



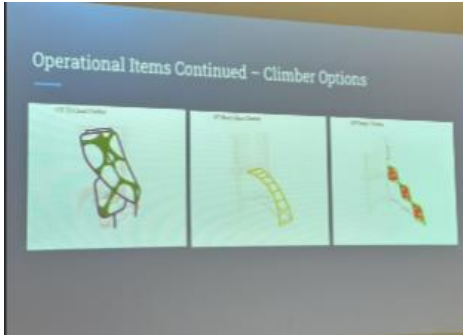
## William Berczy Public School School Council Meeting

**Date and Time:** 6:30 – 7:30pm, Thursday, December 5, 2024

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ATTENDEES	
2024-2025 Executive members	Parents / Teachers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Samuel Doubleday (Principal)</li><li>• Joyce Vickers (Vice Principal)</li><li>• Betty Liu (Co-Chair)</li><li>• Jiayi Deng (Co-Treasurer)</li><li>• Anna Shao (Co-Treasurer)</li><li>• Puja Bansal-Maharaj (Co-Secretary)</li><li>• Candy Ng (Co-Secretary)</li></ul>	<p>Shuang Liu (parent)</p> <p>Ms. Armstrong</p> <p>Ms. Juarez</p>

MINUTES		
6:30 p.m.	Opening & Welcome	<p>Presented by: Ms. Betty Liu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of Agenda</li><li>• Approval of Sept 25, 2024 Minutes by Puja and Shuang</li></ul>
6:35 p.m.	Principal's Update	<p>Presented by: Mr. Doubleday &amp; Ms. Vickers</p> <p><b>Principal's Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 8 visited UHS Arts and MDHS</li><li>• Classes have visited Varley Art Gallery</li><li>• Gr 9 visited skilled trades fair in Oshawa</li><li>• Babarinde Williams Ubuntu Assemblies and Drumming Workshops for all Berczy students</li></ul> <p><b>On-going Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reach for the top – compete with other schools</li><li>- Tutoring club – peer tutoring during recess time</li><li>- Bracelet and beats – Ms. Armstrong explained it is inspired by Taylor Swift for grade 6-8 to make bracelets and will sell in the new year</li></ul> <p><b>Upcoming Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Winter Concert Thursday Dec 12 at 6pm – primary students only; accepting non-perishable food donations for Markham Food Bank</li><li>- Ms. Juarez – working on promoting anti-racism</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Vickers introduced “Youth speak” – teenagers and parents will come and talk about online safety and setting boundaries online</li> <li>- Jr elective and Jr Craft walk about</li> <li>- Artist Meera Sethi, will visit to speak to intermediate division next week</li> </ul> <p>-Mr Doubleday proposed to host a family friendly community building event entitled “Blankets and Boardgames” at WBPS in 2025 with council support</p> <p><b>Operational Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carpeted flooring upstairs in WBPS were replaced for safety; administration offices remain to be replace in the future</li> <li>- Sink in Music room replaced by board</li> <li>- Library Stem Center – looking for more stem equipment and hands on materials for the library. Librarian has reached out to YRDSB/consultants to assist</li> <li>- 3D printer will be part of the Stem Centre</li> <li>- Playground slide (25 years old) to be replaced with a climber as manufacturer no longer makes a slide that fits current structure</li> <li>- cost will be expensive replace as they are worn and make be flagged</li> <li>- Slide replacement structure: climber; options below:</li> </ul>  <p>Left: 3D Climber - \$6300; Middle: Hour Glass - \$5800; Right: Surge - \$7500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Structure on left was unanimously voted</li> <li>- 3 pedal areas on current structure that need repair, quote ~\$8000</li> </ul>
6:50 p.m.	2024 Events to Date	<p>Presented by: Betty Liu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pumpkin Auction: A total of 30 pumpkins were donated by Reesor Farm, all of which were sold successfully.</li> <li>• Diwali Snack Sale (October): Mango lassi and samosas were sold.</li> <li>• Pizza Lunch (Papa John's, New Vendor): Held on January 10th, marking the end of the first term. The next pizza lunch will be announced soon. Overall positive feedback with new vendor.</li> <li>• Book Sale: Took place during Parent-Teacher Interview Night. Shuang was successful in recruiting volunteers using Google Form. The sale generate \$6000 in sales and \$3000 in credit.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Council Forum (November) – highlights from sessions attended including use of personal mobile devices and impact and math literacy; Puja to share links for math literacy – completed</li> </ul> <p>Personal Mobile Devices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy (K-8): Mobile devices, including cellphones, are not allowed during the school day and should be powered off or set to silent mode.</li> <li>Ms. Vickers mentioned that under the current policy, phones will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.</li> </ul>
7:05pm	Treasure's Report	<p>Presented by: Jiayi Deng</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of funds raised</li> <li>Mr. Doubleday commented that the spending for the playground reserve and Chromebook replacements comes from the technology budget.</li> <li>School Improvement Plan may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Playground maintenance</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:15pm	Upcoming Events	<p>Presented by: Betty Liu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunar New Year 2025</li> <li>Flower Market: January 27 &amp; 28; support will be required from both teachers, students and parent volunteers</li> <li>Shuang: a Chinese school may participate to run one table at the flower market and supply items as a donation (to be confirmed)</li> <li>Jiayi offered to donate to lantern making station</li> <li>Lion Dance Performance: assembly-style, held the week of the Flower Market; final date TBD by Betty; funding provided by WBPS as confirmed by Ms. Vickers</li> <li>Event Budget: approved for \$500 approved by attendees</li> </ul>
7:25pm	Future Council Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feb 27, 2025 at 6:30pm - virtual</li> <li>Ap 17, 2025 at 6:30pm in WBPS Library – Goal: to finalize fun fair activities/details</li> <li>Jun 19, 2025 at 6:30pm in WBPS Library</li> </ul>
7:25pm	Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peer tutoring program: started this week and a lot of students participated. Students and parents can sign up by email</li> <li>Robotic competition – one at end of year and there may be other opportunities</li> <li>Ms. Juarez has reached out to YRDSB consultants re: stem/robotics for primary division to incorporate during library time</li> </ul>
7:35pm	Meeting Adjourned	
Next Council Meeting: February 27, 2025 at 6:30pm - VIRTUAL		