

## Bond Lake Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 4, 2019

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Learning Commons (School Library)

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| <b>Attendees</b> | <p><b>Parents:</b> Samantha, Shefali, Kara, Lily, Mary, Sasha, Shaffina, Shahram, Gabrielle, Rojeen<br/> <b>Administration:</b> Jackie Linton, Nadine Pickthall<br/> <b>Regrets:</b> Adriana, Rifath, Chris, Sara</p>   |
| <b>Notes</b>     | <p><b>WELCOME</b><br/> Ms. Linton welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.</p> <p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b><br/> The September 16, 2019, Bond Lake Public School Council Minutes were approved.</p> <p><b>ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samantha Harji - Chair; Kara Burgess to support</li> <li>• Shahram Sayahi – Treasurer</li> <li>• Shefali Ram – Secretary</li> </ul> <p><b>BUDGET OVERVIEW</b><br/> Ms. Linton reported that we are on budget and that we have a healthy Carryforward balance from the 2018/19 school year. While there are still some outstanding expenses (i.e. pizza/subway lunch, milks program, Terry Fox Run, field trips etc.) we should aim to spend the money that is raised during the current school year, withholding \$2K-\$3K for the next school year.</p> <p>We can use the funds to pay for student enrichment activities (i.e. Scientists in the School) or to subsidize school activities for families in need</p> <p>Funds will also be allocated to support a Winter Carnival/Outdoor Day and the Bond Lake Public School 10-Year Anniversary Event</p> <p><b>FUNDRAISING PLAN/SURVEY</b><br/> BLPS will send out a small survey to parents to gather feedback on events and initiatives they would be interested in donating to or participating in.<br/> Some ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Special Lunch Program</u> – Perhaps something culturally relevant like spring rolls, shawarmas, pita (must meet the Ontario Ministry of Education School Food and Beverage Policy). The program can be delivered once per week, however we must ensure that we have the ability to deliver the program with volunteers</li> <li>• <u>Pasta Lunch Program</u> - Grade 8 students would like to provide a Pasta Lunch program as a Grade 8 graduation fundraiser</li> <li>• <u>Indigo Fundraiser Program</u> – BLPS could host an evening at a local Indigo or Chapters location and we would receive 15% of eligible purchases made by our group's invited guests during the evening event. We will need to apply to see if we can</li> </ul> |

host this event during this school year. **Action:** Jackie to follow up about possible dates

- Donations – Direct donations to BLPS via School Cash Online.
- FundScrip – Fundraising program in which supporters pay for their shopping (groceries, gas, home & garden, entertainment, restaurants, and much more) with gift cards. Each purchase automatically includes a donation to BLPS. (A similar program is FlipGive)
- Plant Sale – Sell Poinsettias prior to December Open House & distribute on the night of; offer second sale in the spring around Mother’s Day. We will need volunteers to help run the fundraiser
- Bagel and a Movie Event – Saturday morning at Cineplex.
- Community Canvas Project - Parents in the BLPS community paint a canvas that gets auctioned off in a silent auction

### **FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES**

- Basket Raffles – School Council was advised that they could not hold raffles for large ticket items as the YRDSB considers it gambling. Basket raffles are common place at schools in YRDSB.
- Spirit Wear – Kahunaverse hosted an online store on their website. Phase I was mildly successful, and the deadline passed with few sales; a new phase has been added with a deadline of November 24, 2019. The School Council will send out an email reminder directly to parents to make their purchases. It was suggested that we have another Phase in the spring, around the Welcome to Kindergarten event.
- Skate Date – Most dates have been booked and it has been decided that the event will not be held this year.
- Glaze Craze Event – Painting event for children and their families on a Thursday night, before the holiday season. School Council will provide gift-wrapping.  
**Action:** Jackie to contact Karin for dates

### **EQAO RESULTS**

Based on the EQAO results, Ms. Linton has compared student assessments with report cards in order to develop a better understanding of the areas children at BLPS are struggling with. Assessing EQAO data alongside other information—such as in-class assessment results, report-card grades and teacher observations—teachers and parents will be able to develop a fuller understanding of their child’s learning.

Specific EQAO results can be found on the school website

<http://bondlake.ps.yrdsb.ca/>

### **SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS:**

- Winter Open House: Will be held on December 19, 2019 and will have a Wellness theme. Should the event be cancelled due to inclement weather, it will not be rescheduled.
- The Bond Lake Public School 10-year Anniversary Celebration: The event will take place at the end of April/beginning of May 2020. All past teachers, office staff & administrators, and students are invited. We will need some support reaching out to previous students. **Action:** Committee members to connect with neighbours to spread the word to former families of Bond Lake.

**Upcoming meeting for 10-Year Anniversary Planning Committee: Thursday November 28th, 2019 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Learning Commons**

### **SCHOOL UPDATES: TREE PLANTING**

Phase I planting was completed in October using grant money awarded to BLPS by YRDSB

The application submitted to TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant in July 2019 was successful. We will be able to plant 7 of 10 trees from the Phase II plans of our Outdoor Enhancement Project with the grant money awarded. School Council voted in favour of paying for the 3 trees not covered by the TD FEF grant in Phase II.

Depending on Board guidelines - potential photo-op at TD branch where the cheque from TD FEF will be presented to the BLPS School Council. **Action:** Nadine will follow up with Board for direction

The Phase II tree planting will piggy-back on the ten-year Bond Lake Public School anniversary event and will include a commemorative plaque and assembly. We will create a watering/maintenance team to manage the maintenance of the newly planted trees.

### **SCHOOL UPDATES: OTHER**

School Council meetings will continue to be held on the **first Monday of each month**. To explore how we can be more inclusive and encourage greater participation from the parent population, we will pilot a virtual School Council Meeting in January (via Google Hang-out). We will also offer child-minding, where intermediate students can gain volunteer hours or an hourly wage.

Principal Profile; no changes made at this time. **Action:** Jackie will send to Superintendent.

Nadine spoke about inclusive design and ideas for engaging "parent voice" - speaker series for parents/guardians; cooking with elders initiative; reading strategies workshop etc.. We can look at this further at our next meeting.

BLPS Healthy Snack Program for all students - apples & oranges being offered

### **ITEMS TO BE TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Front yard rain garden - plaque identifying native species
- Kindergarten yard – updates through Plant Services

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

**NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 13, 2020**