

**Bogart Public School Council**  
**November 29th, 2017**  
**6:30-8:30 pm**

**Administration and Members Present:** Bob Sandiford, Paula Man, Jessica Bedard, Deb Godin, Rudy Pries, Vineet Gautam, Celia Ward, Alyssa Roberts, Suzanne MacPherson, Abhi Arora, Sherry Kotusiewicz

**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 Vineet Gautam.

**Student Council Report**

- School Council has been raising money to support the trip to Montreal through fundraisers such as “wear your hat for \$1” every Friday, and selling pizza at mini tournaments. So far they have raised \$180.
- Council also supporting global organizations with programs for access to clean water. Grade 8s will have a presentation, and purchase filters for countries at risk.
- Discussed other activities the Student Council are participating in, including GNA presentations
- Sub-committees include: fundraising, communications, eco, and supporting mental health and well-being.

**Principal’s Report**

- Today was the first day buses were all in on time. Buses have been coming in late and are not numbered, and many drivers are new/changing often.
  - Laminated and coloured tags with a safety pin have been created for JK and grade 1 to ensure that kids are getting on the right bus each day.
  - Teachers/ Admins continue to work hard to ensure that students are getting on the correct buses, safely, and in a timely manner.
- The new water station is now up and running. Unveiling occurred today.
- Update on Chrome books:
  - ordered 47 chrome books, 9 packs of 5 for an additional 12% off.
  - This has now turned into 53 chrome books because the price was lowered.
  - From grades 4-8, there will be approximately 18 chrome books in each class, which is less than a 2:1 ratio for tech in each class.
  - net books have moved to grade 3s, and will be re-evaluated for next year
- The coat drive/winter clothing drive has been ongoing, and a food drive will be starting. Bogart will be supporting the food pantry downtown.
- Kids for kids will be running snack days to help fund the trip to Montreal
- Grades 4-8 were offered the opportunity to organize a trip to the movie theatre to see the movie “Wonder”. It will be up to each teacher to determine if/when/how to incorporate “Wonder” into their lessons, depending on where they are at in their lesson plans.
- On December 15, grades 6-8 (and a few 5s from the 5/6 split) will attend “School of Rock” at Newmarket High.
- The Holiday Concert will take place at 6:30 pm on December 14 at Bogart. Any kids who are participants are to arrive at 6 pm, and signs will be posted for where they need to go. Performances include:
  - grades 2-3 on the recorders

- grade 5s on ukuleles
- primary/junior choir
- band
- Xtreme Drummers
- approximately 1 hour 15 min long
- there will be a dress rehearsal during the day for the students to watch the performances
- Quest- art displays on social justice are in the hallway
- The lost and found will be emptied soon.
- Regarding the grade 8 trip to Montreal: a letter has been sent out stating that if a student can't be trusted inside the school, their attendance on the trip will be at the discretion of teachers, admins, etc. In discussion with the parents, there will be a number of students needing support for the trip.
- Good News Assemblies have been going well, and extracurriculars such as: chess, sports (including volleyball), and Girls Inc. are underway.
- The new Superintendent met with Mr. Sandiford today, and complimented the staff and parent support present that is making it possible to run so many programs.
- Interim report cards have been sent out, major report cards will be sent out in January.
  - interim reports are to help redirect and provide focus
- Honour roll will be posted for learning skills this week
- Continuous improvement- math, modern learning and mental health are the focus
- The Principals' Association is running an event on mental health with moderator, Lloyd Robertson.
- The Halloween pumpkins were thrown into the gardens to the enrich soil (not an act of vandalism).
- Community class has bird feeders outside. At 10:30 every Wednesday, they go to Tim Horton's, and now have their own frequented tables
- The Good News Assembly is tomorrow, and voting on best moustaches from Movember will happen during the assembly.

### **Teacher's Report**

- Math: Anna presented something to the Superintendent re:problem solving perspective in math. Math club is running on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with the help of high school students to mentor Bogart students. Next week is will be the last week of math club prior to the break due to concerts and high school exams.
- Book fair- Donna was very pleased with the book fair; the total came to \$4000, and each teacher was given \$50 to select books for their class.
- New programming/tech in collaboration with the high school is now in place; high school students are coming to meet with girls on Friday. They will participate in a competition in February to develop and market an app (run by the high school girls)
- The head of the Computer Science department will be coming to run a workshop on robotics for grades 7-8
  - 10 kits coming in January
  - running a robotics club
  - will only have robotics for a limited time, as they are borrowed from media centre
- Grade 2s and 7s have been working on dash and dot and lego robotics, and kits have been sent back
- Seeking collaboration with parents to get more tech, mobile labs, web design, introduction data analysis (collecting and researching, extracting data)
- 8 refugees new to Bogart have been acclimatizing well.

### **Fundraising**

- Alyssa Roberts has taken over fundraising for Jodi Batchelor
- Update on Purdy's fundraiser:
  - Did not hit goal of \$5000 in sales, but did end up raising \$956 profit, and the school should get the cheque in about a week. The school also received four gift cards for \$19 that can be used for prizes for the dance-a-thon, etc.
  - Chocolate bars (single, nut-free) are still available for purchase through school cash online; so far, we have sold 127 of those, creating \$190 in revenue. Will double check the inventory for the bars.

- Purdy's orders will be arriving, and the plan is to bag and sort on Tuesday (50 orders to be packed, plus chocolate bars). Volunteers will meet at the school for 10 am (after primary skating). Paula will send out an email blast requesting volunteers. Pick ups will be facilitated in the office on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Ongoing fundraiser has been set up at Jack Astors- to participate in the fundraising: any time you visit the restaurant, when paying the bill, tell the staff that you are a Bogart family, and they will keep receipt, and a certain amount of the proceeds will go back to Bogart. Need to set an end date for the fundraiser. A request was made for the information to be added to the bottom of "The Week That Was" email blasts.
- Dance-a-thon fundraiser will run again this year; need to determine a date. Tentative plan set for March 8th (the Thursday before March Break).
- Planning to run a bottle drive in January; will be in the school parking lot collecting empties from 9 am-12pm on a Saturday or Sunday. It is recommended to inform the Beer Store before and on the day of. They provide boxes, and large clear bags for cans (quantity written on the outside). Items will need to be sorted by size and colour. A suggestion was made to contact local restaurants to collect bottles from them as well.
  - The date for the bottle drive was set for Saturday, January 13th from 9-12 (first Saturday after returning from break).
- A suggestion was made to sell the Purdy's chocolate bars at the concert, as well as a suggestion for silent auction. Admin will discuss whether or not bars will be sold at the concert after checking to see whether the students had any fundraising planned that evening.

### **Financials**

- Leanne was not present, financials were presented
- Discussion on Bee Bots for primaries- Ms. Dungee is back from leave, and estimated that they would cost approximately \$2500. Council does not currently have the funds. Goal for fundraising? This way tech can be spread between all grades.

### **Other**

- Speaker series through the Newmarket Parent Network:
  - Wednesday, November 22- Liz Burrows @ Stonehaven PS, "Raising Parenting IQ"
  - Thursday, January 25- Learning Disabilities Association of York Region @ Meadowbrook PS 7-8:30, "Special Needs Advocacy and Getting IEP Savvy"
  - February 22nd, screening of "Screenagers, Growing Up in the Digital Age" @ Huron Heights PS 7-9, 70 min, open to parents and kids 12+ with panel discussion, Gwentyth and Bessie, Q&A, Jennifer Castle-Todd, "Cyber Bullying and Digital Citizenship".
  - April 17, Barbara Coloroso- topic/venue to be announced. Possibly teaching kids to think and act ethically- "just because it isn't wrong doesn't make it right"
- Skills Canada will be coming in to discuss vocations, courses needed, salary, government sponsored apprentices, etc.
- Police Constable will be coming in to talk about cyber bullying, especially through apps like snapchat.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm**

Next meeting set for January 17th @ 6:30 pm