

Boxwood P.S. Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 26, 2015 (meeting #9, last meeting for this school year)

Start Time: 7:10pm

End Time: 9:00pm

Next Meeting: TBD September 2015

	Name	Position	Returning Member	New Member
Attendees	Catherine Arnold	Principal	x	
	Dane Prince	Vice-Principal		x
	Bobby Panchu	Co-Chair	x	
	Adam Asimi - Absent	Co-Chair	x	
	Elsa Chan	Secretary	x	
	Bina Kadakia	Treasurer	x	
	Nappinder Dogra	Member	x	
	Jaspal Deol	Member	x	
	Tina Smith	Teacher Rep	x	
	Nathan Thinagaripillai	Member	x	
	Kulvinder Rai - Absent	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	

Opening remarks (Bobby)

- Previous meeting's minutes from April 28th adopted

Pizza Lunches

- Adam to provide costing of Famous Pizza vs. Pizza Pizza so we can be ready with pizza vendor recommendation for next school year

Donation Letter

- Council still planning to proceed with this letter to parents
- Catherine suggests target October to send out vs. September to allow back to school spending by parents to subsidize; this may promote increased willingness to donate
- Objective of this is to ensure we always have a pool of funds to draw from in support of initiatives that come up, planned and unplanned

Fundraising Ideas/Considerations for next school year (Sept 2015-June 2016)

- Parent feedback is to have some gift card prizes for future Bingo/Cultural Night from Mastermind Toys
- Bobby and Elsa to re-assess FundScrip gift cards for October/November
- Dane approached by QSP but gave feedback that Boxwood will be trying out other initiatives and taking fundraising in another direction
- School bus funding
- Additional Lego kits
- Movie Night
- Much Movie Video Night/Dance-a-thon
- Student recognition

Technology Update

- Council agreed to send parent letter on Technology program to Board to make the two recommendations:
 1. Parents to ask for touch screen hardware or hardware that will last longer with speed that

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technology evolves, Google compatible

2. more understanding of what happens to technology that reaches its end of life for better understanding of entire technology lifecycle (Catherine to ask and pose idea of parent/school community buyback option for consideration)

- Dane set expectations that Board has not been known to give up hardware due to content privacy etc. reasons
- Board is already invested in anything Google compatible
- Chrome books and Nexus tablets being piloted right now with teachers; Tina Smith provided positive feedback on new hardware

Treasurer's Report (Bina)

- We are trending towards a year-end balance of **\$6772.49** (after all known expenses are paid)
- Consider funding new jerseys for next school year, \$1600 earmarked
- Members in attendance approved report

Funding requests now for next year (Tina)

- New hockey nets, foldable for easier storage, comes with hockey sticks
- New plastic soccer nets for field (as metal ones have been removed by Board)
- Each cart holds set of four nets and sticks etc.
- Tina to send cost out per set to Bobby who will share with rest of Council to make decision

Pan Am Games Play Day (Tina)

- June 12th is Pan Am school day
- Boxwood planning for June 23rd so high school volunteers can participate and run each centre
- Day will focus on games/activities and sports safety
- Tina can use some more high school students to help run the 20 planned centres for the day
- Asking council to support snack station with fruit kabobs and water
 - Longos and Booster Juice are potential vendors
 - Tina will follow up in email to Council for specific support ideas/asks

Board Survey of Parent Council (Dane)

- Completed and submitted during meeting

New Business (Nappinder)

- Nappinder asking for a local MPP to set up a meeting to gain a better understanding for parents of issues on the table behind potential to strike that impact the students
- Council accepted the proposal and Nappinder will ask for a meeting as representative of the council
- How do we inform parents to get the word out that meeting will take place?
- Catherine will find out if there is a way to do this in a neutral manner

Tour of Gym Equipment Room and Science Lab

- Council was pleased to see both rooms well organized and stocked up due to recent funding
- Plans to also support the purchase of new nets, new jerseys and additional Lego kits are currently underway