

BOWMORE P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

February 8, 2017

In Attendance: Principal McKay, Vice-Principal Shea, Vice-Principal Taillefer, Sandra Gauldie, Elizabeth Grundon, Leah Jarvis, Susana Molinolo, Shelley Baboolall, Jenn Engels, Michaela Jeffs, Angie Winstl, Heather Robson, Lyndsey Camps, Marike Emery, Fiona Luck, Dita Petrova, Alison Frost, Jody Sadofsky, Andrew Duff, Michelle Aarts, Mercedes Lee, Jennifer Hermanson, Ingrid Palmer.

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 Angie Winstl / 2nd Shelley Baboolall

3. Carnival Update: Michaela Jeffs

- There will be no carnival this year because the field and tennis courts are being upgraded by the city.
- The Carnival Committee is trying to figure out a smaller event ie Food Truck Friday.
- Tentative date: Friday, June 16

4. SPRING BOOK FAIR: Jennifer Hermanson

- In May there will be an English language Scholastic Book Fair. Shaileen to help out.
- Shaileen will get trained and then run a separate French language book fair at another time.
- Dates for both events not announced

5. QSP: Jennifer Hermanson

- \$4,300 net/ 12K from online sales
- overall, magazine sales are down
- other schools' sales down too; some are making up the difference with other QSP categories ie "Bloom" gardening products (we get 40%), or popcorn (we get 50%).
- discussion changed to school garden. Limitations to this concept because July & August there is no one on site to harvest.

- one parent donated her front garden for any classes who'd like to do school year gardening projects.

6. Direct Donation Program: needs volunteers!

7. Bowmore Rocks: Saturday, April 29 at Byron Bing Legion

- This year's theme: "Smells Like Teen Spirit"
- This is the 7th year!
- Tickets raised from \$15 to \$20
- There will be a classroom art auction
- Design service donated by Bowmore parent Lionel Bebbington. Pharohs Design donated printing services.
- **Committee has requested that we vote to allocate funds raised towards arts programming and supplies (TO BE ADDED TO MAY MEETING AGENDA)**

8. Pizza Lunch: Elizabeth and Sandra

- Student volunteers are working out really well!
- Orders are low. Two reasons: teachers not handing the forms out on time. Parents misunderstanding the form, and thinking it applies to the entire year.
- Mar 3 pizza lunch date coincides with a classroom trip; to be fixed
- Next Subway lunch is Apr 7, keep an eye out for forms.
- One parent recommended 'Milk For Schools Program' to help manage milk orders online. <http://www.dairygoodness.ca/milk-in-school/ontario>

9. Make It Fair: Andrew Duff

- the 2017 fair has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts
- an info session may be offered if there is interest from other parents who want to take ownership of the event

10. School Council Positions for 2017/2018 school year

- Many positions available ie Chair, Treasurer, QSP Chair, Lice Check, Ward 16 Rep
- Bowmore has 2 elections, May & September

11. Ward 16: Michelle Aarts

- FACILITIES: the TDSB swimming pools that lose City of Toronto funding will lose their pools [since this Feb meeting Duke of Connaught lost S.H. Armstrong pool]
- Special Education Advisory Council has no representative from our Ward
- Special Education's Live Webcast is now live:
<http://www.gardenschoolcouncil.com/news/2017-01-29/tdsb-webcast-special-education>
- Public relations effort ongoing to curb optional attendance issues

12. Mrs. Jarvis' update

- Girls Club will be selling candy-grams. This year's funds will be donated to 'Shannen's Dream For Safe and Comfy Schools' <https://fncaringsociety.com/shannens-dream>

13. Clothing Drive: Madame Taillefer

- The drive has been hugely successful; Bowmore's abundance helped out another school
- Now what's needed is summer clothing and more food

14. Update from Michelle Aarts: Vice-Principal interviews coming up. Parent volunteers are needed.

15. Update from Ingrid Palmer: Parents as Partners Conference coming up on April 1st

16. Principal's Update: Ms.McKay

FACILITIES

- roofing project end date keeps changing
- solar panel discussion has started, more details to follow at next meeting

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- From JK/SK to grade 8, all PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) are focused on math. Plus, teachers are practicing inquiry-based learning. Literacy push is always ongoing.
- Learning Coach comes onsite and supports all aspects of student achievement

MENTAL HEALTH (Ms.Shea's update)

- The underlying question and effort with regards to mental health at our school: "What does it look like to be a caring adult here at Bowmore"?
- "Recess Revival will be put in place Bowmore. The idea is that 10-15 junior kids are trained as Ambassadors who initiate ways to prevent solitude, bullying, and foster inclusion'. Meeting scheduled for Feb 13 for grades 4,5,6.
- Bowmore received \$23,000 for 'intervention'; \$5,000 goes towards mental health, the rest towards student success.
- 'On The Couch Program' was done at Bowmore. It was videotaped and will be presented.

TECHNOLOGY (Ms.McKay)

- Bowmore is now fully loaded with ipads, carts and apps.
- The documentary "Screenagers" will be screened for the community on Apr 5. Invite has gone out to sister schools: Norway, Balmy, Kew

NEXT MEETING: moved from May 11 to Tuesday, May 9 – This is the final meeting of the year. Voting will take place on Council spending for next year.