

## Bond Lake Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 19, 2020

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

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| <b>Attendees</b> | <p><b>Parents:</b> Chris, Lily, Sasha, Samantha, Shefali<br/><b>Administration:</b> Jackie Linton, Nadine Pickthall<br/><b>Regrets:</b> Shaffina, Kara</p>  |
| <b>Notes</b>     | <p><b>WELCOME</b><br/>Jackie welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. All executive positions were acclaimed and so Samantha took over to chair the rest of the meeting.</p> <p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b><br/>The October 05, 2020 Bond Lake Public School Council Minutes were approved.</p> <p><b>BUDGET</b><br/>There was no budget update.</p> <p><b>ELECTIONS</b><br/>All executive positions were acclaimed. Ms. Linton will ensure that a notice regarding School Council Executive members goes out to all members of the BLPS community.<br/>Chair: Samantha Harji<br/>Treasurer: Sasha Abbas<br/>Secretary: Shefali Ram</p> <p><b>POLICIES: Update School Council Constitution</b><br/>Members were provided with an electronic copy of the School Council Constitution for review prior to the meeting.</p> <p><u>Duties &amp; Responsibilities of the School Council:</u> School Council represents the broader school community and acts as an advisory body to the school administration on matters pertaining to student well-being, student achievement and school performance.</p> <p>Under Section:<br/><u>Duties and Responsibilities of the School Council</u><br/>5. Roles and responsibilities of BLPS S.C. members;<br/>The voting Council Members of the BLPS S.C. shall:<br/>j) regularly participate in Council meetings;<br/><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● School Council members who miss 2 meetings will be asked to step aside</li></ul></p> <p>It was proposed that we remove the condition that states, “School Council members who miss 2 meetings will be asked to step aside” this has not been the recent practice (2+ years). Council agreed that this should be amended as it is very restrictive. We appreciate that our members may from time to time have to miss meetings. We maintain they should regularly participate in Council meetings.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Amend the current BLPS S.C. Constitution to exclude the condition under item 5j. 5j will now read “regularly participate in Council meetings”</p> |

As this year's BLPS S.C. secretary, Shefali was asked to review item 5i. It was decided that 5i will remain the same. The secretary shall take minutes and distribute for approval within 2 weeks.

**POLICIES: School Dress Code Discussion**

Ms. Linton stated the School Dress Code should be reviewed on an annual basis; with discussions held either at the end of the year in preparation for September, or by the first Council meeting. She indicated that all stakeholders should be able to voice their opinions and offer suggestions for edits/inclusions. At this time the dress policy, which is a preferred term to dress code, will not be updated as more feedback from other stakeholders is required. The School Dress Policy at BLPS can be more inclusive, however we are unable to ensure that the TDSB policy could be implemented at BLPS. Parents agreed that students should be able to provide input into the philosophy they would like to adopt; however we need to ensure that the policy reflects the best-interests of all stakeholders.

Ms. Linton will reach out to teachers and students for their input on revisions to the current School Dress Code Policy. Shefali will share some of the academic research available to help with the discussion.

**POLICIES: YRDSB Policy #105.0, Communications**

Ms. Linton wanted to highlight the YRDSB Board Policy and Procedure #105.0, Communications (attached). This policy addresses the Board's commitment to maintaining open lines of communications with internal and external stakeholders. The Communications Policy was approved by Board trustees and will be circulated until February 26, 2021 for comment and suggestions from the community. If you feel this policy needs to be revised, feedback can be submitted through the School Council or by emailing your response to: [policy.committee@yrdsb.ca](mailto:policy.committee@yrdsb.ca).

Ms. Linton will continue bringing similar policies, that are up for discussion to School Council meetings.

**UPDATES: Outdoor Classroom Phase 2 (TD FEF)**

Phase 2 tree planting will take place on October 22, 2020. We would like to take some pictures of students enjoying the space. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, School Council will not be part of these photos. If parents take any pictures of the trees before or after school hours (while respecting social distancing guidelines), they are welcome to share these with the School Council. School Council will need some guidance from both TD FEF and the Board regarding the use of the TD FEF logo on any communications. School Council will work on the TD FEF Impact Report for submission.

**UPDATES: 2020-21 BLPS Virtual Open House**

Hosting a Virtual Open House was optional. Teachers have confirmed they have already shared the information that would have been communicated to parents during the Open House. Parents can always reach out directly to teachers / staff if they have any questions or concerns.

**UPDATES: Building Community Connection**

Ideas to virtually engage our community members include additional Chai 'n Chats, an escape room event or a Paint Night.

- Virtual Paint Night: School Council will put the word out that we are looking for people to lead a virtual paint night
- Weekly Wave Communications: School Council will include a short blurb in the Wave on a bi-weekly basis. A sub-committee (Samantha, Lily & Shefali) was formed to facilitate the communications.

- Chai 'n Chat: Next event is on November 2, 2020 at 9 am
- Twitter: All members of the BLPS community are invited to follow School Council on twitter at **@bondlake\_sc**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

**NEXT MEETING – November 02, 2020 @ 6:30 pm**