

William Berczy P.S. School Council

Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2018

Present: **Executive:** Lisa Ren, Lindsey Rhamey, Alex Pasta, Maggie Fu, Tina Sha
Parents: Vicky Hung, Gilbert Lee, Jackie Yang, Ying Chen, Dean Lee, Ellen Viero, Vivian Lee, Maria Yan, Patrick Liu, Kevin Yang

Next meeting: April 25, 2018, Learning Commons

1. Review and approval

- **Review the Minutes from February 22, 2018 meeting:**
 - The Minutes from Feb.22, 2018 School Council meeting were approved by attendants at the meeting
- **Financial review from Apr. 25, 2018:**
 - Treasurer Maggie Fu reviewed the details of the Financials.
 - A parent raised question of spending title contains 50th Celebration. Lindsey and school council take an action to clarify what is about and report back the proper expenditure title and amount in next school council meeting. The annual treasure report will be reviewed in the Jun 2018 school council meeting.
 - There is a plan to replace the small slide in the playground which has a crack. The cost will be covered by the school funding (not the school council funding).

2. Administrative update: Lindsey and Alex

- **Well-Being and Professional Learning at Berczy:**
 - Professional Learning at Berczy: Various workshops have been running, and we start to see the changes on teachers who have been participating. These teachers are able to apply what they learned into their teaching. Hope these teachers could become leaders to teach other teachers.
 - First 21 days of Math: It is a new math program which will help to set-up routines. It will be applied in next year.
 - **GAUSS Math contest:** for Grade 7 & 8 students only. It will give students a chance to practice at a higher level.
- Aussie X May 14 to 17th + Parent Evening May 17th: The Aussie X will be happening on May 14th to May 17th, culminating with a Parent Evening on 17th. Both are free to students and parents. They will play different sports with students. And at the last night, there will be a Mini Well-Being Expo. They are going to have booth to promote healthy eating. All of the booths will focus on well-being and healthy eating.
- EQAO will be happening between May 28 to June 1: Teachers (incl. both G3 and G6 teachers) are taking efforts to review the materials before to get students be prepared, especially for the difficult parts based on previous years' experiences (e.g. geometry, open-ended questions, math vocabulary, etc).

- 50th Anniversary updates: Students and teachers are working together, putting a lot of efforts on it, including the school decorations.
 - This will be a one-day event starting at 2 to 3:15 pm with official ceremony on March 24; evening 5 to 7:30 pm
 - People like the Markham town mayor and other city government members, the Town Crier and Mr. And Mrs. Berczy will attend
 - Town of Markham will come with some out-door games, fire trucks, food trucks, etc.
 - The celebration activities will include music from choir, a band (from Germany) and other performances
 - Some samples of sale merchandise are ready and shared with the attendees, including T-shirts, notebook, and light up pen.
 - Parent volunteers are needed to sell merchandises at the event

3. Sub-Committees, Portfolios & Parent Champions: Lisa

- Grade 8 Graduation June 18, 2018: The venue will at Crystal Fountain. A few parents will be needed to help with picking up balloons, set up screens, etc.
- Staff Appreciation Lunch – It will happen on June 13th at lunch time. Will need to get parents involvement to brainstorm ideas. Lisa will get the flyer ready in mid of May.
- “School Council Appreciation Day” & “Volunteer Appreciation Day: Both will happen together on the same day June 13th at night. School will send out invitations.
- “Movie Night”: School has made the order for next year already.