

## Bowmore School Council Meeting

**January 23, 2013 /'CRRTQXGF**

Members present: Principal Thelma Sambrook, Vice Principal Peppi Minos, Kathleen Sandusky, Carol Harrison, Heather Cook, Nicola Maguire, Michelle Aarts, Brian Panhuyzen, Shelly Baboolall, Kevin Ferguson, Joanne Smith, Adrian Perpaul, Sarah Cabott, Stephanie Simmons, Kim Antonius, Elizabeth Grunden, Faun Fairfoul, Kristen Stinchcomb, Jennifer Petursson, Viviana Kohon, Lori Sears Malik, Shannon Couch, Orla Kipling

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & call for new business		Kathleen Sandusky
Approval of November Minutes	- Viviana Kohon moved to approve; Michelle Aarts seconded.	
Special guest: Yako from Chess Institute of Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- www.chessinstitute.ca</li> <li>-runs chess clubs and programs in schools in Toronto</li> <li>-user pay programs described - lunch and before and after school options (however the speaker made it clear that they do not deny entrance for financial reasons and that they will try and work out a solution if a student who wants to participate does not have funding) - \$12/session/student; 10-15 students in each group</li> <li>-school curriculum option also described - cost is \$90/hour (what grades and classes get the benefit of the time was raised later on as an issue to consider)</li> <li>-described benefits of chess (learning from losing, problem solving, confidence, group work)</li> <li>-instructors are insured, police checked</li> <li>-described the chess institute's experience</li> <li>- in summary, the council has 4 options: (i) not to pursue; (ii) pursue paid program; (iii) investigate curriculum option (Principal Sambrook outlined some requirements that need to be met before this is pursued - I.e. demonstration of how it is linked to the curriculum); (iv) consider a mixture of both</li> <li>-next steps: Principal Sambrook and Chess Institute to discuss the curriculum based option; if the program cannot be introduced in this manner, then the council will decide at the next meeting whether a lunch or after school program is introduced</li> </ul>	

Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TDSB and Province have seen changes;</li> <li>- mention of the good that Mr. Spence did and the possibility that Ms. Quan represents given her experience;</li> <li>-school has 688 students;</li> <li>-budget is at 51%; needs 20% for teachers' spending;</li> <li>- mentioned the challenges in dealing with delays from the teaching staff making their budget requests;</li> <li>- Principal Sambrook typically leaves 5-7% of the school's budget at the end of the school year</li> <li>- informed group of the different initiatives that are being woven into the curriculum (robotics team, Kids Lit Quiz that Bowmore is hosting, Scrabble);</li> <li>- Grade 8 visits have concluded; parents will find out in the third week of February where the students go; Kelly Miller Case was given a special mention for her efforts;</li> <li>- Grade 6 visits to Bowmore for Grade 7 have happened, 200 people attended (students and parents); Bowmore students gave a PowerPoint presentation; the good work done by the students was highlighted</li> <li>- Extended French - there will be no changes to the Glen Ames program in the near future despite what was stated in the past</li> <li>-Bowmore is receiving a lot of applications for grade 7 and 8 extended French</li> <li>-Upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) iWalk;</li> <li>(ii) Kids Lit Quiz - 40 teams (public, separate schools and private schools participating);</li> <li>(iii) ballet creole;</li> <li>(iv) spirit day February 14</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Report cards - responsibility of teachers to connect with students;</li> <li>-Safety and security - front door - source of funding for the front door system is being determined (it may have to come out of the school's budget)</li> <li>-Crime Stoppers' anti-bullying presentation for grade 7 &amp; 8 coming soon</li> </ul>	Principal Sambrook
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-balance \$25,944.99 in account</li> <li>-have not paid out a lot of what we have budgeted for;</li> <li>-cut off date for teacher requests is February 15, 2013;</li> <li>- new funding requests for vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitpickers \$600 for March services (vote 17-1 to approve)</li> <li>(ii) student film making dolly \$120 (vote unanimous)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Elizabeth Grundon

	<p>(18) to approve)          (iii) SK &amp; JK trade in of scientist in the classroom credits for two incubators and egg kits - need \$160.00 to make up the difference (vote unanimous (18) to approve) - also JK &amp;SK classes wanted to trade in their other scientist in the classroom credits for butterfly raising kits - no difference in cost to make up;          (iv) magnet manipulative building set (vote unanimous (18) to approve)          - next meeting to discuss the \$50/class allocation</p>	
Fundraising Report	<p>-Holiday baskets raised \$1600.00          - Bowmore Rocks Status Report provided: venue booked for April 20, 2013, doors open at 8 PM, trying to better light the auction items this year, Bowmore Rocks Facebook page has been activated, tickets will be ready to be distributed on March 1, cost \$15/each, 250 tickets will be sold, advertising on Facebook page, blog, newsletter, posters          -action items: focus on the auction pieces, volunteers needed          - carnival proposed to be June 14, 2013, Sharon Donaldson to attend next meeting to present/discuss the plans, volunteers will be needed for the event</p>	Lori Sears-Malik and Viviana Kohon
Outdoor Majesta Grant Application	<p>- "Vibrant Grounds" presentation shown - on of the pillars of Eco-Schools          -trees at front of school, are at the end of their lives, City will replace when dead          - program described where each class cares for a tree          -canopy of trees will help with the heat issues in the school          -Majesta Trees of Knowledge Grant - up to \$20,000 available - grant application process described          -Bowmore presented a strong case as to why it should receive the grant; drafted an organized landscaping plan; video that was prepared by students shown          -next round of finalist need to show community involvement - need a critical mass          -winner announced in May</p>	Vice Principal Minos
Eco-Team Update	<p>- "think recycle" program described          -e-waste recycling program will be launched by Mr. Norris' class; box will be in the school February 1, 2013          - pizza lunches have compostable waste          - iWalk February 6, 2013; students to bring a recycled snowflake, CareerFit Mom will run a workout, hot chocolate will be served</p>	Jennifer Petursson

Ward 16 Update	<p>Bill 115 described</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-PIAC to host an event January 29, 7-9 PM at the Lambton-Kingsway library to provide information about Bill 115</li> <li>-parent representatives for teachers who want to become Vice Principals interviews; process described; training held on February 5</li> </ul>	Jennifer Petursson
Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- concern raised about students who cannot afford extracurricular activities</li> <li>- what can the parent council do to help</li> <li>-examples of schools that have outsourced the extracurricular activities discussed</li> <li>-question raised as to whether we can invite Sheila to a meeting to discuss whether parents can run some extracurricular activities</li> </ul>	Kim Antonious