual report</p> <p>The past chair of the school council has completed the council annual report for the previous school year which is currently available for viewing.</p> <p>Terry fox Walk/Run</p> <p>With a goal of \$2500, the school raised \$2100 and are still collecting donations. If goal is reached, the students will get a pajama day.</p> <p>Safety Week</p> <p>The school practices emergency drills throughout the school year.</p> <p>On September 12th a fire drill took place and there are 6 planned for the year.</p> <p>Lock down drill was done the week of September 16th where students and teachers found a safe space in the classroom and practiced safety protocols.</p> <p>Hold and secure drill is where an incident is taking place within the community but not in actual school. At that time, exits and entrances are prohibited.</p> <p>Both the lock down drill and hold and secure drill are directed by York region police.</p> <p>Bomb treat drill - Drill will take place the week of September 30th, 2024.</p> <p>PA Day September 27</p> <p>Teacher will use this day to focus on compliance training, literacy and mathematics</p>
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		<p>training.</p> <p>Primary Choir Practice (Grades 2 and 3) Practice has commenced with music teacher Mr. Eakins.</p> <p>Announcements Leadership team Daily announcements and the national anthem time change to 8.25am from 10:00am</p> <p>Tuck Shop- nutritious snacks \$2 at morning recess only. New purchase procedure: Tuck shop punch card soon launching for \$12 with \$2 increments that are hole punched as used.</p> <p>Sports Intermediate girls' and boys' volleyball Junior and intermediate cross country</p> <p>Library helpers Junior and intermediate student volunteers</p> <p>Student nominated club proposal form Form is used for students to propose an idea within the school.</p> <p>Student leadership team Intermediate students to gather voice within school</p> <p>Late Buses There has been a shortage of drivers, so students on the affected route has been arriving late at school.</p> <p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National day truth and reconciliation Day- Sept 30th, 2024
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	<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caring and Safe School assembly- Oct 2nd ○ New Turkish families welcome orientation – Oct 9th ○ Curriculum night – Oct 10th ○ Junior and intermediate Track and Field – Oct 16th ○ Team building at Cold Creek – Oct 15th ○ Graduation – Initial planning for Jun 23rd <p><u>Other Business – Your Questions Answered</u></p> <p>Parent/Guardians Volunteers – volunteers will have- working collectively with staff on a plan that supports the school improvement</p> <p>Considerations include ensuring student privacy maintained and parent / guardian consent.</p> <p>Soap dispensers- Washrooms are now monitored throughout the day due to incidences at the beginning of the school year with wastage of soap in the washrooms. Caretaking team is currently doing frequent checks.</p> <p>Teachers in classrooms are now focusing on modelling hand washing techniques.</p> <p>Safety and AC- Action plan with migrating students to cool spaces in school on hot days such as library and the gym. The principal will bring forward Lisa’s idea to add a cooling space upstairs.</p> <p>Recognizing student’s birthdays</p> <p>The school will commence the acknowledgement of students’ birthdays in the classrooms</p> <p>As it relates to birthday celebrations, the school cannot accommodate distribution of food/drink or gift bags due to allergies and safety unless cleared by the teacher in</p>
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		<p>advance.</p> <p>As an alternative, parents/guardians are encouraged to donate a book to library as an option – but will need speak to teacher first.</p> <p>Mathematics Skills</p> <p>MathUP (Teacher Tool) and MathUP for student – accessible to all teachers</p> <p>Promoting conversations in math (math talk)</p> <p>Comprehensive math program</p> <p>Working through needs assessment</p> <p>Suggestion: Maths contest for students.</p> <p>FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Literacy – enhancing the learning commons, identify affirming levelled readers, dual language texts, high interest low vocal costs ▪ Numeracy- steam and robotics opportunity, building supply of math manipulatives ▪ Modern learning- cost sharing Chromebook focus ▪ Mental health- recess equip ▪ Equity- accessibility for all <p>ELECTION OF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co- Chair (2 positions) ▪ Treasurer ▪ Secretary ▪ Voting members (13 positions) <p>Election of Voting Members</p>
	<p>FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES</p> <p>ELECTION</p>	

		<p>Facilitated by Mr. Birnbaum</p> <p>Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One vote per family. • There were 13 votes (12 from parents and 1 from a teacher), but per the constitution, we could elect up to a maximum of 15 voting members. • Voting members must attend all meetings and can have no more than 2 absences. <p>Out of 17 nominations, 12 voting members were elected through a Google Form vote. Each candidate had 30 seconds to present why they should be selected. As only 13 members were required, all candidates gave a brief 30-second introduction on why they wanted to be a voting member. Maryam later withdrew from the voting process.</p> <p>Election of Voting Members:</p> <p>12 voting members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weronika Drab 2. Amy Chai 3. Amanda Galati-Hunt 4. Tiziana Guido 5. Tavia Allen 6. Elif Topyurek 7. Tammesha Cox 8. Jag Nebula 9. Elisha Bessette (Pisano) 10. Lisa Lai 11. Essi Strazimiri 12. Andrea Trifunovic <p>Teacher</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Setton.
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6.	Decision Items (as required)	Elected Co-chairs – Jag and Andrea Treasurer- Amy Secretary – Elisha
7.	Other Business (as required)	
8.	Meeting Adjournment	Mr. Birnbaum noted there was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Future Meeting Dates:

- October 17, 2024
- November 21, 2024
- February 27, 2025
- May 22, 2025