

BOWMORE P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

October 20, 2016

In Attendance: Principal McKay, Vice-Principal Shea, Vice-Principal Taillefer, Elizabeth Grundon, Sandra Gaudie, Michelle Aarts, Jennifer Petursson, Shelley Baboolall, Ms. Clarke, Shannon Akman, Ashley McKay, Susana Molinolo, Adrian Perpaul, Sarah Gale, Ingrid Palmer, Nosh Dinshaw, Alice Brummell, Amanda McFarlane, Angie Winsh-Ackland, Eric Philip, Heather Robson, Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher.

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 September's Minutes: approved 1st Heather R, 2nd Amanda M

3. PRINCIPAL REPORT (Lori McKay)

TDSB is implementing 'School Cash Online' for all school and council payments ie pizza lunch, school trips, and spirit wear. Will become mandatory by 2019. Ms. McKay has just been trained on new system. Many questions were asked. Ms. McKay to come back to next meeting with answers. (2 handouts)

Re: FACILITIES

Playground construction has been delayed due to gas leak on Oct 5th. Investigation ongoing. Final walkabout by TDSB contractor requires all construction parties to sign off. The good news is that Bowmore's Emergency Plan was put to the test and executed most successfully. Nearby schools reached out to Bowmore to ask about learnings regarding 'Emergency Plans'; #1 lesson: practice, practice, practice.

Q. from group: Can we now open up the conversation about class reps, as this role can help support Emergency Plan. A. Yes, Ms. McKay would like have this conversation.

Some classes to get tiles replaced.

Water damage in library; carpet will be replaced.

Re: Morning bells

There is confusion with regards to when there is supervision in the school yard; esp problematic for parents with kindie and junior school drop offs.

There are 2 supervisors on school yard at 8:30am. Entry bell is 8:40. Admin will send out another information sheet to clarify times and supervision schedule.

Re: Bowmore Logo

Ms. McKay touched on history of the falcon. Prior to Bowmore & Fairmount merging, mascot of Fairmount was the falcon; Bowmore's unknown. Once schools merged, it became Bowmore PS, since Fairmount 'lost' their name, they asked to have their mascot remain, thus current day 'Bowmore Falcons'. Logo in the works was passed around. Ms. McKay still open to other art work submissions.

Re: Equity Committee (Teacher committee)

On Nov 22, two days before the Potluck, there will be a Food & Clothing Drive kick off. More info to come.

Re: Lunch time programs/intra murals

Ms. McKay brought up a lunch time coding program which costs \$160 per child, available from K-8. Overall, parents thought it was too pricey.

One request from group for Sportplay.

Intra murals will start up again soon.

Re: Eco Club

Butterfly sanctuary is in the works; Bowmore will purchase a bench.

Re: Skating

Available to kindies too this year.

Re: Fairmount Park

Construction will be delayed until the spring.

4. Treasurer's Report (Michelle Aarts)

This year there is \$39,902 available for enrichment programs + funding requests. Artists in the Class will now charge us per child vs per classroom, as some classrooms have low numbers. (1 handout)

5. Budget Voting

Council Funds (\$2000); Music (\$1000); Athletic Jerseys (\$2000); Athletic Equipment (\$1500); Technology 3rd cart + 25 ipads (\$14000); Grade 8 Grad (\$500); Staff Appreciation (\$200); Multicultural Potluck (\$200)

Yes: 16 / No: 0

6. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

QSP

Going well, slightly under our usual \$8000 revenue. 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

Typically raises \$10/\$11K

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

Spirit Wear & Baseball Caps

There are 36 baseball caps available; odds & ends of clothing. Just to clarify: it is Student Council who is selling water balls, not Parent Council. Spirit Wear will not be revived until after our logo is finalized.

Multicultural Potluck

Taking place on November 24, 6-8pm.

7. New Business

Ward 16 Update (Susana M)

Meeting was held at Kew Beach Jr. PS.

Of note: Kew Beach School Council has a strong social justice component, 10-15% of all funds raised are donated to a sister school or Toronto Foundation for Student Success.

Re: Sean Briggs has created a Ward 16 Calendar to help councils share resources. Bowmore School Council has been added to the distribution list.

Re: Beach Community Energy Coop Presentation by Robert Spencer. Kew Beach PS 1st TDSB school to pilot a solar panel roof, installed in 2011. If Bowmore is interested, Robert is available to come speak to our council. Email: robertgspencer2@gmail.com

Re: System Changes

Due to frustrations with the largeness of the board, there are system changes. There are now 4 'Learning Centres' which serve to support teachers in the classroom.

Re: Equity Framework

Being finalized. To be sent to all school councils

For further information about the Oct 18 Ward 16 Meeting, please connect with our Trustee Sheila Cary-Meagher, please call 647-221-2617 or email: sheila.cary-meagher.tdsb.on.ca

Meeting adjourned: 8:15pm

Upcoming dates to note:

- Movie Nights: Nov 11, Dec 16

- NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS: NOV 29, FEB 8