

BOWMORE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes: September 27, 2012

Members present: Principal Thelma Sambrook, Vice Principal Peppi Minos, Kathleen Sandusky, Deb Morran, Kathleen Sommerville, Carol Harrison, Karina Halminen, Susan Duowski, Heather Cook, Heather Dungun, Nicole Maguire, Michelle Aarts, Vaishali Sengar, Brian Panhuyzen, Paul Wermick, Laura Church, Carol Koven, Le Eiko Hockema, Penny Tsouluhas, Shelly Baboolall, Kevin Ferguson, Evelyn Barsby, Nancy Bird, Joanne Smith, Joan Jay, Sheila Gill, Jennifer Latella, Denyse Murray, Patricia Mannard, Ryan Doyle, Sheila Rose, Connie Crane, Jennifer Rudyk, Adrian Perpaul, Sarah Cabott, Stephanie Simmons, Kim Antonius, Melissa Kittmer, Susana Molinolo, Elizabeth Grundon, Jaime Nichols, Fawn Fairfoul, Nancy Botelho, Jennifer Jones, Joe Botelho, Paula Comfort, Jarg, Viviana Kohon,

Regrets: Lori Sears Malik, Jennifer Petursson

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome Parents & Intro School Council Executive - Chair		Susana and Melissa
Outline Meeting Process / Rules / Dates of 2012-13 Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlined process; • Voting rights described; • Described what to do when clarification is required; • Dates of upcoming meetings to be established. 	Susana
Approval of May Minutes -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb Morran moved to approve; Nancy Botelho seconded. 	Susana
Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See handout from 2011-2012 Treasurer 	Ryan Doyle
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive school opening; • Higher than projected enrollment (682 students); 39.5 staff; • Class sizes discussed and how Bowmore's avg class size compares to TDSB; • Class moves discussed and the requirements in making such moves; • Administrative office changes; • Lifeguard instructor being interviewed; • School budget can be found on TDSB 	Principal Sambrook

	<p>website; breakdown of how the funds will be used/distributed will be provided by Principal Sambrook in coming month;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQAO briefly raised- Bowmore has work to do; one of first tasks is to unpack it – October Principal’s Report will be longer than normal since it will be dealing with EQAO and Budget – parents, as a first step, should focus on how their children are doing rather than focus on the EQAO scores; • Lice checks – to be held on October 3; • Vision and Hearing tests on November 5; • Teachers' Union situation – staff are working at honouring the students and maintaining a positive school atmosphere at the same time balancing the upcoming legislative changes; • Successful Events to date: Goodbye Summer Dance Party, Book Fair, Terry Fox Run, Grade 7 Trip will happen, QSP kick-off; • Curriculum handouts were to be distributed to parents in lieu of the curriculum night; • If parents have problems encouraged to work with teacher first and if no resolution is achieved, approach principal. 	
Fundraising Plan & Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan distributed and presented – 4 main events described(2 Concerts, Bowmore Rocks, Carnival); • Need for volunteers stressed; • Question raised re whether Holiday and Spring concert would be affected by the teachers’ cancellation of extra-curricular events – it was suggested that that issues get dealt with closer to the time; • An attendee suggested selling DVDs of the spring concert (concerns over privacy issues were raised) or, 	Viviana

	<p>alternatively, an audio recording;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall fundraising event (i.e. fall fair or welcome back bbq) – an attendee questioned why there isn't a fall event – response was that timing is hard and much needs to be done in the summer to make it a success – but it could be considered for next fall; • A potluck was suggested as a community event. November 27 was raised as a possible date. General consensus that it was a good idea but no vote was taken; • Link on the website to the TDSB guidelines re fundraising; BSC needs to submit its fundraising plan to the TDSB October 31. 	
<p>Call for Volunteers / Committee Sign Sheets distributed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign-up sheets were distributed for Committees: Fundraising, Eco Team, Pizza Lunch, QSP, Movie Night, Communications, Safe & Caring School; • Lice check on October 3 - volunteers requested, training would be provided, a number of people volunteered during the meeting to help. 	<p>Susana</p>
<p>Eco-School Report – Eco-School Parent Ambassador</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowmore's Gold status was highlighted; • Plan to attain Platinum status – this involves a lot of work but this has started – a fall audit has been arranged which is a step in the process; can take a year to get certified; <p>Current Initiatives were described:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litterless Lunch program; Eco hero program; Walk to School Wednesdays (to be more successful, volunteers are needed); International Walk to School Day (October 10); WWF Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up (held at Gainsborough Road Ravine); Ms. Davis received a grant to purchase daffodils; No bottled water is sold at 	<p>Jennifer Jones</p>

	<p>school; compostable materials are used to serve food; No idling campaign;</p> <p>Upcoming initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor classrooms; School executive has met with Leaf and has arranged for a design consultation to advise on the best trees to plant on the grounds; discussion about embedding green practices within the curriculum (i.e. having students care for the trees); • Survey will be available to all parents to identify what the parent council priorities should be re where funds are spent; • Jennifer wants to bring forward green initiatives as a focus for BSC fundraising this year; • Classroom parent initiative in the works: each class will have a parent identified who will help with communication. <p>Questions raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of the trees and how to fund them is being considered (Response - some capital, some TDSB donated trees, grant funds, donated trees). 	
QSP Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year \$9500 was raised; • Target this year is \$10,000; • QSP fundraising happens all year; • Parents can also donate directly to parent council - how to do this is described in the newsletter and online; 	QSP Chair
Grant News – Member at Large	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBC grants will be applied for this year; • Over the summer, BSC was awarded \$1000 for parents and child workshops. 	
Movie Night Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First movie night, location, costs described. 	Movie Night Coordinator
Pizza Lunches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year \$4400 was raised (grades 1- 	Elizabeth

	<p>5); expected to raise more this year since we are including gr 1-8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers needed; • How the pizza days work was described (where kids eat, costs, times); • Dates: October 26, November 23, December 14, January 18, February 22, March 22, April 26 and May 24. 	
Report from Fairmount Park CC Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held on Monday October 1, 2012 to meet staff and establish a dialogue • Importance of attending stressed- need to show staff that the community cares 	Susana
Questions & Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One parent suggested that there be a handout targeted specifically to the new parents at the school or post on the website what is going on at the school - the package that gets sent out in the first week of school was pointed out, as were the eblasts - but if anyone had ideas about how to better exchange information • The grade 7/8 parents face particular challenges because the students often don't bring the information home and they cannot easily tell what events are targeted to the junior and senior schools - one parent suggested that who the events are targeted at be made more apparent (ie movie night) • Pool classes - one parents was questioning why certain grades only had swimming lessons once every ten days while others had is twice - discussion about how the decisions get made, including a consideration that certain students choose not to participate (ie some girls feel uncomfortable) • Monarch park community swim 	

	times described: female only Tuesdays 7-8 (September 25- June 11); adult lane swim Wednesday 8-9 September 26-June 12); community swim (Insert day) 6-7:30 October 12 - June 14	
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