

**BOWMORE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – Feb 2, 2016**

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Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Speaker/ Person(s) Responsible
1) Review of Agenda and Call for New Business	<p>Proposal from a Bowmore parent for school uniforms at Bowmore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Admin pointed out uniforms are very uncommon at the elementary level in public schools and do not address 'equality' or 'uniformness' amongst students (students still accessorize or modify, new vs used uniforms) - very expensive undertaking so may be inaccessible to many of Bowmore's families - Estimated that adopting a uniform is a 2+ year undertaking beginning with public consultations <p>Call for a New Bowmore Logo Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bowmore's logo is due for a rebranding as majority of teachers, families don't know what the current logo represents - Bowmore does not have high resolution copies of the current logo and the design is not suitable for print/embroidery on items like jerseys 	
2) Approval of Minutes from Feb 2014 meeting	1st - Viviana 2nd -	
3) Principal's Report a. Mental Health Month	<p>Mental Health Month (February) Staff determining how to reach parents, students, teachers? Wednesday Workshops (directed at Bowmore parents) beginning Feb 3rd:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anxiety (Feb 3rd) 2. How to connect with your teen (Feb 10th) 3. ADHD 4. Media Awareness <p>Social, emotional health and resilience is the focus for students within the school across the entire month of Feb.</p>	Principal McKay, VP Naidoo, VP Taillefer

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<p>b. PLCs</p> <p>c. Safety</p>	<p>Grades 5-8 focus on cyber bullying awareness. Two sessions run by Mr. Naidoo. Students will learn how to recognize and use strategies to deal with cyberbullying.</p> <p>Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) now focusing on Literacy and Math. All divisions (FDK, primary, junior, intermediate). Ms. K has taken the lead position for FDK.</p> <p>Road Safety: Awareness campaign ongoing. 25% of Bowmore students come from outside the community so drivers and busses will continue to be a source of congestion and potential danger. Staff dialogue with parents can be unpleasant so Bowmore has enlisted the help of 55 Division. Police are willing to ticket drivers during drop-off and pick-up times to help control traffic/parking issues. 55 Division has also given the school ticket awareness notices that the staff can use to create awareness of poor driving etiquette or dangerous behaviour. 55 Division also has a parent survey sheet to help create awareness. They have a complaint form that has been posted on the BSC web site for people who wish to lodge a complaint. Regarding potential crossing guard at Wrenson: Traffic survey to determine need only takes into account the numbers of students crossing without an adult and the Bowmore-Wrenson intersection has mostly younger children. Bowmore does not qualify for a crossing guard there because there aren't enough unaccompanied children. *Awareness needed to prevent parents from using the staff parking lot for drop off and prevent cars backing out of staff parking (on Wrenson) due to poor visibility* **Encourage parents to drop children off on Gerrard Ave along Fairmount Park where there is plenty of parking and good visibility**</p> <p>Door Access: The office has tightened up access so all doors are now locked during the day. Increased vigilance for entry through main doors. **Office requests that parents stop "running into the school" to</p>	
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<p>d. Maintenance</p>	<p>drop off kids or lunches. Everyone MUST check in with the office when entering the school.**</p> <p>A day care buzzer system has been installed for the after school care classrooms</p> <p>Majority of windows now replaced across the school. School funds exhausted. Waiting on grant to replace a few remaining windows.</p> <p>Playgrounds: An extra \$20,000 has been put forward by the Community Daycare towards playground renovations. Timing of work is not yet known. Local Artist has painted the outdoor storage bunker and painted 3 matching panels that will be mounted in playground by facilities as part of generating a playground atmosphere in the space.</p> <p>Pool/Recreation: The Sr. Gym floor needs repairs. This work will affect the pool as work will be occurring overhead. Principal will coordinate with City Staff to minimize program disruption.</p> <p>Recycling: School now has additional large recycling bins. (Ryan) There is now a student Eco Club. Students will focus on waste reduction and properly sorting recyclable items. Class representatives will weigh, sort, and track recycling in each classroom. Students will create posters for Eco and recycling awareness. Contests coming up in connection with Bowmore @ Marlies event: "Clean your Community, Clean the Ice" contest (prize is a zamboni ride at Marlies game). Mr. Seder's class making a "How to be an Eco Hero" video.</p> <p>George Brown student currently doing research project on "Loose Parts" in the school. Focus on repurposing.</p> <p>Fairmount Park:</p>	
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<p>e. Staffing</p>	<p>Notice that the City is planning improvements and upgrades to Fairmount Park. Public consultation with City Planner and M.M. McMahon will be held Feb 23rd at Fairmount CC.</p> <p>Projected student numbers for 2016-17 year coming soon (863 now). Admin has requested the TDSB close 'optional attendance' enrollment for Bowmore as the school is reaching capacity and there are 8 ISP classes, Ext. French, and growing Fr. Immersion programs. TDSB will close optional attendance for Core English and Fr. Immersion (i.e. only open to local community). Information regarding Fr. Immersion and gifted numbers is expected mid-Feb after registration closes. Once Admin has the projected enrollment the staffing needs can be planned.</p> <p>*Teacher committee has formed to organize activities using new Home Ec space*</p>	
<p>4) Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Budget is significantly smaller this year due to work stoppage and hold on fundraising activities (reduced QSP (~\$1400), no carnival last year, missing fall pizza lunches). Council has enough to cover pre-approved programs (Scientist/Artist in classroom, Prologue Theatre) and about \$5000 left to cover expenses or fund small initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed spending presented to meeting attendees and discussed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Council Expenses/Reserve - \$2000 - Playday/mini-olympics - \$150 - iWalk (hot chocolate) - \$75 - Grade 8 Grad - \$400 - Teacher appreciation lunch - \$100-125 - Ms. Jarvis requested \$2000, one-time, from Council to cover supplies and setup of new Home Ec room. Currently teachers and some parents are paying for supplies themselves. - voting cards distributed, collected, and votes tallied (see attached) - all proposed spending approved (see attached tally) (26 Yes, 1 No) 	<p>Elizabeth Grundon, Leah Jarvis</p>

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<p>d) Fairmount Farmers Market</p> <p>e) Proposal for March Community Event</p>	<p>Fairmount Farmers Market needs volunteers and/or a paid manager and/or a management team. The Market is at risk of closing, attendance is low and is not drawing from a broad enough region.</p> <p>Shelly Baboollal has offered to organize a Bowmore Family Community Event in March if there is interest AND if there are other parents willing to help coordinate/organize event. Contact Shelly via bowmoresc@gmail.com</p>	
<p>6) Fundraising Update</p> <p>a) Bowmore Rocks</p> <p>b) Spring Carnival</p> <p>c) New! Direct Donation Program</p>	<p>a. Bowmore Rocks (Lori Sears Malik)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Booked April 30th, 8pm - 1am at Coxwell Legion. - Ticket sales will begin April 1st (\$15/ticket). - 80's theme/costumes with 80's and 90's music - 3 DJ's and Knucklebabies band - option to purchase tickets online this year - Contest for tickets for Kindergarten parents to encourage new families to attend - Silent Auction is back (there will be an auction of student art projects - 2x4' canvases will be distributed to each interested class) <p>b. Spring Carnival (Sharon Donaldson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friday June 17th - Event usually raises between \$5000 - \$7000. - There will be a Summer Camp Expo this year; local camps will put up info booths for a fee - Lazy Daisy's, Gourmet Gringos, Ice Cream truck, and burger/chip truck providing food. - **Looking for volunteers to coordinate activities as Sharon's work does not permit her the time to run everything this year** - *Looking for an Entertainment Stage coordinator** - most of the work would be at home from computer <p>c. Bowmore Direct Donation Program (Lori Sears Malik)</p> <p>Flyers and donation envelopes delivered to classrooms, should be coming home this week. Lori will collect forms directly from</p>	<p>Lori Sears-Malik, Vivi Kohon, Sharon Donaldson</p>

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<p>d) Pizza and Subway Lunch</p>	<p>classrooms 2x/week and track donations (amounts, averages, numbers across school divisions). Full report will be presented to school and Council at the end of the campaign (3 weeks).</p> <p>d. First Subway lunch planned for Feb 5th; this is first time for the whole school April 15th Pizza lunch moved back to April 22nd due to new PA day</p>	
<p>7) Ward 16 Report</p>	<p>April 16th TDSB Special Education Conference Upcoming French Immersion Conference PIAC - February 26th Council Appreciation Event PRO Grant application due in May</p>	<p>Andrea</p>
<p>8) Movie Night Update</p>	<p>Date TBD</p>	
<p>9) Important Dates, Upcoming School Council Events</p>	<p>Volunteer Coordinator (Mercedes Lee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mercedes has consolidated contact lists that she can find but the lists are not very robust - needs to collect more contacts and data regarding what parents want to volunteer for (time, baking, lead positions, team efforts, etc) - suggested that the best way to reach Kindergarten parents is to send home a paper flyer. Not every parent realizes that BSC has a Facebook page, eblasts, web site, Gmail address. <p>Next meeting April 6th</p>	<p>Mercedes Lee</p>
<p>10) Adjournment</p>	<p>7:45pm</p>	

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Bowmore School Council expenses vote

ITEM	YES	NO
School Council Expenses: \$2,500.00 (to be used as needed for anything that will come up)	26	
Playday/Olympics: \$150.00	26	
iWalk (Hot Chocolate): \$75.00	25	1
Grade 8 Grad: \$400.00	26	
Teacher's Appreciation: \$100.00 - \$125.00	26	
266 Home Ec \$2000.00	26	