

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

Thursday, January 23, 2019

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Learning Commons (School Library)

Attendees	<p>Parents: Amira, Chris, Mary, Ramy, Sasha, Samantha, Shaffina, Shahram, Shefali Administration: Jackie Linton, Nadine Pickthall Regrets: Rifath, Kara, Rojeen</p>
Notes	<p>WELCOME Samantha welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES Nov 4, 2019, Bond Lake Public School Council Minutes were approved.</p> <p>WORK ACTION UPDATE Everyone is in good spirits in the school. Five (5) days notice must be provided if strike action is being planned. Teachers can arrive 30 min before the morning bell and must leave 15 min after the last bell. There will be no report cards issued, however teachers are available to meet parents within their working day hours. Extra tutelage is available to students needing it during school hours.</p> <p>Extracurricular activities continue within the hours of the school day. Students and staff engaged in an in-house volleyball game as a concession for missing the volleyball tournament. Currently, plans are proceeding for the grade 8 trip. Full refund will be available until April. If no settlement is reached by April then families will be refunded. The trip can be rebooked if a settlement is reached before May.</p> <p>PARKING LOT & MORNING TRAFFIC Nadine provided a reminder to the parent community about parking. Staff are available to help ensure smooth traffic flow through the kiss-n-ride. The parking lot should not be used as a kiss-n-ride. Parents must park and accompany their child across the crosswalk if using the parking lot. Disabled spots are to be used only by those with the proper documentation</p> <p>The bus loop is <u>not</u> a crosswalk – to ensure the safety of everyone, parents must drop their children off in the designated zones. Having a teacher stand at the 4-way stop entering the parking lot has improved traffic flow as students are not crossing the traffic coming out of the parking lot. When leaving the parking lot in the morning during rush hour, consider going straight instead of turning left.</p> <p>Action: Jackie will connect with Safe Arrivals to School for a reassessment for a crossing guard at the 4-way stop and reassessment of our parking lot.</p> <p>FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear – Fundraising total: \$276.63 (Oct \$104.26; Nov \$168.37), minus fees for online services & credit card processing. Total toque sales = \$48 raised for the Grade

8 Graduation. All voted in favour of ordering 24 hats to sell on-site at the school – profits will go into general “fundraising pot” – can be sold at Family Science Night, 10th Anniversary Celebrations, Welcome to Kindergarten Night

Action: Samantha to notify Nina of amount to transfer to Grade 8 Grad from Spirtwear fundraised dollars for toque sales

- **Pasta Lunch** – Grade 8 graduation fundraiser will move ahead, however we need someone to attend the food safety training course and supervise the event. No start date set, but will probably occur on a Wednesday, when there are no other lunch offerings

Action: Find 3 individuals interested in getting trained in food safety

- **Glaze Craze Event – Thursday, April 2nd, 2020**, painting event for students and families. There will be 2 sittings: right after school & around 6pm. Cost for the event will be approximately \$10 for an ornament, there may be a few higher priced items. Items will be available to pick up on May 7th, to coincide with 10th anniversary

Action: Jackie to contact Karin to confirm date, and to organize a sign-up or rsvp to see how many pieces/# of attendees to expect.

Samantha to send out email - form sub-committee of Council/community members to help with this event

- **Bond Lake Jamz Dance-a-thon – Thursday March 12th, 2020.** It has been decided that the school will organize on their own this year, in coordination with the Student Action Team (SAC). Grade 8 students will oversee the DJ. Jackie Linton will oversee the rental of equipment and lighting. We will plan to host a Cosmic Store, however we will not include dollar store glow items in favour of environmental stewardship

Dance-a-thon sponsorship initiatives will continue including envelopes for donations. Due to current work action, counting and deposits cannot be done by school staff, therefore if anyone would like a receipt they will be required to use School cash Online.

Action: Admin to select DJs

Samantha to send out email – form sub-committee of council/community members (interested members: Sasha, Samantha, Shefali & Mary)

Jackie to arrange lights from Cosmo - will need help from Council to pick up/drop off Council to arrange refreshments – purchase & sales on the day of

Student action leaders to be consulted to find alternative to glow items to sell

Fundraised dollars to go into general “fundraising pot”

- **Spirit Week Activities** – April 29 - May 6, 2020 (week leading up to the 10th anniversary). \$1 Raffle tickets with spirit related fun prizes eg. Principal for the day, “things in 10s”.

FUNDRAISING SURVEY RESULTS

A total of 21 people completed the fundraising survey. Favoured events include:

- Fundscrip (10/20)
- Different cultural foods, chocolates
- Cards
- Frozen cookie dough

TECHNOLOGY

School currently needs to update technology, 81 devices will be pulled in a few months. We will replace 21 devices with monies available, with a 5-year rotating plan. BLPS has requested support of \$2,500 to \$5,000 from the School Council; YRDSB will match up to \$2,500. School Council voted in favour of supporting \$2,500, up to a max of \$5,000, for the technology update.

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT hosted by BLPS School Council - Thursday, February 27th

- 3 workshops: i) Math + Science = Fun; ii) So You Want to be an Astronaut; iii) Sticky Science
- 2 time slots: 6:15pm & 7:15pm, registration at 6pm, 15 minutes between workshops
- 20 students per workshop (unlimited adults may attend with that student)
- Total estimated cost of the event is \$1,020. PRO Grant has been applied for (up to \$500) and we are currently awaiting a decision. The School Council will cover the full cost of the event should our grant application be unsuccessful. The Grant will cover up to \$500. Curriculum materials will also be available to families that evening

Action: Set up Sub-committee (interested: Shaffina, Rifath, Chris, Shahram)

Need to create dotmocracy to capture event success

Snack team for popcorn sales \$1

Find translators to translate advertisements & take home materials for the event

Jackie to create sign up sheet

SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

- The Bond Lake Public School 10-year Anniversary Celebration: Thursday May 7th
- Competition – 10 year spiritwear design?? - Student Voice

LOOKING FORWARD

- **Tree Planting** – Phase II planting to take place this Spring. Nadine has contacted Jacquie Copithorn; the YRDSB is currently looking for vendors. The price of trees may be different than the previous contract. The TD Friends of the Environment (FEF) grant will cover the cost of 7 trees and the School Council will pay for an additional 3 trees as per Robert Cram's design plan of 10 trees. School Council members and BLPS students attended a cheque presentation at a local TD branch in December 2019 for the TD FEF photo op; it was tweeted out by TD.

A watering schedule needs to be devised for Spring & Summer watering. Advertise in the Spring for students looking for volunteer hours, students will sign-in with the caretakers to access water/hose.

Action: One tree to remain for Kim Smith & dignitaries to shovel in some dirt at the 10-Year Anniversary Ceremony on May 7th - when contractor is identified, this must be communicated.

Action: TD FEF requirements include a commemorative plaque, social media posts, recognition and invitation to speak during the Official Opening Ceremony. Once the School Council Twitter account is set up, we will retweet the cheque presentation

- **York Region Skills Challenge** – currently stalled by work action.
- **Planetarium in the School** (Planetarium Ontario) – Inflatable dome set up in the gym for the day; with a projection on the ceiling. Students attend with their classroom throughout the day. **Astronaut in the School** requires teacher engagement and thus will be something considered next year.

Action: Jackie will reach out to arrange possible date

SCHOOL COUNCIL BRAND

- 1) Spruce up bulletin board to make it more eye catching
- 2) Move bulletin board out of the corner to under the TV in main foyer
- 3) QR code to be linked to school council page on school website
- 4) School Council twitter account.

Action: Shefali to create Twitter account linked to School Council email address
 Shefali to create list of upcoming events
 Samantha to contact Mr Wooden about including details of upcoming dates in video feed

OUTREACH (Ways to be inclusive)

- Every 3 weeks, chai & chat as a way to engage the community
- Available council members to attend & facilitate
- Alternating times: 7:30am before drop-off, 2:00pm before pick-up
- Welcome Tea – new families to the community
- Grade 8 Grad Tea for parents - What would you do differently?

Action: Nadine/Jackie will provide some potential dates

OTHER ITEMS: School is organizing Online Safety workshop offered by TELUS

- Age specific 45 min workshop: Grade 2-5 & Grade 6-8
- Evening parent presentation
- Similar to Paul Davis workshop previously offered
- Work action impacts using consultants from the Board as was done last year (& was well attended)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday February 11, 2020

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates:

- **Monday, March 2nd**
- **Monday, April 6th**
- **Monday, May 4th**
- **Monday, June 1st**