

# Boxwood P.S. Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** October 22, 2015 (Meeting #2 of 2015-2016 school year)

**Start Time:** 7:07pm

**End Time:** 8:25pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, November 9

|           | Name   | Position       | Returning Member | New Member |
|-----------|--|----------------|------------------|------------|
| Attendees | Dane Prince  | Principal      | x                |            |
|           | Kurt Chin  | Vice-Principal |                  | x          |
|           | Taranpreet Sandhu                                    | Co-Chair       | x                |            |
|           | Bina Kadakia   | Treasurer      | x                |            |
|           | Elsa Chan  | Secretary      | x                |            |
|           | Nappinder Dogra                                      | Member         | x                |            |
|           | Jaspal Deol  | Member         | x                |            |
|           | Kashmira Prasad                                      | Member         |                  | x          |
|           | Nathan Thinagarippillai                              | Member         | x                |            |
|           | Sancha Mahalingam<br>Aingaran Thirunadarajah         | Member         |                  | x          |
|           | Adam Asimi - Absent                                  | Member         | x                |            |
|           | Bobby Panchu - Absent                                | Member         | x                |            |
|           | Pranab Mitra - Absent                                | Member         | x                |            |
|           | Sara... Sureshun? - Absent<br>Suganthini Subramaniam | Member         |                  | x          |

## Opening Remarks (Taranpreet and Dane)

- Last meeting's minutes adopted and will now be posted to the school website

## Treasurers Report

- Current balance of **\$2 687** (including sports equipment purchased at the end of last year)
- Dane** to follow-up with Heather on Subway HST to be added back to Council account
- Dane/Elsa** to email Adam to transfer the Bingo prizes leftover from last year to be stored at the school for an event this year
- Submit a copy of the receipt for all expense claims to Bina who will validate with Heather before a cheque will be cut for reimbursement

## School Admin update (Dane)

- New DCE in Ms. Jokinen's kindergarten class
- 407 enrolled students this year
- Student Council roles have been elected
  - 2-3 meetings have occurred; organized Blue Jay day and now planning Halloween activities
  - chosen fundraiser is Walking Wednesday; bring \$2 toonie to school
  - targeting one Spirit Day per month and different houses will be challenged
- Mr. Sharma and Ms. St. Jean's class held a mock Federal Election and predicted a Liberal win
- Grab & Go breakfast Tuesdays/Thursdays and classroom snack bins have started (funded by Eat Right grant secured from last year)
- Free Pizza day Oct 16 sponsored by Parent Council was a success; majority of kids liked the pizza upon being polled; on list for online order and payment option
  - can Parent Council provide pay per slice pizza Friday lunches during the strike?
  - Dane** to ask other schools who have the pizza program in place even during teacher strike how they are managing the deposit of money to the school account

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- if an alternative option not available, Dane will put forth request for Parent Council to speak directly with Superintendent
- Extracurricular Activities - Walking Weds, Intramural volleyball still happening but will likely end next week
- Drop off loop improving
  - next area of focus for safety is road outside school
  - **Dane** to follow-up on signage, crossing guard and re-painting lines of crosswalk
- Boxwood Blog will launch Nov 1 ([boxwoodbroncos.blogspot.ca](http://boxwoodbroncos.blogspot.ca))
  - quick links to existing school website (e.g. school calendar, school time table etc.)
  - **Dane** to add School Day Numbers to the Calendar
- Labour update – IEPs have been completed
  - extracurricular activities will be affected next and halted next week
  - Report Cards may be a student mark summary again
- Technology – cost sharing program details will be available soon
  - technology is again a priority this year
  - Boxwood to purchase some Google Chrome books but looking to Cost Sharing to fund additional technology

## Fundraising Ideas

- All current fundraising is on hold due to labour limitations of collecting and depositing money
- Movie Night idea brought forth by Mr. Chin

## School Calendar

- Oct 30 – Halloween Costume Contest (no masks)
- Nov 1 – Boxwood Blog launch
- Nov 11 – Remembrance Day
- Nov 20 – Photo retake day

## School Council

- With Adam resigning from Co-Chair we need to fill his role
- By unanimous votes, **Elsa** has been voted in as **new Co-Chair** and **Sancha** has been voted in as **new Secretary**
- **Elsa** to create and share contact list of Council Members and contact info

## Parent Matters

- Can we leverage technology to improve communication between teacher and parents e.g. Remind app?
- Dane to review and share assessment with Council

## Reference

- (Revised) Meeting Schedule – 1x monthly
  - **Thurs, Oct 22**
  - **Mon, Nov 9**
  - **Tues, Dec 8**
  - **Tues, Jan 11**
  - **Tues, Feb 22**
  - **Tues, Mar 21**
  - **Tues, Apr 18**
  - **Tues, May 16**
  - **Tues, June 6 (tentative)**