

Bogart Public School Council
February 21, 2018
6:30-8:30 pm

Administration and Members Present: Bob Sandiford, Paula Man, Jessica Bedard, Rudy Pries, Suzanne MacPherson, Karen Fullerton, Celia Ward, Alyssa Roberts, Elisa Mobile, Shahid Maqsood, Zahida Shahid

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Paula Man in the Learning Commons in the library at 6:38 pm. Call for minutes was missed during meeting, and was sent electronically to council members for approval via e-vote.

Student Council:

- GNA is coming up, and this month's value is initiative.
- There is a drive going on for Valentine's day with funds going to water filters for Cambodia; Student Council will be continuing to fundraise after the trip
 - fundraising initiatives include activities like the "hat day" fundraiser (allows students to pay to wear a hat on Fridays)
- Badminton tryouts have started
- Intermediate basketball team placed 2nd in areas
- Poetry slam: went to competition
- Coding Club has started, and has been popular
- Ms. Godin's Robotics club will be coming up soon. Most equipment is ready- just need volunteer teachers.
- This week is Kindness Week
- Fundraising proceeds from the Sr. Girls' basketball tournaments will be going towards the intermediate trip
- There is interest in running a fun fair, however, Ms. Sousa is on leave, and used to be the spearhead. Mr. Sandiford is trying to organize/work out details.

Principal's Report

- Staffing updates:
 - School currently running with 25 classrooms, and next year, there will be 26 classrooms. Currently unsure of where the extra class is going- may be a portable or room 116.
 - Ms. Sousa on a mat leave, and the new CYW is Ms. Kyle.
 - Ms. Tucci has come back to the grade 2/3 class, and is back 2/3 of a day for literacy and math; a new teacher was hired today to cover the remaining 1/3 of the day
- Juniors have gone skating twice, and have two more sessions, the intermediates have 2 sessions coming in early March
- Students went to see Black History Month performance last week, and it was well attended and liked. Mr. Miller was up on stage.
 - LTOs who hadn't previously attended really enjoyed it
 - there were new things added in this year as well for those who have seen it previously
- A lockdown drill had been scheduled, but due to the school shooting in Florida, it has been deferred to March 5th
- Fred Penner concert in Markham for kindergarten and grade 1s is scheduled for March 6
- As graduation approaches, there will be requests made to the Council for fund allocations.
- This year, the school was able to acquire the cafeteria at the high school after the graduation ceremony for the dinner and dance
 - this will save money on busing, and the venue has A/C
 - will request funding as costs arise; may be able to share DJ
- Projections show that the student population is increasing next year; FDK registration is still incoming

- Mr. Sandiford is currently working on staffing and organization; will moderate as registrations come through
- Ms. Palis' husband has passed away, and she has not been at school
- Ms. El-Zabat is currently off, and scheduled to come back shortly
- There may be some people ready for retirement soon. Mr. Sandiford may be looking at retiring this year as well.
- Art murals for the library are being finalized, and scheduled to be completed over March break. There have been 6-7 characters from literature selected by staff and students, including those from Wonder, Harry Potter, Winnie the Pooh, Ms. Frizzel (Magic School Bus), and the Cat in the Hat
- Great job on the bottle drive
- Voices for Africa coming up on March 7. The new Director will be there to bring greetings from the board. This is the 12th year running.
- Report cards are out
- "Lice Lady", Nurse Shelly will be examining the whole school for a lice check.
 - Normally, in November/December, the lice lady comes in
 - The former lice lady retired, and a new lice lady will be coming in.
 - The Lice Squad is expensive, so families can be referred to Nurse Shelly as a less expensive option.

Teachers' Report

- Ms. Parsons made a plan for people to complete acts of kindness this month, and they are posted in the hall
- Ms. Godin has parent volunteers for Coding (grades 4-8), as well as a person from the high school coming in
- Chess Club is going strong; Optimist Tournament is on the 28th
- Food drive winners were announced
- Ukelele request update:
 - request made for 6
 - unable to restring due to condition (holes with screws are stripped, etc.)
 - discussed the pricing: higher quality lasts longer than the lower quality, especially when being used by so many people
 - Mr. Sandiford said that if School Council would put forward \$300, that the remaining would be covered by the school
- The concert today was well enjoyed.

Fundraising

- Dance-a-thon is all day on March 8
- Request made to use the same schedule as last year for each class; approved by Mr. Sandiford
- There is a letter that has been used in previous years for donations to businesses. Paula will sign on behalf of the council; can take the letters to businesses to request donations, prizes, etc.
- Council agreed to put money towards buying daily prizes:
 - squishies on key chains,
 - previously, teachers donated a their time or expertise, etc. (a letter was given out to teachers last year, and will be re-distributed)
- Pizza and movie for the classrooms that fundraised the most
- Daily prizes were given out every day for two weeks- opinion put forward that this was not communicated well to the parents, and will be emphasized this year
 - Daily prize draws will need to be started next Monday
 - prize draws happen daily when folder is brought in
 - 3 draws a day for 8 days
 - 30 squishees for \$28, movie passes for prizes
 - will display prizes in the front display
 - can purchase tickets for movies or gift cards from cinplex in dollar amounts instead of Costco

- school also has \$80 worth of Purdy's gift cards
- can also wait to see what comes in donation-wise
- need to find prizes that are age appropriate
- video games gift cards, online stores for gaming \$10, etc. can be purchased from Wal-Mart (X-Box, Playstation, iTunes, Tim's cards, McDonald's, Mastermind cards, Kernels, etc. all suggested
- Mr. Sandiford approved school-wide rewards that were outlined last year (chew gum for a day, wear a hat for a day, double recess)
- Grade 7/8s need to have a minimum of \$5 pledge or they stay in the classroom
- Seanna can give class numbers to prepare envelopes. They will need to go out to the teachers tomorrow night or Friday morning
- Class thermometers approved
- Decorations from last year can be used
- Will need volunteers for daily counts, set up, day of, etc.
- Jack Astors fundraiser is not set up yet, need to confirm with manager who has been unavailable
- On the Wednesday before Eater, the Purdy's chocolate bars will be put on School Cash Online.

Financials

- Straight forward from last meeting
- Proceeds have come in from Healthy Hunger and bottle drive

Other

- "Screenagers" screening will be tomorrow at Huron Heights High School for parents and kids 12+; attendance is almost capped out.
- Discussion regarding safety in the Kiss and Ride area during pick ups and drop offs- suggestion was made for a line where people have to drive up to before students are unloaded.

Allocations:

- Science in the Classroom funds have been set aside; no money has been deducted; need to remind teachers in staff meeting; most will use the program as a prep for EQA
- Vote put forward for ukuleles: \$300 from Council and the remainder to be topped off by school-approved
- Will talk to Ms. Godin and Ms. Dungee re: robotics and bee bots- no firm number yet
- Vote for \$150 to spend on prizes for dance-a-thon: voted and approved

Next meeting on March 28th @ 6:30 pm