

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

Monday, December 7, 2020

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

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</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES The Nov 2, 2020 Bond Lake Public School Council Minutes were approved.</p> <p>BUDGET There was no budget update.</p> <p>POLICIES: Changes to YRDSB Inclement Weather Policy In the event of inclement weather, if busses are cancelled, schools will be closed to students. Previously, schools would remain open and classes would be combined to offset supervision issues – this is not possible now due to COVID protocols for maintaining cohorts. Instead, school will continue on these days asynchronously through google classroom. Attendance will be taken at 8:05am and assignments will be posted for students to access throughout the day. There will be no before or after school programs run on those days. Check the YRDSB twitter or YRDSB website for up-to-date information on inclement weather days.</p> <p>UPDATES: School Model Change Families interested in changing school models will need to submit a written request in January 2021. Changes will take place early February; this may necessitate class reorganization.</p> <p>UPDATES: The Hungry Caterpillar Food Drive Donations of non-perishable food items along with gift cards (for grocery stores/Walmart etc...) are being accepted and will be directed to in-need families in our school community and the Richmond Hill Food Bank. The collection will run until Monday December 14th.</p> <p>UPDATES: Impact Report for TD FEF School Council is seeking pictures of the BLPS outdoor classroom space being used. Staff and families are encouraged to submit pictures of themselves enjoying the area, to School Council so they can be included in the report. We are also seeking testimonials of how the newly planted trees are affecting our community. Please submit your testimonials to: bond.lake.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca</p> <p>BLPS Virtual Family Paint Night This event is set to take place on Wednesday, December 16th and is open to all BLPS families (F2F & EVS). There will be 2 concurrent sessions – Watercolour by Mrs Pickthall and Acrylic by Frances Delaney. Registration has begun and is showing very promising enrolment; it will close on Wednesday, December 9th. School Council members approved the proposed budget of \$630 to purchase supplies for the event (approximately \$8/student). The event will not be recorded to respect the privacy of our BLPS families. Action: Email EVS families; send out reminder of last day to register. Organizers of event – Shefali/Shaffina/Samantha to work through remaining logistics.</p>

Questions/Comments

A parent inquired about the possibility that schools will go to virtual learning for the first 2 weeks in January. Mrs Linton stated that the Director of Education does not have the authority to make this decision; the direction has to come from the Minister of Education. At this point in time, no decisions have been made to that effect. However, by December 17th, technology will be handed out to our BLPS students that have submitted a request for technology - this will allow for a seamless transition online if required in January.

A parent applauded the work being done by her child's grade 1 teacher, Mrs Bodach. She commended the teacher for preparing her child who can now independently navigate through google classroom.

Future Event Ideas

Bingo Night – **Action:** Lily to contact friend – possible event for January
Virtual Escape Room

Mrs Linton stated that the School Council can proceed with planning future events independently of the Administration and is only required to consult with the Administration for budget approvals and email communications through the school.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 6:30 pm