

**Bowmore School Council Meeting
Feb 21, 2013 – DRAFT FOR APPROVAL**

Members present: Principal Thelma Sambrook, Vice Principal Peppi Minos, Kathleen Sandusky, Susana Molinolo, Melissa Kittmer, Faun Fairfoul, Fiona Luck, Ruth Lee, Chris Dunlop, Sarah Papoff, Sheila Gill, Pramila David, Joan Jay, Paul Wernicke, Michelle Aarts, Adrian Perpaul, Sarah Cabott, Kim Antonius, Elizabeth Grundon, Faun Fairfoul, Kristen Stinchcombe, Viviana Kohon, Orla Kipling

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & call for new business	- no new business added to agenda	Melissa and Susana
Approval of November Minutes	- Kathleen moved to approve; Susana seconded.	
Recognition of Principal Sambrook – Academy of Principals	<p>-Thelma selected as one of Canada’s Outstanding Principals. Awarded by The Learning Partnership – a not-for profit which runs a number of initiatives in the public education system. Thelma was one of 7 principals awarded this honour from the TDSB.</p> <p>- Was nominated by the Superintendent and the Director of Education for – amongst other successes – Thelma’s technology implementations as well as her initiatives in accessibility for those with physical challenges</p> <p>Congratulations Principal Sambrook!</p>	
Principal's Report	<p>- The Feb i-Walk event very successful, great participation from gr. 7-8</p> <p>- Pump up Your Heart week also extremely successful with water and dairy board workshops</p> <p>- Kids Lit Quiz – Bowmore hosted 40 teams, including 2 from Bowmore who ultimately took 2nd place in the competition.</p> <p>- Involvement in KLQ will continue next year and looking to add it as an extra curricular</p> <p>- March: Anti-Bullying campaign will rev up, including a Crime Stoppers program with mandatory attendance for gr. 7/8 as will tie in to the school code of conduct, particular emphasis on inappropriate on-line behavior.</p> <p>- students will understand their accountability for their behavior and anyone missing the session will be required to make up the session</p> <p>-Q from parent to widen the session to include parents, response was that parents may attend and discussion to initiate a separate workshop for parents to better understand how to monitor the technology and the responsibility of how to use it. i.e. what goes in print, stays in print</p> <p>- pink bracelet sales underway</p> <p>- upcoming visit Feb 27 from ‘Power of One’ anti-bullying troupe, focus on the bully/bystander/victim and crystallizing message that kids need to stand up</p> <p>- March ECO focus: The Big Crunch, photo of all of Bowmore school eating apples to spotlight waste of fruit and veg. in school snacks</p> <p>- Parent Teacher interviews in Feb: good turnout, still ongoing</p> <p>- enrollment up net 4 students, 684 current total</p> <p>- 50 new students enrolled for 2013 Sep JK class, Principal Sambrook watching enrollment #'s carefully to maintain current class levels</p>	Principal Sambrook

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff meetings have begun to assess strengths and curriculum requirements based on a variety of data. Will share more information later in March. - highlights from TDSB student census reviewed at Feb staff meeting. Survey was conducted with last year's graduating class. - some answers higher than TDSB norm and some were below. Below norm areas will be looked at closely with focus groups and guidance counselor to address areas to further gauge the state of mental health in the Bowmore student body and weave into school improvement plan. Bowmore has done a lot of work re. Caring and Safe Schools, 'Peace by PEACE', school safety, and guidance counselor outreach to parents, more work still to be done. -copies of results can be shared at a later date and parents can email Principal Sambrook directly with any questions. - questions/comments from attendees related to the TDSB student census and Principal's update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are exit interviews part of graduation? Not currently. - ratio of M/F respondents? Varies year over year but can't drill down for this survey due to privacy issues - impact of feeder school for 7/8s? Unknown. - parent ambassador by class ? Some interest but no real traction to date. - suggestions for a parent-facing Crimestopper session (to Principal Sambrook's point that parent intervention/involvement essential for activity outside school hours 	
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - budget vs. allocation summary shared, approximately \$23,000 of this year's budget allocations remain unspent - 17 smaller items reviewed (majority were \$50 allocations to teachers). Voting results: 17 > 0 in favour to approve. - questions/comments from participant: would like to see more uptake and use of funds for other disciplines – response was that allocations for 2013 were based on survey results and encouraged communications to both parents and teachers to utilize allocated funds i.e. \$2000 Artist/Author in the classroom funds not as yet utilized - reminder that all payouts require still appropriate receipts 	Elizabeth Grundon
Fundraising Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bowmore Rocks update: Handbills to be sent out with all students, band booked, hall donated, ticket distribution identified (tix for sale as of March 1st) and all social media and BSC websites updated with info. Call out for any parent interested in Karaoke with band. Class projects for donations has a number of classes participating. Call for donations for silent auction!! Call for volunteers set up and tear down. Next BSC meeting will focus on the June Carnival - Mom's movie night scheduled for Feb 22 at BSC Gym 	Viviana Kohon Orla Kipling
Parents Reaching Out Grant Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$1000 for 5 workshops and needs to be spent by June - currently looking for quotes from several workshops. Suggestions included street proofing, social media for parents not on Facebook, 'Real food for Real kids', 'Home Alone' (Public Health) -request for a parent volunteer to assist. Principal Sambrook will also assist. 	Melissa Kittmer

Eco-Team Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "think recycle" program underway – led by Mr. Norris' class; box available - curriculum tie in with 3 teams presenting a summary of the project – their info will be included in letters to all the classes and home to parents with a specific list of eligible items. NO MONITORS*! Need 24 products to be shipped and some coordination is required - great student involvement - parents encouraged to have collection bins at their place of work if appropriate * Peppi did mention that TDSB will sometimes pick up obsolete equipment if it can be repurposed and credit school with eco points for doing so. - Update from Peppi Minos: Majesta Grant did not move forward - Peppi did nominate the Bowmore team for the Premier's Award for Accepting Schools 	Kim Antonius
Ward 16 Update	Carry forward	
Junior Achievement	Carry forward	
Extra-Curricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 chess boards purchased and piloting 2 new fee based programs at lunch – Sport Play and Chess Institute - Heart Health Month – Sheila and Susana sponsoring Yoga - Comment that role of parent council could be to help facilitate volunteer based programs however still need a teacher attached. - TDSB web page does have information re. process for such activities. 	Kim Antonius/ all
School Council Succession Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -staggering of start dates for certain roles to ensure September brings both momentum for council as well as opportunities for parents new to the school - suggestion for both May and Sept elections to ensure seamless carry-forward of ongoing projects/budgets/etc. - suggestion for transition period and members at large to help pave the way for new council members - suggestion for new role on council : Grant Coordinator - possible requirement to amend by-laws to facilitate such transitions 	
Important Dates and Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next council meeting April 17, 2013 - Pizza Lunches: Friday Feb 22 Friday March 22 Friday April 26 Friday May 24 	