

BOWMORE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date | time January 9, 2019 @ 6:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Lyndsey Camps

In Attendance:

Lyndsey Camps, Andrea Maugham, Shelley Baboolall, Leah Jarvis, Heather Groves, Michaela Jeffs, Talcia Richards, Natalie Poissant, Elizabeth Grundon, Kelsie Hernandez, Jennifer Cloke-Campbell, Corin Toporas, Valia Reinsalu, Mohammed Haque, Amanda McFarlane, Rebecca Collier Doyle, Shaileen Casimiro, Jolane Folts, Enong Nwuche, Mairke Emery, Michelle Aarts

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the November 2018 Bowmore School Council Meeting were approved by Shelley Baboolall, seconded by Amanda McFarlane

Call for New Business:

Elizabeth Grundon – Pizza Lunch team update

Michaela Jeffs – Spelling Bee

Health & Wellness team update – Shaileen Casimiro

Snack program starting back up on Jan. 14th. Still need volunteers from 8:45 – 9:45am each morning. Clarified that people don't need to commit to all 5 days to volunteer, any time that can be volunteered is appreciated. Ideally able to commit to 1 day a week for consistency, but welcome drop-in volunteers as well. In February a form will be sent out asking for donations to help offset the cost of the program. Please email Bowmoresnack@gmail.com with any feedback on the snack program.

Mr. Overby will be emailing parents with opportunity to attend Toronto Public Health Nurse (TPHN) workshops. Variety of topics including: Kids have stress too, Connecting with your pre-teen etc. Michael Eisen is coming back in March to do another parent work shop. School received very positive feedback from November workshop. Health & Wellness team also trying to schedule another workshop in April. The goal is to offer 3 to 4 workshops next school year.

There is also an upcoming FREE, online summit: The Mindful World Parenting Summit from January 21-27, 2019. <https://mindfulworldsummit.com/>

School-wide dance-a-thon – Andrea Maugham

Kick-off assembly: Mon. Jan. 14th.

Dance-a-thon: Mon. Jan. 25th

An outside company has been hired to run the event. The same company was used for Duke of Connaught Dance-a-thon which raised \$10K. Every class will have 1 hour at the event. Each student will be challenged to raise a minimum donation amount of \$20. The funds raised will go to Science & Technology resources.

Grade 8 Trip

Nancy Botelho was absent. Update moved to next school council meeting.

Bowmore Rocks Update – Lyndsey & Andrea

Event date: Sat. April 6th at the Royal Canadian Legion on Coxwell.

Need fundraising volunteer(s) to get sponsorships for both Bowmore Rocks & the Carnival at the same time.

School Equity Team Update – Valia Reinsalu

A session was held with Intermediate teachers to help examine their own bias' to help inform the School Equity goals. It will be a longer process to determine the exact role of this team and goals. In the meantime, the school is continuing to try to recognize important dates to better reflect Bowmore's diverse community. In addition to this, the school is working to update learning materials to also better represent Bowmore's diverse community.

There was also an Indigenous Education Workshop conducted for Bowmore teachers and staff. Bowmore PS has one of the larger Indigenous populations amongst schools in TDSB.

The BSC Diversity Team is having an open meeting on Jan. 20th @ The Workaround. More information to come. Hope is to have Diversity Team give an update at the next BSC meeting in Feb.

Admin Team Update – Heather Groves & Talcia Richards

A) School Improvement Plan:

- a. **Equity goals** – Bowmore School has 4 main pillars (English, French Immersion, Core & Gifted Programs). Trying to better connect and integrate these pillars within the school. One of the initial steps is having Ms. Gatt and Ms. Burke teach some core classes together to integrate their students. Admin team is also looking to connect with other schools that are a similar size as Bowmore to share best practices of how to connect & integrate pillars within the school.
- b. **Achievement goals** – all SK students be at a level 6 reading level and all Grade 1 students be at level 16 reading level.

Various literacy events in the works to support these goals:

Snuggle Up and Read literacy event (K-3 students) on Jan. 16th from 6-7pm at Bowmore School.

Reading Rangers program – working to expand this program to all classes

- c. **Well-being goals-** Family fitness night being developed for Jan. 31st. More details to come.

Heather to publish summary of these goals for meeting minutes.

B) Fundraising plan for grade 8 trip

- a. Grade 8 camping trip planning is underway. Currently considering Cedar Glen and Muskoka Woods.
- b. Grade 5 & 6 trip – is 3 nights at Toronto Island school in April

*School will supplement the costs for these trips where they can. Fundraising initiatives will take place to help offset the costs as well.

C) Upcoming dates - Talcia

- a. Would like to shift dates of the below activities, to help spread them out over the last 2 months of school year.
 - i. Volunteer appreciation – hold in May instead of June?
 - ii. Teacher appreciation – hold in May instead of June?

New Business

Elizabeth Grundon – **Pizza lunch team** – current team that has been in place for 8+ years will be stepping down after this year. Need for a new Pizza lunch volunteer team for 2019/20 school year. Volunteer need is approximately 5 people – 3 to organize throughout the year and 2 on pizza lunch days. Will also need volunteer students on pizza lunch days.

Michaela Jeffs – **Spelling Bee** – Bowmore is hosting a Spelling Bee on Sat. March 23rd. The registration is really low. Ask to include in next class rep. emails.

Leah Jarvis - **School Swim Team** - School swim team starting up.

Gr. 3-5 practice Tuesday & Thursday at lunch until the end of March. Swim meet in March (Gr. 3 do not participate in swim meet).

Gr. 6-8 practices will be after school.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm on Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Next Meeting

February 25, 2019 at 6:00pm