

Bogart Public School Council
September 20th, 2017
6:30-8:30 pm

Administration and Members Present: Bob Sandiford, Ken Arnott, Deb Godin, Rudy Pries, Jodi Batchelor, Priyanka Gautam, Vineet Gautam, Zicheng Ma, Shabnom Jebdli, Abhi Arora, Grace Kim, Shahid Maqsood, Elisa Mobile, Fatima Majdi, Karen Fullerton, Annabelle Berger, Shaden Beydoun, Omar Beydoun, Peter Konecny, Alyssa Roberts, Celia Ward, Jessica Bedard, Leanne Rabeau, Zella Phillips, Paula Man

Call to Order: Meeting commenced at 6:39 pm in the Learning Commons in the library. Call for minutes to be approved brought forward by Paula Man, and seconded by Peter Konecny.

- Mr. Sandiford introduced assisting VP Ken Arnott, Mr. Arnott will be assisting while VP Gillian McDowell is on concussion protocol.
- Paula Man welcomed the new attendees, and reviewed the role and function of School Council:
 - in-between communication between the school body and the teachers and administration
 - fundraising to support the teachers' initiatives
 - communication
 - advisory council for the principal
 - provide feedback for the principal
 - agree on how money is going to be spent inside the school- collaborative effort to make sure that the best choices are made for our students and to support the teaching staff
 - an active council is critical for a high achieving school
 - work in collaboration with seven schools on a speaker series in Newmarket. Topics have included: bullying, social media, etc. These free sessions provide education for parents, and occur on a quarterly basis.
 - chair, secretary, and treasurer are voted in at the first meeting; voting members make a commitment to attend meetings on a regular basis, anyone welcome to attend.
- Paula Man was nominated as Chair by Celia Ward, seconded by Peter Konecny. Paula Man voted in as Chair.
- Jessica Bedard was nominated as Secretary by Paula Man, seconded by Peter Konecny; Jessica Bedard voted in as Secretary.
- Leanne Rabeau was nominated as Treasurer by Jodi Batchelor, seconded by Paula Man; Leanne Rabeau voted in as Treasurer.

Principal's Report:

- Bob Sandiford introduced himself to the council.
- Over the last few months, every piece of carpet has been removed from the building and replaced with tile. This began at the end of last school year, and was completed over the summer to minimize disruptions.
- \$1500 went towards agendas for students, instead of the \$1300 allocated last year, and the financials will be updated accordingly.
- A new fire alarm system and a new security system have been installed at the school, and all external doors were also replaced.
- Lockdown drills have been taking place this week, and have been very successful. During the drill, the school appeared vacant.
- There was also a fire drill practice with the fire station in attendance, and the school was evacuated in a great time (there are 621 students).
- Mr. Sandiford provided a summary of staffing updates:
 - Bogart will be hiring a new teacher

- Ms. Lockett will be off this year, and Susan Park will be working with the music program
- Ms. Anistasio is off on maternity leave, and will not be back for the year; Natalie Cunningham, who was a long term supply, will be covering
- Mrs. Katherine Matamoros will be replaced by Ms. Bazelli
- Kristina Kroupee will be in for the next few months covering grade 2
- The administration has been busy with class reorganization, and phone calls to affected students will be made by tomorrow. There will be time on Friday for students to see the new classrooms, and the new teacher will be available for Tuesday.
- Monday will be the first PA day, and the school will be closed for health and safety training for the teachers.
- Some extra-curriculars have started including:
 - flag football
 - intermediate volleyball
 - cross country
 - junior volleyball
 - Bogart ambassadors
- More extra-curricular activities will start up as soon as the teachers have settled in
- Meet the teacher night will be held on Wednesday the 28th
- E-mail blasts are now replacing paper notifications (including “The Week that Was” and school newsletters), and Online School Cash has replaced cash in the school.
- Money is available for Science in the Classroom if teachers would like to book earlier.

Teacher’s Report

- Teachers wanted to thank the School Council for supporting the eco initiatives; there was great support from parents and teachers as well.
- Mr. Pries is looking into a collaboration with the high school for Eco Group this year.
- Eco Group will be trying to obtain some butterfly houses for students to paint and are considering a bee stand, but may hold off due to allergies.
- The Math Club students from last year (8) have expressed interest in mentoring, and may form a collaboration with the high school as well; it will take around 3 weeks to train the students.
- Grades 2 and 4 will go to Sibbald’s Point for a Science field trip in the first and second week of September; grade 7’s have applied, and will find out in September. These are board-funded field trips.
- LTO music teacher running intermediate band on day 1 and 3 after reorganization.
- Mr. Sandiford has approved the band trip to Wonderland.
- The Chess Club will be starting the last week of September with primary division first, followed by juniors. The Chess Club placed well last year, with 2 students making it to provincials. The club received pieces for a learn to play board and timers. Two tournaments have been booked for this year: Newmarket Optimist and York Region North (hosted at Bogart)
- Teachers are currently organizing lunch monitors and library helpers (grade 4, 5 and up) to help at recess.
- Maker’s Space will be up and ready for visits by the end of next week.

Meeting Open for Discussion and Questions

- Meet the Teacher night is scheduled for next week (September 28). Last year there was a BBQ, and this year pizza and water was put forward as an idea. Questions arose around logistics, and who would hand out tickets, whether they would be purchased in advance, whether this would be run by the teachers or the Council, etc. (Last year, Council had a table with a “guess the number of jellybeans” draw, and teachers and school ran the BBQ with tickets). How this will work will be left on the table until reorganization is complete.
- Council agreed to have a table set up again this year at the Meet the Teacher night to welcome students and parents, and let parents know about what Council does and collect contact information

for anyone interested in joining council or volunteering. Paula will send email out to find out who would like to take 1/2 hour shifts.

- Jodi Batchelor provided a fundraising summary of the previous year.
- An email for a direct money donation through Online School Cash has been sent out already.
- The Dance-a-Thon was largest fundraiser last year.
- Ideas for seasonal fundraisers were proposed: Purdy's at Easter, box of cards, Mabel's Labels, special night at Boston Pizza, etc. There were many different options put forward, and they will be voted on as a group at a later time.
- Council will focus on finding fundraising initiatives that require less man power with more return.
- Fundraising money is raised and goes into a pot, and then as needs arise, the money is allocated.
- A request was made to provide ongoing reporting on what fundraising money has been used for.
- Paula Man discussed Council roles. Anyone can come and listen in to hear what's going on at any meeting, and there is a core group of attendees (who will attend 90% of meetings) that can be voting members; anyone interested in becoming a voting member was asked to contact Paula.
- A discussion was held around the best nights for council meetings, and consensus found Wednesday evenings would be best. Meetings will be held every 5-6 weeks. Tentative dates for next Council meetings set for: October 25, November 29, January 17, and February 21.
- During the next meeting, we will talk about money, where the allocations are going and what we have, and will break off into committees for a working session.
- Council minutes and financials are posted on the school website after they have been approved.
- Questions about the lockdown drill were brought forward and answered by Mr. Sandiford:
 - Q: If the lockdown drill begins while a child is in the bathroom, will they stay there or go to a classroom?
 - A: The teachers are trained to sweep the halls and make sure that all students are inside a secure classroom.
 - Q: What happens if the fire alarm goes off during a lockdown?
 - A: They do not move.
 - Q: When would a lockdown occur?
 - A: A lockdown would be called if someone unauthorized came through the front door, angry or agitated person in the building (ie. contentious custody battles). There is a button under secretary's desk. Next week is safety week, and lockdowns will be discussed.
- Question on how students register for extra curricular activities was brought forward, and Mr. Sandiford indicated that information on upcoming activities and information about sign-up is disseminated during morning announcements, and runners are often sent to the primaries to remind them; students are accepted to extra-curricular activities throughout the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm