

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

Monday, February 01, 2021

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 January 11, 2021 Bond Lake Public School Council Minutes were approved.</p> <p>BUDGET There was no budget update.</p> <p>UPDATES: Bond Lake's Got Talent Ms. Linton provided an update on the Bond Lake's Got Talent event. The event is open to all BLPS students and the submission due date is February 7, 2021. Students can submit an audio or video recording or a picture of a piece of art – anything that showcases their talent. Students can submit as many submissions as they like. The performances will be available for viewing online, and each family will receive a secure, and time-limited YouTube link to view the performances. School will provide an update on results.</p> <p>UPDATES: School Platform Change Families interested in changing school models will need to submit an online request through their child's YRDSB Gmail account. Not everyone has received the email to request the Elementary School Model Change and Ms. Linton will connect with the superintendent.</p> <p>Report cards will be delivered electronically on February 12, 2021 via students YRDSB Gmail account.</p> <p>UPDATES: Supports for Parents Learning English No updates.</p> <p>UPDATES: Human Trafficking Awareness Ms. Linton shared a presentation on Human Trafficking developed by the YRDSB. This presentation was shared with all BLPS teachers. The presentation gave parents the opportunity to understand how BLPS staff and teachers would address the issue of human trafficking in York Region and interact with students.</p> <p>Parents wondered how we could get the message to the greater BLPS community (outside of the school setting). It was suggested that a workshop or seminar could be hosted to connect with parents about this topic in a sensitive manner. School Council member, Lily, has offered to use her professional expertise to lead a "Healthy Relationship" like workshop for parents. Developing creative ways to reach a larger portion of the school community while allowing for a safe space to discuss the issue of human trafficking, will be discussed further at a later date.</p>

BLPS Family Games Night: The Virtual Edition - Review

This event was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm on Zoom. The event was successful and fun! Families circulated through 4 breakout rooms engaging in different games/activities: Kahoot – Bond Lake fun facts, trivia, Pictionary and a scavenger hunt. Families enjoyed the games and catching up with friends. School Council has received very positive feedback from the families that attended the event.

Celebration of Culturally Significant Dates

BLPS SC will host some culturally significant events to welcome unity among the BLPS community. BLPS SC will work with Ms. Linton and a parent (Jennifer) to coordinate a virtual celebration of Lunar New Year on Tuesday, February 09, 2021 at 6:30pm. The one-hour event will allow BLPS families to participant in storytelling, music and crafts. Ms. Linton has asked BLPS SC Chair (SH) to extend an invitation to Simon Cui, our new School Trustee.

Next School Council Initiative

To foster engagement within the intermediate grades, the BLPS SC will host a Virtual Games night or a Virtual Escape Room in March, for students in grades 6-8.

Action: BLPS SC will connect with Mrs. Brancato about engaging the Student Leadership Team in the planning of the intermediate event.

To continue celebrating culturally significant events, Ms. Linton would like to celebrate the Persian New Year in late March (~March 21, 2020).

Future Event Ideas

- Virtual Escape Room/Games Night for Intermediate Students
- Virtual Nowruz Celebration
- Additional Virtual Paint Nights

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

NEXT MEETING – Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 6:30 pm