

Bowmore School Council Meeting
MINUTES – DRAFT FOR APPROVAL
November 21, 2012

Members present: Principal Thelma Sambrook , Vice Principal Peppi Minos, Susana Molinolo, Pramila David, Elizabeth Grundon, Sarah Cabott, Adrian Perpaul, Michelle Aarts, Tanya Buraglia, Jennifer Jones, Kristen Stinchcombe, Wendy Heis, Ruth Lee, M. McShane, Paul Wernick, Fiona Luck, Faun Fairfoul, Kathleen Sandusky, Melissa Kittmer, Orla Kipling, Jennifer Petursson

Regrets: **Unknown**

Agenda Item	• Decision/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome to Parents & Call for New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions made • No new business added to agenda 	Susana and Melissa
Approval of October Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from previous meeting approved: Michelle (moved to approve): Jennifer (seconded) 	
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events over last month – Halloween festivities, Remembrance Day • Vision and Hearing tests – 88 students screened • 2 presentations by police for Caring and Safe Schools Week, upcoming Pink Shirt Day and Anti-Bullying mural on track with focus on safe schools • Report cards – few escalations to Principal indicating good communication between teachers and parents • School enrollment now at 689, up from 671 at beginning of school year • Life Guard hired – participant asked if they would be able to take over swim club? Answer: no, out of scope with employment restrictions • School Budget of \$120,000 shared and allocations explained. Emphasis on literacy this year. • Professional Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gr. 2/3 teachers and 7/8 to utilize Nelson Resources assessing skill areas to increase EQAO results -Gr. 6 classes: 3 part math lesson – making math visual, understanding math 	Thelma Sambrook

	<p>language (workshops at Family of Schools level)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dec 7 PA DAY – support staff undergoing emergency first aid training, teachers will remain at Bowmore to take training. -Dec 10 pm/Dec 11 am holiday concerts (parents asked to please try to limit to additional guests) Theme: “Old Man Winter” -Marisa Prince returning to Bowmore (music) -Island School still on track to go ahead despite looming Dec 10 strike date. Event being closely monitored with regular POR and staff meetings to re-assess. Support available to families in need of assistance for associated costs. -Phone chain for parents still in development, standard media will be -Dec 14 assembly – Luke Anderson (who is a quadriplegic as well as the subject of Principal Sambrook’s book) will discuss accessibility – will involve a census of area and reach-out to local businesses to participate in event -Dec 19 Police presentation to Gr. 6 -call for brain games/chess etc. for drop-in 8-830 depending on teacher action, building enrichment 	
<p>RBC Cheque Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orla Kipling presented \$500 cheque from RBC. RBC contributes \$500 to organizations where employees volunteer 50+ hours -This year will fund equipment/toys for use during recess (last year funded DPA) -All parents encouraged to take advantage of similar employer programs 	<p>Orla</p>
<p>BSC Budget Review and VOTE for 2012-2013</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey results -223 surveys completed, 189 by parents, 11 teachers, 5 students, 1 staff and 10 unknown -even representation across primary, jr and sr students -Results for top ranking areas of council support (in order): Math & 	<p>Melissa</p>

	<p>Science, Art, Literacy (visiting authors), tech, sports -complete survey results available at BSC website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer’s Review of Budget Allocations & Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -allocations aligned with survey results -2012-2013 Budget reviewed (final budget available on website) discussion areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. increase to budget for Scientist in the Classroom allocating 2 sessions to all 30 Bowmore classes 2. \$50 available per class for enrichment but must follow guidelines of what council can pay for i.e. not items covered by teacher’s own budget. Must submit funding approval forms. Principal Sambrook suggested for transparency to bring council member to staff meetings to present opportunities, timeline and process. 3. parent council to no longer fund gr. 8 \$1000 much music video party - participants discussed possibility that teachers may not want 2 ‘Scientist’ sessions, suggested that teachers be given deadline to book sessions and if not utilized can either complete funding request form for a similar science enrichment or budget line item can be adjusted and council will vote how to re-designate funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -suggested that teachers be asked for feedback on scientist program and quality of presenters, Principal Sambrook indicated it was generally valued and would poll teachers at next staff meeting -additional comments: all requests for cash outflows must be receipted. This includes situations requiring a float of cash from BSC treasurer. • New Requests for Funds & Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for funds Lice Checking service, 2 vendors reviewed – consensus that more info required before choosing actual service provider* VOTING: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Budget Vote taken: 18 in favor. Budget approved 2. Fund Approval for Lice Checks: Vote taken: 17 in favor of approving 	<p>Elizabeth</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECO-Team proposal in works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -shade trees/aim to keep classrooms cooler -outdoor classrooms -grant application (large project, may cross over several years) <p>Eco audit update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -school was audited on Nov 9 and auditor was very impressed -organic waste next area of focus, green bins for snacks and composting partners in place -Bowmore within close reach of Platinum Status • Movie Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Scheduled for Dec 7* , (Star Wars) -participant raised issue that it is a PA day and possibly no custodian available. Susana to follow up with movie night coordinator *Date changed to Dec 6 • Fundraising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dream Basket Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Communication was distributed to teacher November 5th for both potluck event and dream basket donations -Reminder notices sent to teachers today for distribution to students before the weekend -Ticket prices will be 1/\$2 or 3/\$5 -As gaming permit required in order to hold a 50/50 draw, this fundraising activity has been eliminated from this event 2. Bowmore Rocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Event date has been confirmed as Saturday April 20th -Royal Canadian Legion has confirmed donation of the space – meeting took place Saturday November 10th. 	<p>Jennifer Jones</p> <p>Vice Principal Peppi Minos</p> <p>Michelle Aarts</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Knucklebabies have been secured as the band for the evening -Fundraising committee has received notice of an interested parent to take on the role of Silent Auction coordinator -Volunteers will be required for the silent auction tables -Ticket sales will commence March 1st -Ticket cost will be \$20 per ticket -Attention will be turned toward donations for the auction in the new year. -Outline of expected overhead costs will be shared with the BSC at the January meeting. <p>Aprons Investigation into the sourcing of aprons has been completed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Local quote of \$10/unit -Toronto quote of \$11 with the discount from Sanitec. No shipping. -US online quote - aprons would be \$5.38 ea but we'd have to order 18 (multiples of 6 only) = \$96.84 + \$10.75 shipping <p>Would like to order 18 units for \$107.59 – this is the best use of funds.</p> <p>No formal vote taken, no objections to amount or number to be purchased</p>	
<p>Important Dates and Adjournment</p>	<p>Next Council Meeting: Jan 23 2013 Next Pizza Lunch: Nov 23 2012 Bowmore International Potluck: Nov 28 2012 Movie Night: Dec 7 2012 (Star Wars) * DATE TBC</p>	
<p>PARKING LOT</p>	<p>No items</p>	