

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

Monday, June 01, 2020

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (meet.google.com)

Attendees	Parents: Chris, Kara, Lily, Mary, Rojeen, Sara, Sasha, Samantha, Shefali Administration: Nadine Pickthall Regrets: Jackie Linton
Notes	<p>WELCOME Samantha welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES The March 02, 2020 Bond Lake Public School Council Minutes were approved.</p> <p>SCHOOL UPDATES: PICKING UP OF BELONGINGS No date/time set. Information is coming and must incorporate safety measure that align with public health directives. Information to follow.</p> <p>SCHOOL UPDATES: GRADUATION Awaiting instruction from Superintendent, as plans must also align with public health directives. Teachers will meet to decide who will win student awards and how best to celebrate student achievements. Graduation activities will be postponed until September 2020. School Council will support graduation activities with a \$200 cake or similar desert.</p> <p>FUNDRAISING RECAP The Dance-a-Thon was very successful and well-liked by the students (more so than Professor Jamz). Student DJs did a great job. Volunteer support was amazing and well-organized. The School Council raised a total of \$4,874.40 (\$6,433 minus expenses). School Council will think about how we should acknowledge our volunteers.</p> <p>BUDGET A budget update was provided, and we have a healthy balance School Council balance of \$19,601.08. We anticipate a carry forward balance of ~\$5,000 for the 2020-21 school year, after accounting for the following outstanding expenses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>TD Friends of the Environment</u> – \$5,472.30 of the budget total is grant money earmarked for Phase 2 tree planting. This will cover the cost of 7 of the 10 trees in phase 2 of the outdoor classroom project; Council will cover the cost of the 3 trees not covered by the grant - approximately \$2,400• <u>Dance-A-Thon</u> – Equipment rental cost \$474.63;• <u>PRO-Grant & Scientist in the School</u> – School contribution of \$1,020. The \$500 grant funds will be reimbursed pending submission of the final report.• <u>Technology</u> – School Council will donate \$5,000 to purchase new technology for students.• <u>Family Science Night Update</u>: Report is due June 12, 2020; still waiting for the template. Awaiting instruction from Susan Cadorette at Inclusive Schools - funds will not be transferred until report is submitted. <p>Action: Samantha/Lily to complete the final report to Inclusive Schools.</p>

ANNUAL REPORT

No template available just yet but anticipating some sort of template shortly. **Action:** Kara/Samantha will complete the report and submit

LOOKING FORWARD

- Tree Planting – Phase 1 Trees: Who will water the 7 trees over the summer months. Nadine to follow up with Jackie.
- Tree Planting – Phase 2 Trees: Postponed to Fall 2020. (We have 2 years to complete our project.)
- Succession Planning: Final meeting in September, we will have new elections in the Fall.
- Chai & Chat Update: One more virtual Chai & Chat before the end of the 2019-20 school year to help alleviate anxiety within the community.
- Telus Talk, Ontario Planetariums, Astronauts in the School & Mathletes: We will start with new plans in the Fall 2020

WHAT WILL SEPTEMBER LOOK LIKE?

Waiting for guidance from the Ministry of Education, hopefully before the end of June. Plans will align with Public Health directives. We don't know too much at this time, but safety (physical distancing etc.) will be the primary factor. Online learning (Synchronous Learning) may continue and learning in September will offer more than what is currently being offered. **Synchronous Learning** may include "live" classes, phone calls, chats, cameras following hand movement and video conferencing (live & hosted).

There will be various Professional Development events for teachers, directed by the Ministry of Education, which will include creating comfort for students (re online learning). There will be collaboration amongst teachers to pool resources and ensure that the best opportunities are available for students. Teachers will get some direction over the summer however, school in September will not look the same as it did in March. Ms. Pickthall commented that it was hard to speak for everyone, but that teachers were exploring the sharing of resources. Each class has different needs and the teachers will work to balance the needs of each student.

Parents hope that moving forward there is some additional guidance from the Ministry. Suggestions to ensure a smooth transition into September include collaboration amongst teachers, pooling resources, developing best practices from reviewing what is and is not working currently, learning/improving technical skills, vigilant practices regarding illness and absences, recorded class lessons, etc...

SCHOOL COUNCIL BRAND

We will look to develop a Twitter/Social Media committee to help boost out social media presence and communication with the BLPS community. Kara & Shefali are interested. Nadine will send out a separate email blast to parents informing them of our School Council Twitter account, parents want any information right now as well as any kind of school connections. Twitter Account: @bondlake_sc

ITEMS TO BE TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING

- Virtual Open House in Fall 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

NEXT MEETING – tentatively set for September 21, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

