

**BOWMORE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – DECEMBER 5th, 2013**

Attendees: Michelle Aarts, Andrew Duff, Karin Sildam Eaton, Fawn Fairfowl, Shelly Baboolall, Kevin Fergusson, Orla Kipling, Sarah Cabott, Vice Principal Minos, Principal Sambrook, Adrian Perpaul, Lee Ann Lawson, Elizabeth Grundon, Connie Crane, Kim Antonius, Mr. Morris

| Agenda Item | Decision/Action Taken | Speaker/ Person(s) Responsible |
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| 1) Review of Agenda and Call for New Business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none | Michelle Aarts |
| 2) Approval of Minutes from September 2013 meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approved | |
| 3) Principal's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolment #'s unchanged 694 (really 740 since current kindergarten students count as ½ under current model. EA teachers -4 students • Upcoming International Day of Persons with Disabilities, representing current student diversity: Paralympics, CP, CNIB featuring guest speakers and puppetry show • Radio support for safety of all disabled students • Focus on creating an accessible school with children aware of all students needs and how to support them. • TDSB introduces 'Years of Action" a plan for 2013-2014 – this board plan's details were presented after school plans were submitted so no must be reconciled • Emphasis on literacy, numeracy, pathways, community& caring • With stated goals of 84% scores of 3 or above, Principal Sambrook detailed plans on reconciling gaps, notably where there are LD and specialty classes and the unique challenges Bowmore will have to move achievement #'s • Principal Sambrook advised how EQAO data can be used as indicator since now you can see how a grade 3 student does in grade 6. A fail in 3 and a pass in 6 can point to a value added school where the opposite could be an anomaly or offer insight if drill down for more info into individual student's performance • Pathways: effort to reduce IEP's for gr. 7s and an improved focus there to see impact in grade 9. Advised that it was difficult to track a grade 8 student when you only have them for one year. Targeting numeracy for this initiative and more focused help/smart goals vs. a full IEP • Community Caring – initiatives to collect emails for full Bowmore community to ensure wider inclusion and participation. • Other community & caring efforts focused around | Principal Sambrook |

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| | <p>accessibility, social justice, Participaction and Me-to-We</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDSB also stressing transparency. Budget posted and available for discussion with Principal Sambrook in January • Big year for sports and extra curriculars • Miss Jarvis heading up Olympic Fun Day Feb 21 K-6 with 7-8's leading activities • Current focus on finding the best teachers with passions that will flow down to class exposure • TDSB initiating a one time \$5000 incentive to retiring teachers • TDSB 'Years of Action' initiative also refocusing on design and tech back in the schools. Bowmore could be a first to launch home ec (good facilities still exist – however the former shop room would be costly to bring back up to standards) • Full day Kindergarten: playground \$s will be scarce as the two classrooms at the south end of the bldg will need to be retrofitted for bathrooms. Current playground accessibility not suitable for 120 children, some with physical disabilities. • Daycare shared space and before and after care for kindergarten students still being assessed. Surveying begins in Feb and by April more information will be known. | |
| 4) Cheque Presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque for \$500 presented by Orla Kipling on behalf of the Sunlife/RBC employee giving program • this is Orla's 7th year in a row accessing these funds for a total of \$3500. This year's funds ear-marked for the Badminton House League • Reminder to all that many people's employers offer up these funds for volunteer hours and \$\$'s are there for the asking. RBC in particular has many opportunities like this and all Bowmore parents are encouraged to take note and spread the word! | Orla Kipling |
| 5) Treasurer's Report a) Review of 2013/14 Budget b) Vote on 2013/14 Budget | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 items paid out • New approval: profit sharing programs, will ask for names of potential partners in Jan. • Spirit wear: Joanne Smith getting quotes – need approved vendors • Vote on 2013/2014 fundraising plan: 11 yes, 0 no • Handout provided for budget | Elizabeth Grundon |
| 6) QSP Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a | |
| 7) Community Activities a) Report on Potluck b) PEP | <p>a) Potluck a great success, inclusive, and first event for many families. Had budget of \$500, spent only \$180 spent (\$150 of this on re-usable supplies)</p> <p>b) PEP (Parent-led Extracurricular Programming) –</p> | Shelley Baboolall Connie |

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| | <p>Lego club to be launched, 4 parents committed to overseeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Guest speaker to rally more parents to participate -registration next week, first come first serve for inaugural 5 week session. 20-25 participants <p>Home Ec. Club – Ms. Torres has volunteered to head up, potential guest Mairlyn Smith (chef and cookbook author)</p> | Crane |
| <p>8) Fund Raising Update :</p> <p>a) Dream Basket Raffle and Holiday Bake Sale</p> <p>b) Coordinator needed for Spring Concert Fundraiser/Raffle Baskets</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie night profits low but more a community event than profit centre • QSP to date has earned \$9069. Can still order for xmas gifts • Volunteers needed for bake sale, call out for kindergarten parents to run second shift • Lori to chair spring concert fundraising efforts | Krista Nolan |
| <p>9) Ingredient labelling</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents of students with food allergies looking for better labelling • Bake sales will have pre-packaged nut free and other healthy options. Ingredient list also encouraged. | Michelle Aarts |
| <p>10) Ward 16 Report</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools sharing knowledge re. full day kindergarten. • Next mtg Dec 12 • Family of schools with 10 schools in final year of half-day KG. • Ward 10 presentation on engagement • Other schools using classroom reps for middle to sr. schools, teachers using twitter | Karin Sildam Eaton |
| <p>11) Important Dates, upcoming School Council Events</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer opportunities still for full day kindergarten • Update from Peppi on Safe and Caring schools. Parent rep added . Nurse can come to council and present on mental health. • January: budget will be posted • Eco schools: green bins in use • Next meeting Jan 23 2014 | |
| <p>12) Adjournment</p> | | |