

BOWMORE P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

November 29, 2016

In Attendance: Principal McKay, Vice-Principal Shea, Vice-Principal Taillefer, Sandra Gauldie, Shelley Baboolall, Jennifer Hermanson, Cheryl Ball, Ruth Lee, Gregory Parson, Ms. Clarke, Fiona Luck, Shannon Akman, Ashley McKay, Susana Molinolo, Adrian Perpaul, Abby Smallwood, Kristin Bootsma, Sarah Gale, David Gauldie, Jason Kenemy, Heather Robson, Heather Dungan, Jenn Engels, Ingrid Palmer. (To be amended).

Vice-Principal Taillefer opened the meeting by Acknowledging Aboriginal Peoples' Ancestral lands:

"We would like to acknowledge the Traditional territory that Bowmore sits on. This land is territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to be on the territory."

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1st Shelley Baboolall / 2nd Sandra Gauldie

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

- not enough funds in budget for 3 lice checks
- 2nd one is Jan 12, but same day as junior ski trip. May change date.
- Friendly/firm reminder: Please submit cash float requests ONE WEEK prior to your event

4. FACILITIES/ROOF REPAIR

- TDSB representatives attended meeting to discuss school's roofing project.
- Roofing on Fairmount school side is around 50 years old.
- In 2012/13 every school was assessed; almost all require repairs. Of 25 million sq ft of roof, 19 million sq ft need repair.
- Repair will take 4-6 weeks (weather dependent). Work will take place 7am-5pm
- Garbage chute will help cut down on debris.
- Info package will be sent to parents
- 3rd party inspection will test air quality

5. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Lost and Found/Book Drive

We're getting an industrial washer & dryer. Clothing items not claimed will continue to be laundered and donated.

Book Drive

'Books With No Bounds' needs help fundraising; funds will be used to fly books up North
Step 1: start collecting books

Pizza/Subway Lunch (Sandra Gauldie)

Senior students helping on pizza day is going well.
Subway lunch orders closed as on Dec. 16

Multicultural Potluck (Shelly Baboolall)

Smaller turnout, but still a huge success. Lovely vibe, felt like a big dinner party.
Positive feedback is that it's an equitable event
The Committee is looking for a lead for next year

Winter Concert Bake Sale

Dec 7 & 14 require a bake sale lead → *Abby volunteered to lead*
Please drop off items at the office: sweet and/or savoury, peanut free items

6. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Lori McKay)

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN is now in place for entire school (JK to 8)

Every TDSB school is being asked to engage in this plan to determine learning focus in three areas: (1) Student Achievement, (2) Well-being, (3) Equity

(1) Student Achievement to focus on numeracy and math. Questions that will be kept in mind: where does technology have a place? Where does inquiry have a place?

Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) will focus on coding & communications; Junior and Intermediate will focus on numeracy, with formalized assessments.

(2) Well-being at Bowmore Rd PS will be carried out with focus on reducing student anxiety, and healthy peer interactions. Well-being to be supported for body, spirit, creativity and nutrition. Caring adult roles to be provided by all staff, including support and caretaking. Instead of using language such as 'At Risk' we will replace with 'At Promise' – so that we can focus on conditions that help us rise.

(3) Equity carried out at Bowmore Rd PS by **Clothing and Food Drive**. Fall kick off has been a huge success. There will be a spring kick off too. **The Social Justice League** will be offered to grades 4, 5 & 6. We already have a strong **Girls' Club**. Bowmore also has a **LGTBQ Club** led by *positive space* trained staff.

More info on all of the above here:

http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/docs/A%20Vision%20for%20Learning%20in%20TDSB_August%2031.pdf

FACILITIES

Playground: Now open!

Inspections still to be performed
Fence to be secured permanently
Levelling to the pavement still to be done
Dead tree removal required too

Garbage disposal issue: Lori is working on it

Toilets: stalls in basement were replaced. But now we have a flushing problem.

Improvements to accessibility in the works: automatic door openers, elevators (we currently only have lifts)

TECHNOLOGY

Chrome books & carts are now in use
Purchasing is ongoing; evaluation of infrastructure and teacher usage still ongoing
Promethium board still needed for juniors

SCHOOL TRIPS

Ski trips: juniors to go in January. Intermediates go Feb 9

HOT LUNCH PROPOSAL

Survey going out kindergarten, gr 1, 2, 3 families

GRADE 3 SCREENING

New screening being devised to address strengths and needs, without it being a 'gifted test'. If you have any questions please speak with Principal McKay.

PEACE GARDEN

Question still remains: what will happen with that space?

Next two council meetings: Wed, Feb 8 and Thurs, May 11

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm