

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

Monday, November 01, 2021

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees	Parents: Sasha, Talar, Rojeen, Samantha, Shaffina, Shefali, Fadumo Regrets: Lily, Chris Administration: Jackie Linton (JL), Nadine Pickthall (NP), Nina Douvinos (Support Staff Member)
Notes	<p>WELCOME Samantha welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Samantha took us through a land acknowledgement. Samantha hosted an icebreaker and asked everyone to share their favourite treat.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES Samantha reviewed the minutes. The Oct 18, 2021, Bond Lake Public School Council (BLPS SC) Minutes were approved.</p> <p>Update: JL has since committed to the Forest of Reading.</p> <p>SCHOOL ADMIN UPDATE Picture Day – Will occur on November 17, 2021; there will be no picture re-takes and no class pictures. It is still unclear if there will be the opportunity for grad photos in the spring, so Grade 8 students have been advised to wear a white shirt in case these photos are used for composites. Remote students can come after school at 2:30pm to have their photos taken.</p> <p>Safe Arrival – JL left a message with the bylaw office. Bylaw officer will hopefully be able to point JL in the right direction for safe crossing. No parent volunteers have reached out to participate as crossing guard support, however, there have been more lunch assistants that have come forward.</p> <p>Dress Code Survey – JL has received approximately 200 responses. Results are preliminary and comments will refine the dress code expectations. There will be a little give and take and JL anticipates that by the next meeting there should be a revised policy. A committee of staff will review the comments so the policy can meet the needs of school, staff and community. JL also used the survey as a learning opportunity for students to teach them about ambiguous questions and data management.</p> <p>Parent Comment: Thinking about cultural, colonial rules, a hood can be comforting for certain kids with mental health issues. It should be about comfort, and there needs to be a discussion with staff about hoodies and hats.</p> <p>COVID Case – A Grade 4 class was affected, and all the students impacted were contacted and their safe return date to school is November 2, 2021, based on the timing of when the child was off school and when the testing was done. All students are healthy and ready to come back to school.</p> <p>If a student was in a dismissed classroom or if they are experiencing any symptoms, their sibling will not have access to virtual learning. It is not something supported by the school board. No reason for this, except that virtual learning is only set up for students with Covid. Only those students who were a direct contact of a Covid case will have access to virtual learning while at home.</p>

Parent Question: Will the vaccine, when available, be administered through the school? JL responded that BLPS is not a hot spot right now. So no.

DISCUSSION

Spirit Wear

Face masks are not a permitted item for school fundraising. SR will investigate if there are any options for Spirit Wear that could cost less than \$10. SR will also connect with a couple of other vendors.

Virtual Rangoli Workshop

In this workshop, Kavita (a BLPS parent) will demonstrate how to create Rangoli art at home using simple supplies. The event is open to students and their families. The agenda includes a story about Diwali from a cultural perspective, 2 crafts will be shared (how to make rangoli and how to make a diya luminary) followed by a Kahoot game. Emails will be sent to parents that sign up with the zoom link. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6pm. JL will send a google form out to parents tonight to sign-up for the workshop.

Fundraising

What do staff need?

- Would like more computers.
- More lunch assistants
- Spirit Wear Fundraising will go to the purchase of board games during free time or indoor recess (Exploding Kittens, Tantrix, Sushi Go, Tsuro). Clue, Monopoly etc., Range of ages and some parents would be willing to donate

Let's consider some other ideas for fundraising:

- Heritage Cookbook: that everyone in the community can contribute to. We have a great price on the printing of 41 colour pages for \$7.
- The community, students and parents can contribute recipes, and we can sell as a fundraiser.

Community Outreach Initiatives

- Looking for ambassadors to help us continue with peer mentorship among our parent community. Talar can write the invite/notice for the wave.
- Ideas include Coffee at drop off time or get to know your neighbour at the school bench on November 11, 2021.
- Perhaps we can host a parent Tai-Chi event or a walking group.

December Paint Night Event

- Rojeen and Sasha will lead this event. They will send a notice out in the Wave to see if there are any parent artists in the BLPS community who are willing to lead a Virtual Paint Night – tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 15 @ 6:30pm
- BLPS SC will provide some budgetary support

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, December 07, 2021 @ 6:30 pm