



**Bowmore School Council Budget Meeting Minutes  
Thursday November 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Jody Sadofsky.

**In Attendance (Zoom Meeting)**

Koreena, Audette  
Jennifer, Cloke-Campbell  
Hongyan (Helen), Du  
Jenn, Engels  
Alexis, Jennings  
Andrea, Maugham  
Lisa, Perelman  
Cindy, Perry  
Natalie, Poissant  
Jody, Sadofsky  
Samantha, Stephens  
Kelsey, Turner  
Marycarmen Lara, Villanueva  
Angie, Winstl Ackland  
Sarah, Young

**Introduction to Budget Meeting - Jody Sadofsky, Alexis Jennings**

- Note: see attached document - Equity and Social Justice Committee.docx
- Review of each line item:

**SC Overhead Costs (\$500)**

- Question regarding movie license - is it still necessary this year in light of Covid?
- School Insurance is a required cost

**Social Justice Webinars (\$8000)**

- Note: see attached document - Social Justice Committee Q+A.docx
- Questions regarding reach: is there a plan to bring some of the topics to the classroom?
- (Marycarmen) addressed plan for parallel student work in collaboration with Ruth Martin
- Last month Bowmore welcomed a guest speaker for Islamic Heritage Month for Grades 5,6,7 and the hope is that gaps can be met through these types of talks
- Erica Violet Lee will be the next speaker delivering a 30 minute talk to students
- Request to Heather to bring in monthly speakers
- Heather suggested the committee adds \$50 to make the honorarium \$100) provide fair honorarium to speakers (maximum \$50 can be provided by school)

- (Koreena) Speakers need to be approved by TDSB in order to provide more than an honorarium, will to clarify with Heather and determine how to get speakers approved by TDSB
- (Cindy) If we don't spend all of the money, some of the programming can be brought forward to next year as we determine specific costs
- Discussion about webinar reach. (Koreena) webinars intended to reach Bowmore and the communities, including neighbouring schools and other families within the neighbourhood. (Marycarmen) With the outreach planning and support of the Administration and School Council, the potential reach is very promising. Suggestions to partner with Glen Ames has been put forth to Heather for consideration
- (Jody) Clarified that we don't "lose it if we don't use it" and that any funds not spent will be rolled over into next year's budget and would be re-evaluated by Council at that time.
- (Cindy) Suggested vote on an alternative amount of \$5000

#### **Equity Transfer (\$6000)**

- No questions or concerns

#### **Get Real Movement Workshop (\$2000)**

- No questions or concerns

#### **Screenagers Next Chapter: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience (\$800)**

- Reached out to Glen Ames for potential partnership and cost-splitting

#### **Hallway Beautification (\$500)**

- No questions or concerns

#### **Butterflies for Kindies (\$300)**

- No questions or concerns

#### **Grade 8 Graduation (\$1000)**

- Unsure what graduation will look like this year due to Covid

#### **Teacher Appreciation (\$200)**

- No questions or concerns

#### **Primary Play Day (\$150)**

- No questions or concerns. Unsure what will be possible this year due to Covid

#### **Covid Relief Fund (Carry over for 2021 - \$20,000)**

- Fundraising as a whole to be discussed at next Council meeting
- Unspent money from other budget lines could potentially be re-allocated to the Covid Relief Fund

#### **Community Building (\$2000)**

- (Samantha) How can we effectively connect students who are attending school virtually with peers in the classroom
- Discussion and brainstorming, further research and planning still required
- Potential to partner with Social Justice Committee

- (Alexis) Will add voting options for alternative amounts for Community Building (ie. \$500, \$1000, \$2000)

### **Miscellaneous Funds (\$500)**

- Discussion regarding where unused funds are placed
- (Jody) Council will vote on this issue

### **2 Water Refill Stations (\$6,500)**

- Waiting on approval for vendor due to high need, likely waiting until next year as we cannot use a private vendor
- Money pre-approved from last year

### **Terracycle Waster Boxes for PPE (\$410)**

- Questions as to whether it would make sense for the Administration to pay for this? What is the precedent in other TDSB schools?
- One box will cover full range of PPE disposal which is removed by the company (frequency of disposal pickup to be determined)

### **XMovement (\$600)**

- No questions or comments

### **Scientist in the Classroom (\$9,300)**

- Questions regarding impact of programming given virtual delivery? Concerns about potential overload of virtual learning/engagement and reach for younger students/ students attending virtual school this year as this program is hands-on by nature.
- Discussed potential to reallocate funds to purchase science supply kits through a third-party organization.
- (Jody) Leah Jarvis requested this programming because additional budget for science is not provided by the school. Suggestion to approach Mrs. Jarvis for an alternative proposal.
- Council to vote on options for an alternative proposal.

### **Art Supplies (\$4,200)**

- Council is not permitted to purchase art supplies for the school
- Supply kits billed through a third party arts program
- (Koreena) Raised potential equity issue regarding schools having access to the same advantages and supplies, so is it fair to access supplies using Council funds?

### **\*\*Additional Items for Review**

#### **Outdoor Recess Equipment (\$500)**

- Mr. Overby requested additional equipment due to equipment being re-allocated for outdoor curriculum due to Covid.
- Discussion regarding whether these costs should be covered by School Administration.

#### **Poppies (\$500)**

- Requested by the school (Mrs. Jarvis)

- Students are asked not to bring money into the schools for donations due to Covid
- Question raised as to whether Council money shall be used to donate to charities

### **Strawberries**

- Mr. Cedar provided pre-planted strawberries to students at the end of the school year for SK students
- Combines science, nature and community building

### **Closing Remarks (Jody & Alexis)**

- Will take Council's input to draft the voting options on Survey Monkey
- Any additional questions can be emailed to the Council: [bowmoresc@gmail.com](mailto:bowmoresc@gmail.com)
- Our next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020 but may be changed to the following week due to TDSB related obligations for some members.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**