

WILLIAM BERCZY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Minutes for School Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

Attendees

BLAIR ANDERSON (CO-CHAIR), LISA REN (CO-CHAIR), VANESSA JIANG (CO-TREASURER), KATHY LOTT (PRINCIPAL), DALIA OSMAN (VICE-PRINCIPAL), VIMAL METHA, MICHAEL TU, WENDY CHEN, BING HUANG, KEVIN ZHU, DEAN LEE, GORDON CHAN, PETER WANG, RUTH HONG, RISE ENOKIDO, ELLEN VIERO, FLORA WEN & SHALINI SHARMA (SECRETARY)

Agenda

7:00 PM Welcome and Attendance – thanks Blair and Lisa

7:15 PM Approval of October minutes - Approved by Blair and Seconded by Ellen

7:20 PM Treasurer's Report - thanks Vanessa

- We started the year with a Beginning Balance of \$33,164
 - To date, we have a balance of \$47, 925
 - In addition, we have collected \$13,881 through the Education Enrichment fund.
 - For the purchases through the General account, YRDSB will match \$6,500. This year, we used the funds to purchase Chromebooks (42), LCD projectors, DVD players, speakers and whiteboards.
 - Purchases of Whiteboards is a priority
 - Pizza & pasta lunches are great fundraisers - Thank you volunteer's and parents
 - Teachers want more technology in the school.
 - Council will be allocating funds to teachers per classroom. These funds will help reduce costs of field trips for students, and the students from each class will help decide how to use the money (examples include, recess bags, games, a new business and etc.)
 - Chapter's Night helped raise \$531 plus we received donations of books (\$100). Thank you parents for a wonderful turnout and donations as we exceeded last year's total.
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School Council Forum Highlights – thanks Lisa, Shalini, Kathy

- Kathy, Shalini and Lisa attended the East School Council Forum on Monday, November 21, 2016.
- Topics discussed were:
 - Exploring the Comprehensive Math Program - attended by Shalini
 - Parents can learn about the YRDSB Comprehensive Math Program by viewing a video on YouTube called - The Comprehensive Math Program in 4 ½ minutes
 - Math is taught differently from the time the parents had learned math
 - Comprehensive math has 3 types of learning experiences:
 - Mini Lessons
 - Games & Puzzles
 - Meaning Problems
 - If parents would like to learn more about the Comprehensive Math program, they can contact the School Council and we can invite the presenter to our school council meetings.
 - learn more at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjmoqMpsrEA>
 - Mental Health
 - Modern Learning - attended by Lisa
 - Conversations of Modern learning framework (MLF) - how MLF can help improve student self-esteem, efficacy and regulation.
 - Possible PRO Grant options.
 - Understanding EQAO Assessments - attended by Kathy
 - Presenter: Deborah Keefe (Education Officer School Support & Outreach EQAO)
 - Parents can send questions they have regarding EQAO to the school council and we can try to arrange the presenter to attend one of our school council meetings to help answer your questions if we receive a great amount of interest.

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Principal Report – Thank you Kathy Lott

- Kathy presented the Principal's Report using an interactive technology - "Kahoot.it"
- If you missed the meeting, you can try the 'Kahoot' game at: <https://play.kahoot.it/#/?quizId=a30ac218-03e7-4a10-b486-fffbeb0a014f>
- Members learned about the Boards, Schools and Council's responsibilities.

Kudo's Box - Thank you Ellen

- Please visit the school's office or the next school council meeting to recognize a good job in the Berczy community
- The Kudo's Box will be located in the office at the front desk if you would like to drop by to give a thank you or any feedback.
- Thank you Ellen for making this possible.

School Song - Thank you to the Berczy Community

- The new school song releases next Wednesday, November 30th @ 11:15am at the School Assembly
- If you are available, please drop by and attend the assembly to see what the students have created.

Twitter

- Twitter – our WBPS school twitter feed is to celebrate teaching and learning. Tweets are by Ms. Lott <https://twitter.com/WilliamBerczyPS>
- Please follow us [@WilliamBerczyPS](https://twitter.com/WilliamBerczyPS)
- If you don't have Twitter, you can visit the school's website where you can view the Twitter feed.

School Clothing Line

- You can now purchase William Berczy P.S. clothing online
- Remember, you can receive 10% off your first order.

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Your voice is important! – thanks Blair and Lisa

- Sharing in your interests, your perspective and your expertise!
 - We would love parents in the classroom to share their knowledge and experiences.

- The creation of our sub-committees, the following are some suggestions:
 - Student Engagement, i.e. Coding Club.
 - After school programs
 - Fundraising
 - Bake, Used Books, Toys & Sporting Goods Sale
 - Spring Festival
 - Auction
 - Healthy Active Schools
 - PRO Grant \$1000
 - To help support the 3M
 - Involving Students
 - Learning Nights
- We can no longer hold movie nights as we do not have the license to show movies.

Volunteer's Needed

- We are in the need of volunteers to help during our Pizza and Pasta lunches. If you are available, can you please contact the school council - we really appreciate any help that we can receive.
- We also need parents to help with the Graduation Committee - you do not need to come to the school, you can even help from home. If you are available, please contact the school council.
- Students from the Healthy Active School Committee is requesting parent assistance (volunteer) to help make Healthy smoothies for students.
 - They would also like to purchase a Vitamix and require assistance

8:00 PM Hot Topics – Open Q and A

- Thank you parents for a great turnout!

8:15 PM Meeting adjourned

Next Upcoming Agenda Items:

- Budget Meeting - how are we going to spend Enrichment Funds?
- Review Teachers Wishlist
- Blair and Lisa will be providing updates regarding dates and plan with respect to the general subcommittee interest groups

Next Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, January 24, 2017
- Wednesday, March 1, 2017
- Wednesday, April 26, 2017
- Tuesday, June 13, 2017