

BOWMORE P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 28, 2016

In Attendance: Principal McKay, Vice-Principal Shea, Vice-Principal Taillefer, Elizabeth Grundon, Sandra Gauldie, Michelle Aarts, Jennifer Petursson, Andrew Duff, Shelley Baboolall, Cheryl Ball, Ruth Lee, Gregory Parson, Ms. Clarke, Fiona Luck Shannon Akman, Ashley McKay, Sheila Rose, Susana Molinolo, Andrea Moore Adrian Perpaul, Paul Wernick, Christine Wernick, Melissa Kittmer, Binyam Hailu, Abby Smallwood, Kristin Bootsma, Sarah Gale, David Gauldie, Jason Kenemy, Shaileen Casimiro, Jen Cloke, Heather Robson, Heather Dungan, Jenn Engels, Ingrid Palmer. (Amended Oct 20, 2016).

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 May's Minutes: approved 1st Susana M, 2nd Andrea M (Amended Oct 23)

3. Treasurer's Report (Michelle Aarts)

Bank balance: \$29K, lower because of work to rule; \$16K will be used to pay for Scientists in School, Artist in the Schools, Prologue To The Performing Arts.

Next meeting we will vote for Fundraising Plan & Spending Plan. Note: Scientists in School, Artist in the Schools and Prologue To The Performing Arts generally voted on in May.

To request floats for events, you must provide the Treasurer a minimum of one week's notice.

Q. from group: Does \$29K include Direct Donation Program monies?

A. No. Direct Donation Program and donations from Carnival sponsors are in the TDSB account.

4. PRINCIPAL REPORT (Lori McKay)

Ms. Clarke is now a P.O.R. (People of Responsibility), she now joins the Leadership Team in Primary Division.

Ms. Shea, our new Vice-Principal was introduced. She is Mr. Naidoo's replacement.

Re: Staff Organization

This is not a reorganization year for Bowmore.

Kindergarten is capped at 30/kids per room.

Gifted is capped at 25/room.

Grade 1, 2, 3 capped at 20/room.

Grade 3, 4 capped at 24/room.

Facilities and planning assures us we will not be requiring portables. Instead they look at repurposing French, Music and Home Ec rooms. Lori is working hard to keep these rooms for their intended uses.

Bowmore's current student population: 890

Re: FACILITIES

The kindergarten outdoor space renovation is currently underway (\$95K project).

Drainage was re-done to stop flooding.

Staff & admin must enforce no dogs on school property rule.

Lori is working with Councillor McMahon to delay the city's upgrades to Fairmount Park.

There are 4 non-functioning pianos at Bowmore that need to be disposed of. If anyone can help, please contact Principal McKay.

Re: EMERGENCY PLANS

Any parent that would like to review Bowmore's evacuation, lockdown, fire drill, and how to support vulnerable students plans please contact Principal McKay.

Re: EQAO

Our literacy scores are worth celebrating!

See 'EQAO GRADE 3 & 6' handout (attached) for Bowmore, TDSB, Provincial scores.

Lori hoping for \$14K grant like last year to help with teacher time.

Bowmore's school improvement plan is focused on student achievement, equity and well being.

Check out the 'School Improvement Planning Handbook' for in depth information:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/reports/sihande.pdf>

Re: Technology

Ms. McKay is passionate about technology (it helps expand on social justice and real-life issues).

Our school is now wall-to-wall wireless.

We currently have 2 laptop carts onsite (each holds 30 computers), 3rd cart is on its way!

75% of the teachers have ipads

2 mobile Prometheam boards (interactive white boards) are on their way! These tools are all part of the plan to support student achievement.

Costs to date: year 1 \$27K, year 2 \$47K, year 3 \$27K

2 years ago Bowmore School Council donated \$14K towards school technology

Lori keeps getting teachers requests for: jerseys, sports teams equipment, repair of musical instruments, and safety mats.

On Terry Fox Day, Olympian Arron Brown, a Bowmore P.S. graduate, is expected to visit the school. [He did!]

5. Elections Committee Update / Volunteering (Sheila Rose)

2016/2017 School Council now in place, but still some roles available ie Bake Sale lead, Eco Team. Please note, roles can be shared ie instead of a Bake Sale lead, there can be a Bake Sale Team.

Unless you are doing a one-off volunteer, all parents are required to have a Police Reference Check.

From TDSB website: Parents and community members who wish to volunteer must, like all TDSB employees, complete a Police Reference Check (which will include a vulnerable sector screening) and be cleared before they can tutor/mentor in any TDSB location or participate in activities with our students.

The one time cost for the Police Reference Check is \$20. If you require a subsidy please contact our school Principal.

Once you have a Police Reference Check done, you will still need to complete a simple one-page Annual Offence Declaration with office staff. If this declaration lapses you will need to redo your Police Reference Check.

6. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Carnival

Carnival 2015/16 was a huge hit.

This year's Carnival is scheduled for June 16, 2016. This year the event will be produced by 2 co-chairs.

QSP

Mon Oct 3 is the official kick off

Thurs Oct 6 is pj day. Hot chocolate will be served in school year at 8:15am. We are an Eco School so please remember to bring your own mug.

Oct 14, please wear black & red to show your Bowmore Spirit. Spirit Wear will be available for sale.

QSP normally generates \$8000. The school makes 40% of all sales.

Pizza Lunch

7 pizza lunches in '16/'17 & 2 Subway sandwich lunches. Upcoming pizza lunch dates: Fri Oct 28, Fri Nov 25, Fri Jan 13

Order form was due Oct 6.

Typically raises \$10/\$11K

New this year: students will help serve pizza, but as usual, parents are always welcome!

C. BOOK FAIR

Huge success!

D. Direct Donation Program to take place again

E. Bowmore Rocks! Tentative date: April 30

8. No new business brought forward

Next council meeting is Thursday, October 20, 2016.

Elizabeth Grundon, Co-Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

Upcoming dates to note:

- Fri Oct 21, Movie Night ~ Zootopia
- Fri Oct 30, Orange Day, to honour the survivors of residential schools.
- Mon Oct 31, Annual Halloween Parade