

Bogart Public School Council
January 17, 2018
6:30-8:30 pm

Administration and Members Present: Bob Sandiford, Paula Man, Jessica Bedard, Deb Godin, Rudy Pries, Suzanne MacPherson, Peter Konecny, Karen Fullerton, Shahid Maqsood, Zahida Shahid,

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Paula Man in the Learning Commons in the library at 6:40 pm. Call for minutes to be approved brought forward by Paula Man, approved by Suzanne MacPherson, seconded by Alyssa Roberts

Principal's Report

- There are currently 53 chrome books being processed in the office. Grades 4-8 will have 18 chrome books per classroom; there are approximately 216 chrome books in the school
 - There is tech available for Special Ed students, and/or students with an IEP
 - The school will be evaluating the condition of the netbooks currently in use, and then creating a plan to move forward
 - laptops may possibly be put in the office for borrowing
 - There will be a review of chrome book etiquette and more stringent enforcement of proper care and storage, as some students have been piling them on top of each other
- Junior and intermediate volleyball and basketball are starting
- An email blast was sent out to the school community regarding traffic safety following the incident in Toronto.
 - Students need to be leaving the car with their bags, preferably out the passenger side of the car. Mornings are especially busy, as there is a 10 minute window to get all students inside the school safely.
 - Buses and cars are not able to pass one another, and buses are not legally able to pass cars with their trunks open
 - Parents have also been driving around to the back of the school and parking and/or idling there for drop-offs, however, this is teacher parking. The fumes created from idling vehicles is also an issue, especially in front of the portables.
 - Will be requesting a quicker transit time through the "kiss and go", and ideally, moving children out through the passenger side of the car
 - Another issue is that some bus students are being driven in the mornings, creating more traffic
 - School enrolment is currently up to 636 students, and next year will be around 640 (estimate)
 - At the end of the school day, parents are not able to enter the parking lot once staff have gone outside
 - There will be a call for greater attention to safety outside/ in the parking lot
 - Have been trying to limit the number of students moving through the front doors to allow it to be clear when the buses pull out
- Louise Sirisko has been appointed as the new director of the YRDSB
- Kindergarten registration will start on Friday, January 19th (PA day)
- Red Cross will be running a Babysitting course on the 19th at the school
- PA day on the 19th will be to allow teachers to work on report cards/collaborate for written comments. Report cards will be sent home on February 14th.
- The next Parent Speaker Series will be coming up on the 25th, and information has been emailed out
- An artist was brought in before Christmas to evaluate the second level of the library, and a decision has been made to paint characters from popular children's literature to match with the 10 character traits of the school. An email has been sent out to the school community requesting suggestions for the characters and matching traits. The painting will be completed during March Break.

- Black History Month is coming up, and students will be going to see Glen Murray at Newmarket Theatre. Cost is \$3.60 per student.
- 3-4 staff members will be attending a training on mental health first aid; it is being paid for through school funds, and attendees will bring back key learnings to share with the staff (i.e., students with mental illness, anxiety, etc)
- Math is a focus, and several staff will be doing a book study and bringing info back to staff meetings
- PA day tomorrow
- February 2nd is also a PA day; this will be for board priorities around math and learning disabilities
- Numbers of lates have been growing, and an email will be sent out in attempts to get it back under control.

Teachers' Report

- Grade 8s will be going on a trip to Montreal in April, and the school is setting up a parent info night with the tour company (currently waiting for a date from the company)
 - 107 kids confirmed to go on the trip
 - any students wanting to stay behind will have programming in place
 - itinerary has been planned, money is in
 - meeting with the tour company will be to give specifics about hotel, security company, buses, restaurants, etc.
 - staff will be present for the meeting to address concerns/questions from parents as well
- Coding: 2 parent council members and a staff member's husband are running a coding program after school (starting tomorrow); more than 50 kids from grades 5-8 have signed up for it.
- The girls' tech club is up and running with the high school
- Ms. Reeve is running three jr. basketball tournaments at the school: tomorrow, January 25th, and in February
- Mr. Patry will be running a mini tournament for intermediate girls basketball on the 25th and trying to organize another one later
- Chess club- the school will pay for kids to go to Optimist to compete; we have a strong primary division again this year
- Student council continues to be active; they are helping to run tournaments, have been fundraising, (ie. candy canes) but some fundraisers have been running over due to snow days
- Drumming practices for Xtreme Drummers have begun
- Math Club finished in December; high school students are currently writing exams, so we will look to start up again in February and March. Over 70 students attended in the first part of the year.
- Ms. Sousa reported that the food drive was successful.
- The poetry slam is coming up, and then there will be a competition in 3 weeks
- Bogart Ambassadors, Kids 4 Kids, and all the clubs are still running
- Older students are volunteering in Kindergarten classes and as library helpers during lunch.
- Ms. Park has put in a request for a Yamaha clarinet- cost is \$460 (\$529 after tax) as well as for ukuleles- \$46 for low end or \$79 for better quality
 - will confirm how many based on how much is available
 - would like to have them sooner than later
 - suggestion was made to look into whether they are able to re-string old ukuleles instead of purchasing new ones
- Discussed request for funds to purchase Bee Bots- will be used from Kindergarten- grade 2, and will be used right away if purchased
- The band is going to Wonderland, and have been practicing music from Jurassic Park

Fundraising

- Due to inclement weather, the bottle drive was re-scheduled, and will be next Saturday (January 27th).
 - Alyssa will coordinate volunteers via email; 8-10 people needed
 - Volunteers have been asked to bring 10 empty boxes from the liquor or beer store

- Beer and wine bottles will need to be sorted by colour, cans counted and bagged with the number written on the side of the bag. They have a sheet to keep inventory to do one massive drop, or people can stagger depending on number of bottles collected.
- School will be opened for the duration of the bottle drive
- Requested that the street sign be updated to reflect the date change
- Discussed the possibility of doing another bottle drive after the May long weekend as well
- Jack Astors fundraiser has started, and an email blast will be sent out
 - 10% of each bill that people submit will go to Bogart; fundraiser will be running until the end of May
- The dance-a-thon will be the Thursday before March break; planning will begin soon
- Mabel's Labels fundraiser has started; need to sell a minimum of \$50 per month to receive payment. If sales are under \$50, amount will roll over to the next month.
 - The Welcome to Kindergarten packages are being worked on right now, and the fundraiser info will be included in the packages.
- Still have Purdy's chocolate bars in the office; will send online cash reminder for Easter. Purdy's does have an online Easter fundraiser. This year, Easter is April 1st, will need to decide whether or not to proceed.
 - Will start with promoting chocolate bars for Valentine's Day and then see if there is still chocolate left over for Easter.

Financials

- No huge changes over holidays
- Reviewed detailed report
- Karen sold \$207 worth of chocolate after the Christmas concert. Left over chocolate will be targeted for Valentine's Day
- Proceeds from Healthy Hunger have come in
- Balance of just over \$3000
- Will wait for info regarding ukuleles before voting on allocations

Other

- School emails are not coming through for some people; individuals can contact Seanna if there are any issues. A hard copy regarding emails can send home with students.
- There is an upcoming School Violence Symposium, however attendance may just be open for the chairs of the Council
- All the events for the Newmarket Parents Network have been posted
 - Thursday, January 25th at Meadowbrook- Learning Disabilities Association of York Region
 - February 22nd- "Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age" with Jennifer Castle Todd leading a panel discussion. They are expecting quite a few people, as it is open to high schools as well, so there will be an early bird registration for the 8 schools who organized funding
 - April 17- Barbara Colorosso- TBD, Bogart will offer up our space
- Floor was opened for questions
- During the next meeting on February 21st, voting will need to be done re: fund allocation for school needs, and an email will be sent out

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm
Next meeting on February 21st @ 6:30 pm