

# William Berczy P.S. School Council

## Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2018

**Present:** **Executive:** Lisa Ren, Lindsey Rhamey, Alex Pasta, Maggie Fu, Tina Sha  
**Teachers:** Wayne Spencer, Mary Taylor  
**Parents:** Vivian Lee, Sophie Xie, Chevie Yang, Gilbert Lee, Carmen Liu, Li Xiao, Ying Chen, Yvonne Zeng, Wendy Du, Meandip Rai, Ellen Vievo.

### 1. Review and approval

- **Review the Minutes from Apr.25, 2018 meeting:**
  - The Minutes from Apr.25, 2018 School Council meeting were approved by attendants at the meeting
- The “Great Year of Review” presentation by Ms Lindsey Rhamey and Mr. Alex Pasta. This presentation summarized the highlighted events, and new initiatives during 2017-2018 school year, which is a wonderful year overall.
  - Reached the Education Enrichment donation as \$26,812.42 (not meeting the \$35000 goal)
  - Able to pay Scientist in the School for all grades incl. kindergarten
  - Able to purchase DreamBox Learning to strengthen the math education for all grades. In total, 14,643 lessons being completed
  - Able to financially support AUSSIE X group come in to have a 4-day program for each class
  - In the technical part, the school was able to purchase 35 new laptops, 3 new projectors, and other new materials (e.g. Robots) to support tech. education. Financial support is half from school funding, half from Education Enrichment donations
  - **Mathletes** – our school received the highest score among all schools being participated. Students feel it is very interesting
  - Able to take the whole school to visit Varley Art Gallery
  - Able to pay for the visitation to Flato Markham Theatre for up to Grade 3 students
  - Also had grade 1 & 2 students to visit local community helpers: community centre, Hospital, and Fire Department
  - The **Chapter’s Night** happened in April was a big success: it received \$1012 gift cards. All of the proceeds were used to support the school’s learning commons
  - **Movie Night** turned out well – the \$800 income was used to support school’s Art Program (Paint a Smile and a new drum kit for music program)
  - Able to organize the overnight trip to Muskoka and Quebec City for Grade 7 & 8 students
  - **Healthy Snacks** is loved by the students and staff all over the school
  - Markham Mayor invited our school to kick off 2018 Home Town Hockey
  - **Pizza Day:** Pizza Day was increased from once a month to once a week, and was like by all groups – parents, students, teachers. Great appreciation to the volunteer team for persistently providing support to ensure the success of this program

- Other highlights include: the new school song, Berczy's 50<sup>th</sup> celebration, Walking Wednesdays, Valentine's Dance, Extra-curricular activities, Presentation at Quest Conference, Visitation to Netherlands, Well-Being Expo, etc.
- **Financial review from Apr. 25, 2018:**
  - The review is a summary of the whole school year financial situation
  - Treasurer Maggie Fu reviewed the details of the Financials. The highlights are:
    - Opening balance was \$6,128.95; Closing Balance is \$19,716.75
    - Total Expenditure is: \$36,853.79
    - Two major revenue sources are: parents' donations, and pizza program income
- **Appreciation to the school council members**