

Boxwood P.S. Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 20, 2015 (meeting #5)

Start Time: 7:07pm

End Time: 9:05pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10

	Name	Position	Returning Member	New Member
Attendees	Catherine Arnold	Principal	x	
	Dane Prince	Vice-Principal		x
	Bobby Panchu	Co-Chair	x	
	Adam Asimi	Co-Chair	x	
	Elsa Chan	Secretary	x	
	Bina Kadakia	Treasurer	x	
	Jaspal Deol	Member	x	
	Nappinder Dogra	Member	x	
	Kulvinder Rai	Member	x	
	Nathan Thinagarippillai	Member		x
	Pranab Mitra – Absent	Member	x	
	Niroshi Moonemalle – Absent	Member	x	
	Anjula Sukumar – Absent	Member	x	
	Taranpreet Sandhu – Absent	Member	x	
	Jeyaruban Jeyalingam – Absent	Member		x
	Ifhat Rahman – Absent	Member		x

Student Council

- ASK – proposing Student and Parent Council partner event; pot luck bingo night; theme is cultural diversity i.e. various food from different cultures and entertainment 5-6:30pm
- Fundraising ideas for this night could include admission charge, beverage and extra food sales
- Advance tracking of number of participants would help in food and beverage planning
- Targeting April for this night
- Interest in continuing to support Sleeping Children around the world and equipment for school yard
- Bina suggests inviting vendors and charge \$25 donation per table; they can promote their business
- Leverage existing Fundraising committee to do some planning; Bobby to kick off; Adam to help with Walmart sponsoring

Healthy Schools (Tina Smith)

- A lot of activity in Jan and Feb to promote Healthy Schools for both students and staff
- **JAN** – Fitness Fridays, Winter ball hockey signup for Grades 4-8, Safe Travel Planning school survey sent out to parents so we can understand how their kids are getting to school and if not walking, why not
- **FEB** – Classroom PanAm themed Daily Physical Activity (DPA); ball hockey games; Fitness Fridays continue; Winter Walk to school day
- staff Wellness Challenge circuit training; Lunch and Learn with a dietician

Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- Previous meeting's minutes from Dec. 9 adopted

Boxwood P.S. Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report:

- Opening Balance – \$7 399.44
- Closing Balance – \$10 718.78
- Pizza lunch revenue line item to be adjusted to \$5 579 (from \$5 616.45)
- **BINA** to work with Heather for pizza collection breakdown
- Adjust Grade 8 graduation future expense slotted in June to \$900 (from \$1000) as less Grade 8 students this year
- Members in attendance approved report

Administration Update:

- **SIP** – still need to embed Parent Council piece
 - Catherine to add planned Parent Council goals, activities and initiatives already supported to SIP template
 - Review next meeting and discuss more ideas if any
- **Science Lab Equipment Funding** – inventory of existing equipment is complete (detailed list provided with breakdown of quantity and cost per equipment line item)
 - \$3 000 cost to restock lab to capacity and replace broken, worn out and outdated equipment
 - Priority is electricity equipment
 - ASK: \$2 000 support from Parent Council and Catherine to cover \$1 000
 - Members in attendance agreed to support this and approved the spend
- **Pizza Lunch Fridays** – additional plates needed have been replenished based on costing provided by Pranab
- **Subway Lunches** – Council moving forward with decision to trial subway lunch Wednesdays from Feb 11 to Apr 8
 - 6 choices of 6 inch sub to choose from for \$3.50 each
 - Sub only, no drink or combos
- **Technology Update** – Mr. Prince reviewed the benefits of the Board Cost Sharing model to level set for everyone why it is the most productive program to meet the school's technology goals
 - York Region Board is the only board that offers this cost sharing program
 - Board match ratio aligns with the school population i.e. more students enrolled, the better the match ratio
 - A vendor selection process is indeed used to select the vendors on the Board's approved list to purchase from (Apple and Dell are both approved technology vendors)
 - Purchasing through this program includes warranty and maintenance with convenient onsite support/repair
 - Tech Lead per school's input is taken into consideration
 - Next Cost Sharing opportunity is in the Spring with a \$2 000 max match
 - Boxwood would like to make better use of the iPad tablets as students currently gravitate to using laptops
 - To do this, ask to purchase wireless keyboards to use with iPads
 - Do wireless keyboards make iPads a first choice amongst students in the classroom?
 - Mr. Prince will pilot this in one class
 - Parent Council agreed to supporting this trial
 - If proves successful, we can discuss purchasing additional wireless keyboards