BOXWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING #8: MINUTES FOR 04/11/2016

MEETING DATE MEETING #	Monday, April 11, 2016 8 (2015 – 2016 school year)	START TIME END TIME	8:10 PM 8:32 PM
MEETING # MEETING LOCATION	school library	# OF INDIVIDUALS PRESENT	9 (includes principal
NEXT MEETING	Monday, May 16, 2016	# VOTING	and VP) 7

ΝΑΜΕ	ATTENDANCE	POSITION	RETURNING MEMBER	NEW MEMBER
PRINCE, Dane	PRESENT	Principal	Х	
CHIN, Kurt	PRESENT	Vice Principal		Х
CHAN, Elsa	PRESENT	Chair		
KADAKIA, Bina	PRESENT	Treasurer	X	
MAHALINGAM, Sancha	PRESENT	Secretary		Х
ASIMI, Adam	absent	Member	Х	
DEOL, Jaspal	absent	Member	Х	
DOGRA, Nappinder	PRESENT	Member	X	
MITRA, Pranab	PRESENT	Member	X	
NASIM, Shahab	PRESENT	Member		Х
PANCHU, Bobby	absent	Member	Х	
PRASAD, Kashmira	PRESENT	Member		Х
SUBRAMANIAM, Suganthini	absent	Member	Х	
and		(one household)		
SURESH, Sara				
THINAGARIPPILLAI, Nathan	absent	Member	X	

HEALTH OPEN HOUSE

- prior to commencing monthly SC meeting, had a Health and Physical Education curriculum review ("Open House")
- two parents, in addition to SC members, were in attendance
- some points raised by Principal:
 - there is an accommodation process (i.e. Faith Accommodation)
 - however, the school will not provide accommodation for lessons that parents feel are not developmentally appropriate for their child (in this instance, parents will have to keep their child at home)
 - school can try to accommodate parents where the request doesn't contravene the *Human Rights Code* (i.e. school can't accommodate parents asking that their kids not attend lessons re: same sex families)
 - o do students have to miss the entire day if parents don't want them to attend a health lesson?
 - no; they can miss half the day/that particular lesson (in fact, school prefers this to students missing the entire day)
 - will boys and girls be taught separately?
 - younger grades won't be
 - some of the older grades may be depending on the lesson
 - Ms. Smith (who was present for the presentation) noted that it is helpful to have co-ed classes so that students see that both boys and girls are learning the same thing (i.e. issue of consent)
 - parents with questions or concerns are welcome to call the school and make an appointment to speak with Principal or VP

WELCOME: CALL TO ORDER (8:10 PM)

- sign-in sheet circulated
- meeting called to order by Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

- approximately \$782 balance
- Treasurer's Report adopted

PAST ACTION ITEMS

- SCO: new pizza orders haven't been added Principal to check this
- adding descriptions (as per Treasurer's request): difficult to do
- getting RFRA \$500.00 cheque and their support for the jerseys
 - Chair rec'd cheque and forwarded it to Principal and it has since been deposited
 - o Principal will check to see if Ms. Smith has made the order
 - 50/50 payment SC cheque will cut cheque for \$510.00

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

- we have rec'd the 5 laptops and 2 Chromebooks ordered (via Spring Cost Share)
 - they are being prepared by our technology support representative
 - Grade 8 graduation: have one volunteer
 - approx. 50 students volunteering
- Math Night
 - very successful (well attended)
 - high engagement w/ parents and students playing the games together
 - o data suggested participants understand how math games puzzles can support students
 - Mr. Chin will provide further feedback
 - Treasurer's feedback: don't have tests, etc. on next day or major homework (something for Mr. Chin to consider for next year) this may increase attendance
 - thank you note to teachers who were involved
 - o school wants to further build the capacity of our teachers
 - as a staff school is focused on math, learning different strategies
 - school will be having 3 sessions for teachers, first one starting April 22 (getting some people coming from the Board)

• thank you message in newsletter: deadline May

- school calendar
 - 5k running club and badminton has begun
 - o April 25-29: Scholastic Book Fair
 - April 28: Art Carousel @ Boxwood
 - $\circ \quad \text{math and tech professional learning} \\$
 - May 9: Grade 8 Spring Transition Day to MDHS (to get high school experience)
 - May 10 and 17: Boxwood Olympics will select students to complete at the area meet (starts at Grade 4)
 - May 25-27: Primary EQAO and May 31-June 2: Junior EQAO
 - funding from Ministry for tutoring 32 students after school (either for grade 3 or 6 based on teacher recommendation)
 - May: Grade 8 trip to Camp Couchiching (Grade 7s went to Claremont)

OTHER MATTERS

- Pizza Term 3: we are starting to collect orders
- final term of pizza is ready for April 22
- Subway lunches Term 2: based on the feedback and has been running smoothly
- Secretary may not be present at next meeting

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

• adjourned @ 8:32 PM