

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

Monday, October 18, 2021  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
Location: Virtual Meeting

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Parents:</b> Chris, Fadumo, Kara, Lily, Rojeen, Sasha, Samantha, Shefali, Stefanie, Talar <b>Administration:</b> Jackie Linton (JL), Nadine Pickthall (NP), Nina Douvinos (Support Staff Member)
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>WELCOME</b> JL will host until there are new council executives elected. JL welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. JL took us through a land acknowledgement.</p> <p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> The Oct 04, 2021, Bond Lake Public School Council (BLPS SC) Minutes were approved.</p> <p><b>ELECTIONS</b> All executive positions were resumed, except for Treasurer. JL will ensure that a notice regarding School Council Executive members goes out to all members of the BLPS community.</p> <p>Chair: Samantha Harji Treasurer: Vacant Secretary: Shefali Ram</p> <p>School council will also be comprised of: One (1) Support Staff Member: Nina Douvinos (employed at BLPS and elected by support staff members employed at BLPS) One (1) Teaching Staff Member: Vacant (must be employed at BLPS and elected by teachers employed at BLPS) One (1) Student: Vacant (appointed by principal after consulting with school council)</p> <p><b>PRINCIPALS UPDATE</b> <b>Clubs:</b> Some clubs have started, including a crochet club for intermediate students. JL is looking into participating in the Forest of Reading program. The program will be led by our librarian, Ms Meltz as a literacy program in classrooms. It is open to students on a voluntary basis. Books will be used as read-alouds and the books purchased will eventually go to the school library. The books will be screened using the current YRDBS text selection tool; it is undecided if each and every text will be shared. Staff will participate in vetting the books, and parent volunteers will be invited for this process. Stefanie has volunteered to help with this initiative. <a href="https://forestofreading.com/how-to-participate/">https://forestofreading.com/how-to-participate/</a></p> <p><b>Crossing Guard:</b> The city is only prepared to support one crossing guard for BLPS placed at Old Colony Road &amp; Picnic Street/Birdsong Street. However, Steve did not return to work as crossing guard this year, so there is currently no crossing guard supporting our school. Parents would like to have an additional crossing guard placed at the intersection in front of the school (Old Colony Road &amp; Lebovic Drive), but the city has noted that there are not enough students walking without adult supervision, to warrant an additional crossing guard. Teachers cannot be placed at this intersection to help students, as the union does not want teachers to be managing traffic.</p> <p>JL will connect with the city to request another survey of that intersection during the morning time. Or perhaps we can hire a school assistant to provide crossing guard like support at this corner. JL will communicate this in the Wave.</p> <p><b>Hybrid clarifications:</b> Students are permitted to move to virtual if they test positive for Covid-19. The transition to virtual learning can take up to 48 hours. Students <b>cannot</b> participate in virtual</p>

learning if they are waiting for Covid-19 tests results. However, if a teacher already has a hybrid model in place, these students can be invited to join the class. Students who are waiting for Covid-19 test results will be marked as absent on those days since they are not present in the school model they were enrolled in. If a student has been exposed to Covid-19 and chooses to self-isolate rather than get tested, they will be permitted to participate in virtual learning. If a student is required to stay home, due to Covid-19 exposure in a sibling's classroom, they can participate in virtual learning, if the teacher already has a hybrid model in place. The student will be marked absent from school because they are not present in the chosen learning model they enrolled in. If a face-to-face student is in quarantine (due to positive Covid-19 test), they can access virtual learning, however they will be marked absent from school, since they are not present in the learning model they enrolled in. If a student has symptoms (runny nose, cough etc.) and has tested negative for Covid-19, they can return to school, as long as their symptoms are improving. This may mean that they still have symptoms.

**Dress Code:** Dress Code expectations were outlined in the school start up forms; the dress code expectations in the BLPS student agenda are out-of-date. Once start-up forms have been submitted, parents no longer have access to that information. As outlined in Board Policy #635.0, BLPS SC and JL will work together to develop/update the student dress code in consultation with parents, students and community members. In consultation with school staff, JL developed a google survey that was sent to all BLPS parents asking for their support/lack of support regarding the current set of dress expectations. The deadline date for this survey is November 01, 2021.

**Computer Equipment:** YRDSB schools are permitted to purchase \$30,000 worth of chrome books, however the board will not be providing any matching funds. Therefore, JL would like to purchase \$15,000 worth of chrome books; \$5,000 will be contributed from the BLPS SC budget and \$10,000 from BLPS school budget.

**Murals:** The two murals that were selected as a means of provocation for inquiry by all students are now on display in the front hallway.

## **DISCUSSION: SCHOOL COUNCIL HOSTED VIRTUAL EVENTS**

The following timeframes were identified:

November: Diwali – JL has connected with a parent at BLPS to host this event.

November: 16 days against violence against women

December: Holiday Season Paint Night (Christmas and Hannukah)

January: Lunar New Year (January) – a little earlier as it falls on Feb 01, 2022

February: Black History Celebration

March: Nowruz

April: Passover recognition (cultural versus religious)

March/April: Vaisakhi

May/June: Indigenous Heritage

June also celebrates multicultural day; a nice way to round up the year

**Community Connection:** We will continue the peer mentorship program for parents who are English learners. JL will send out a request for additional ambassadors. Talar and Chris would be interested in continuing to support this initiative and Rojeen and Lily will help as much as they can.

## **UPDATES**

**SpiritWear:** Lots of leftover SpiritWear from years earlier, that JL will sell. Shefali has connected with a vendor to initiate new SpiritWear, as a BLPS SC fundraiser. We are looking at offering hoodies, t-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, toques and face masks.

**Picture Day:** Picture Day was initially scheduled and then cancelled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43.

**NEXT MEETING – Monday, November 01, 2021 @ 6:30 pm**