

**Bond Lake Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 06, 2021

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Attendees	Parents: Chris, Kara, Lily, Sasha, Samantha, Shaffina, Shefali Administration: Jackie Linton, Nadine Pickthall
Notes	<p>WELCOME Samantha welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and started with a land acknowledgement.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES The March 01, 2021 Bond Lake Public School Council Minutes were approved.</p> <p>BUDGET There was no budget update.</p> <p>UPDATES: Lunch Supervisors Needed BLPS needs additional lunch supervisors; adult community members who can work a few hours per week. Those interested should contact the school via email or phone. This is a paid position. Lunch supervisors <u>must</u> complete some training modules online and obtain a police check (cost is \$75). Duties include supervising students eating in their classrooms for 40 minutes, followed by 20 minutes outdoor supervision. Supervisors must wear a mask and shield.</p> <p>Due to the distribution of the classes throughout the school (various exits), BLPS has been relying on EAs to fill in the gap.</p> <p>UPDATES: Spring Break Spring break from April 12 – 16, 2021 will continue as planned. YRDSB is also maintaining at this time that in-person learning will continue after the break. Continue to monitor the YRDSB website for up-to-date information.</p> <p>UPDATES: YRDSB Budget Consultation YRDSB is hosting two virtual budget consultation meetings on April 7 & 26, 2021 respectively; pre-registration is required. Parents can also complete an online survey. This consultation will help to inform how the community would like to see funds allocated in the 2021-2022 budget to support student achievement and well-being.</p> <p>UPDATES: Cultural Outreach The YRDSB is committed to equity and inclusivity and they have recently launched the dismantling anti-black racism strategy. These strategies will help us create safe, equitable and inclusive learning environments for all.</p> <p>At BLPS we have reached out to community members to share ideas to which a few members of the community have expressed an interest in the inclusion of culturally important dates within the Weekly Wave. Since we began including these dates in the Wave, a member of the BLPS community recently reached out to express that a specific celebration had been left out of the Weekly Wave. To focus on cultural celebrations, rather than specific religious events, the specific celebration had been left out as it was considered a religious holiday. YRDSB Inclusive School and Community Services was contacted for guidance. A decision has been made to align content included in the Weekly Wave with the YRDSB multi-faith calendar. Going forward, the Weekly Wave</p>

will simply share upcoming events on the calendar with a link to the YRDSB multi-faith calendar, so interested parents can look further for any descriptions of the festivals/holidays via YRDSB website.

UPDATES: Town Hall Meeting - Racism

Ms. Linton will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Racism for the BLPS community. It will be a way to gather information directly from BLPS students and families, so that we can really understand the experiences of our families. In order to lead change and create a safe environment for all of our community members, we need to know what families at BLPS have experienced, both at the school and in the community. Ms. Linton anticipates that this will result in a collection of information regarding the experiences of our community members and if any of our community members have experienced hate at school.

No date has been set yet, but it is anticipated to occur before the end of May. There may be separate Town Halls for students, staff and parents.

BLPS Virtual Nowruz Celebration - Review

This event was held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:30pm. Lily and Mme Afshar put together a wonderful program that consisted of songs, stories, crafts and a kahoot. The event was well enjoyed by the families that attended. 30 families registered for the event of which 17 BLPS families across the EVS and face-to-face school models attended. All feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from the participants.

Supports for Parents Learning English - Feedback

Ms. Linton and Ms. Pickthall have coordinated peer groups for BLPS parents interested in learning/practicing their English language skills. Chris has connected with a member of the BLPS community and is lending his support to this parent. The program has been well-received Chris expressed that it was a good match, and the work is having a positive effect in the community.

Backyard – Phase 1 Trees

Our Phase 1 trees need to be mulched. Ms. Linton will connect with YRDSB Landscaping; the trees will be mulched at no cost to the school.

Follow-Up on Communication of New Routines and Messaging

Parents are still showing up onsite at BLPS without a mask. The decision has been made that Ms. Pickthall will hand out extra masks to any parent on campus without one.

Next School Council Initiative

To foster engagement within the intermediate grades, the BLPS SC would like to host a Virtual Games night or a Virtual Escape Room for students in grades 6-8 in May. Shefali will connect with Mrs. Brancato about engaging the Student Leadership Team in the planning of the intermediate event. Kara has volunteered to help with this event.

A Healthy Relationships Workshop is being proposed for June. RSVPs will decide if the event will run. The workshop being proposed will be for parents and their kids (grades 6-8) and will focus on enriching the current curriculum. Topics may include self-care, body image and self-esteem. Lily will connect with her team of professionals to organize.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, May 3, 2021 @ 6:30 pm