

**BOWMORE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – March 31, 20154**

Attendees: Michelle Aarts, Stephanie Simmons, Elizabeth Grundon, Jennifer Cloke-Campbell, Deb Day, Sue Winton, Heather Bell, Vasoula Vasilopoulos, Ruth Lee, Andrew Duff, Shelly Baboolall, Kristen Stinchcombe, Paul Wernick, Leah Jarvis, Nancy Botelho, Shannon Williamson, Martin Haardt, Sheila Rose, Jennifer Petursson, Sarah Cabott, Hilde Berverdsen, Ryan Naidoo, Lori McKay

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Speaker/ Person(s) Responsible
1) Review of Agenda Call for New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Hilde, a parent Norway who is here to observe Bowmore to learn about the Ontario school system; • Ms. Jarvis advised that on April 28 the Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 students will be holding a Heritage Fair. Judges are needed (couple of hours in the AM) to judge the work that the students have submitted. Based on the judging, selected students will move on in May to the next level/tier 	Michelle Aarts and Elizabeth Grundon
2) Approval of Minutes from previous meeting	Approved.	Michelle Aarts, Nancy Botelho
3) Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Dates (attached) distributed • Projected Numbers/Enrolment School Response Form 2015-16 distributed • WIFI pilot coming up. May happen this school year. • Kindergarten retrofit meeting happening tomorrow. Room being selected for retrofit. • Numbers of teachers and staffing discussed. It is not known who will teach what grade at this point. When the teachers have been assigned, the school will advise parents. • The Projected Numbers handout was reviewed at the meeting. Discussion included pointing out that French Immersion is expanding, discussion about the use of the projected numbers (Bowmore is closer to the 850 than the 817 shown); kindergarten classes can have as many as 30 students; next step is for the numbers to be approved that the staff will be allocated. • Principal McKay described the process to place children into classes (considerations for placement can include gender, cognitive issues, social issues etc.); • Discussion about the allocation of ECEs and when the Board will allocate an additional ECE (when there are more students than 30/class). Bowmore has had to surplus an ECE but it is anticipated that the school will get the ECE back; • One attendee asked whether straight JK or SK classes are possible. Response was that there will need to be one split. They are considering single grade kindergarten classes. • Concern was raised by one attendee about the fact that the small classroom should not have up to 30 students in it. • An attendee asked whether, when the French Immersion 	Principal McKay

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	<p>expands, if Bowmore would be subject to displacements. A discussion about seniority lists, qualifications and displacements ensued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An attendee sked about budget allocation to French Immersion expansion. Principal McKay advised that the start-up costs of a classroom are funded separately. • The library allocation will increase for next year. The duties of that role were described. • The school will have a 1.5 VP allocation. The school needs a certain number of students to have an allocation of 2 VPs. • The specialist teachers were discussed. • Bowmore is getting a 0.5 ESL and one full time librarian • The guidance allocation did not get reduced. Discussion about which students can access the guidance counselor ensued. • Discussion about the gifted high school occurred and whether there will be a gifted review. Most of grade 8s are going to Northern. 	
<p>4) Treasurer’s Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is still \$4300 left for artist in the classroom that is still available to be booked, Prologue has \$1800. • Principal McKay advised that VP Tallefer has a list of what has been booked. • Regarding scientist in the classroom, 10 teachers have not booked their class. They are being given until March 31 to book. Cannot be mandated since it needs to tie into the class curriculum. • Ms. Jarvis advised that many teachers value the scientist in the classroom. • Suggested that the council should vote on the spending at the May meeting. Vote to include how any leftover funds can be used. • Discussion/Question about whether there are any funds available for media literacy (safe use of social media). • Question whether if a teacher chose not to use the allocation for science, whether they would be able to use it for another purpose. The response was generally positive – however a proposal would be needed. School council is paying for enrichment, so can consider something else. 	<p>Martin Haardt</p>
<p>5) Code of Conduct</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft hard copy of the proposed survey (attached) circulated to the group and attendees made some comments. • The code of conduct is being revisited to ensure that it reflects the community and to turn it into a positive document/tool. • A meeting of the Safe and Caring Schools committee has 	<p>Ryan Naidoo</p>

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	<p>occurred. It was decided to obtain input from the students to create a survey for parents to assist in the creation of categories. Student council was approached and a format was created (see the handout)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The survey will be available in both paper and electronic format • There was a discussion about who the Code should apply to (i.e. teachers as well) • There was a discussion about the School Climate Survey and whether anyone in the room had received it. 	
6) Elections Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections team identified • May (Co-Chair, Treasurer, QSP Team) and September elections. Due dates for nominations discussed. 	Sheila Rose
7) Fundraising Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristen Stinchcombe advised that spirit wear would soon be available for order. Discussion about how to phrase the order forms regarding the intended use of the funds raised. Group generally agreed that the funds would go to jerseys and sports equipment. Discussion regarding the sizing of the clothing. • Jen Hermanson described the Book Fair. Lots of volunteers are needed. Location of the book fair discussed. • Bowmore Rocks made a profit of \$820.00 	Kristen Stinchcombe
8) Make-It fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make-It fair. A huge success with over 300 attendees. 	Andrew Duff
9) FDK Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was held with TDSB; • Estimate to complete the yard \$60,000 • To pour concrete only \$11,000 • Determining whether TDSB pays for grading, permits etc. • Team is trying to qualify for grants. 	Ruth Lee
10) Skating Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting skates and helmets for a skating program for the students. ANY SIZES WELCOME • Vasoula is also contacting Skate to Great and they will consider donating as will Art Junction • Netting will be used on the students heads where the helmets are shared 	Vasoula Vasilopoulos
11) Ward 16 Report	Not provided.	
12) Upcoming School Council Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A contingent of Principals from Norway are coming to view the school • Movie Night – April 17 “Penguins of Madagascar” will be shown. 	