

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

Monday, January 11, 2021

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees	Parents: Chris, Kara, 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 December 7, 2020 Bond Lake Public School Council Minutes were approved.</p> <p>BUDGET There was no budget update.</p> <p>UPDATES: School Platform Change Families interested in changing school models will need to submit an online request form from January 15 – 19, 2021. Only families interested in making a change will need to complete the online form. Changes will take place early February; this may necessitate class reorganization. It is anticipated that any re-organization of current classrooms will occur by February 16, 2021, the first day of the 2nd term. Parents must understand that if they choose to change their child's current learning platform, their child will no longer have the same teacher.</p> <p>At this time YRDSB will not consider extending the school platform change request deadline date, as they would like to coordinate any classroom reorganization with the start of the 2nd school term. Note: On January 13, 2021, the YRDSB informed families that the Elementary School Platform change would be postponed due to the extension of the provincial lockdown. Further information will be shared, by the YRDSB, in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Report cards will continue to be delivered electronically and will be distributed on February 12, 2021.</p> <p>UPDATES: Supports for Parents Learning English Given the current virtual learning models and physical distancing requirements, BLPS faculty and staff are concerned about providing adequate support for English Language Learner (ELL) parents. It is important to ensure that all BLPS parents are able to support their child's educational needs. Mrs. Linton has invited the BLPS SC to brainstorm ways that we can provide support for our ELL parents. Ideas include casual conversations via Chai 'n Chat with ELL parents, and peer support connections for interested parents. Personalized invitations to recruit volunteers (both ELL parents and peer mentors) will be distributed. Action: Put memo in the Weekly Wave for volunteers for peer mentoring.</p> <p>Celebration of Culturally Significant Dates BLPS SC discussed different ways we can celebrate culturally significant events to welcome unity among the BLPS community. BLPS SC will work with Mrs. Linton and Mrs. Pickthall to coordinate a celebration for the Lunar New Year. Ideas include sharing wishes through a video, a workshop to make paper lanterns, learning a song or traditional dance. Action: Mrs. Linton will post a message</p>

in the Weekly Wave to find others interested in working on this initiative. Lunar New Year is on February 12, 2021. A date for this virtual event/activity is still TBD.

BLPS Virtual Family Paint Night - Review

This event was a great success! We had 144 parents and students who participated in one of two paint workshops. While we had the most engagement from kindergarten families, there was a broad range of engagement from students in kindergarten through to Grade 8. Families indicated they would attend another paint session if we hosted one in the future. BLPS SC has suggested that perhaps Mrs. Pickthall could run a watercolour workshop for parents only, prior to a BLPS SC meeting, to help promote parental engagement and involvement in the school community.

Next School Council Initiative

BLPS SC will host a Family Games Night: The Virtual Edition on Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This event will be open to all Bond Lake families (face-to-face and EVS). There will be 2-3 concurrent games – Kahoot Trivia Night, a Virtual Scavenger Hunt and Freeze Dance. Registration has begun and it will close on Monday, January 25th. **Action:** Put a “Save the Date’ in the next Bond Lake Wave; send out registration links and reminders of last day to register. Organizers of event – Samantha/Sasha/Kara to work through remaining logistics.

Future Event Ideas

Virtual Escape Room
Virtual Lunar New Year Celebration
Additional Virtual Paint Nights

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

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