

**BOWMORE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – May 7, 2015**

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Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Speaker/ Person(s) Responsible
1) Review of Agenda and Call for New Business	n/a	Michelle Aarts
2) Approval of Minutes from March 2015 meeting	Approved	
3) Principal's Report	<p>Parenting centre to be relocated, school requires additional space, in process of assessing building utilization to ensure appropriate for school population. Transitioning to be carefully assessed to ensure programming needs met</p> <p>Parenting centre can be used for k-3, arts, dance, etc. preference to keep arts programming more centrally located</p> <p>Additional retrofitting happening over summer, additional space needed</p> <p>Parent questions: other options locally? Rec centre opens at 12? Other parenting centres TDSB vs Ontario early years?</p> <p>Bowmore reality: growth means no room for the centre at this school.</p> <p>Daycare using space currently for after school</p> <p>Admin looking for solution that address growth needs of school, make safe space available.</p> <p>Enrollment 810 currently, projected for 840 next Sept.</p> <p>Strike: May 11, 2015 ETFO in legal strike position</p> <p>job action towards ministry - Not board. EQAO on hold. Training was complete, PLC, learning, already completed by staff but test will not be administered – testing was</p>	Principal McKay

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	<p>slated for May 25 through to June 7 There is a plan if things progress. Teachers coming to school, kids safe, kids front and centre. At issue: administrative tasks.</p> <p>If there is a walk out, a contingency plan will be enacted and shared as needed.</p> <p>Report cards: teachers to provide marks, no comments. School Play still on, grad trips, extra curricular- not part of job action vs legal strike No staff meetings</p> <p>Class divisions allocations - All approved. Bell times, entry and exit same. Sr building slightly different</p> <p>8:40 bell rings, 8:45 instructional day begins.</p> <p>No change grades 1-6</p> <p>Grades 7 and 8s: no interval times, coordinate with jr and sr school siblings. No recess for 7-8s, will ease congestion in shared play space. Board required interval time for intermediate. Most intermediate schools need recess, they now get extra time at lunch.</p> <p>Question re. 5-6s in the sr building Principal McKay advised this was already working well with 5-6's, students in 7-8 indicated didn't want recess and teachers stay with them. No interval time bells so will not be confusion for 5-6s</p> <p>Class allocations based on projected numbers: Optional attendance driven by jr. kindergarten and French stream. JK/SK numbers will go higher. 15 or below no ECE, board permutations will mean larger classes and ECE's can't confirm until June for planning purposes.</p> <p>Gifted: one 4/5 that has 4 kids. Duke of Connaught opened up another gifted as well, may shift future allocations. Many programs impacted with growth.</p> <p>Gifted #'s currently stable.</p>	
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	<p>Classroom placement: parents will have opportunity to provide information about child to help administration make placement choices. Look at strength of need, learning skills, teachers will want to participate.</p> <p>Teachers have been working well with administration in light of job action, putting student needs first</p> <p>POR person of responsibility</p> <p>Kindergarten lead teacher. Primary and junior lead teachers, additional pay, divisional leadership</p> <p>Miss Jarvis, Matthew Norris, Miss Varga – roles expire. Kindergarten first time. POR for kindie pending action completion.</p>	
4) Treasurer's Report	<p>Sr. building - \$ spend 7000 to finance wireless wall to wall.</p> <p>Scientist in School and prologue theatre all booked.</p> <p>Artist-in-the-classroom booked.</p> <p>Principal will spend technology dollars:</p> <p>Ipod k-3, laptops 4-6, lab 7-8 Purposeful use of technology. Technology plan to be rolled out.</p> <p>Budget spend: allocation for scientist, discussed possibility of prebooking scientist in classroom to save 25%, concern that this will force teachers to run program that doesn't fit with their timing. Open to alternate spend on science if teachers prefer.</p>	Martin Haart
5) Fundraising Survey Results	<p>Survey results: Tech, life skills, home ec, keyboarding named as important to fund Staff and parents also favoured dance workshops 14 staff response, 150 family responses</p>	Ruth Lee
6) PRO Grant Ideas	<p>1000 spend for workshops available, grant money not spent last year last year. Suggested topics - Social media navigation, kid and parent</p>	Shelly/Michelle

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	<p>night/Home alone Kate and Shelly to develop further</p>	
7) Code of Conduct Survey Results	<p>Code of conduct survey results 63 family responses 50% chose respect 43 respect yourself 34 celebrate differences 24 eco friendly behaviour</p> <p>Also discussed: context and education on principals as staff meeting activity. Teachers would like to express their ideas, voluntary examples, vote on most important thing in each category. Goal – have a code of conduct crafted and ready to go in Sept</p>	Ryan Naidoo
8) Fundraising Activities	<p>Lori provided update on focus group for direct donation program, which other schools employ and would like to pilot at Bowmore. Working to launch with packet of Sept forms, brochure, details enrichment programs, taxable TDSB receipt TDSB equity fund, sharing with equity – TBD. Help Bowmore families? TDSB – no child left behind. Families don't self identify</p> <p>Concert is June 3rd Senior May 14th</p> <p>Carnival Friday June 12 3-7</p> <p>Photo booth Food trucks</p> <p>Dream baskets raffle – kindie playground program, themed baskets Volunteer organization</p> <p>Need 80 parents, 1 hr shifts. Tickets for admin to give to families in need.</p> <p>Pizza Lunch – will be also testing out Subway subs as option</p>	<p>Lori Sears-Malik</p> <p>Sharon Porter Donaldson</p> <p>Elizabeth Grundon</p>

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8) Elections Committee for 2015/2016 BSC	QSP coordinator confirmed, Treasurer. Co-chair for council still needed	
9) Important Dates		
10) Adjournment		