

**Minutes of Battalion Park School Council Meeting  
Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm**

In Attendance:

Sue Mylde	Rolé Swiegers	Holly Moir
Phil Moir	Brent Bromley	Jen Landels
Jen Bradley	Pamela Colonna	Paula Slugoski
Suzi Awada	Maria Ivanovic	Alison Afaganis
Chad Benson	Heather Bawa	Amy Luo
Tara Kirchmayer	Kiley Bromley	Stephen Beatty
Lauren Savoie	Graham Mezzarabba	Heather Watson-Cameron
Wendy Karl	Sara Connelly	Ranj Bawa
Leila Gilani		

1. Call to order: 6:05pm.
2. Opening Statement:
  - a. Expectations: Ranj Bawa welcomed everyone and read the council's mission statement and the guiding principles of the council meetings.
  - b. Ranj introduced the executive team of the School Council.
  - c. All attendees introduced themselves to each other in smaller groups.
  - d. School Council would like to celebrate the following:
    - i. A successful Spring Picnic in June 2018.
    - ii. The successful start of the school year.
    - iii. The fun lunch program that is off to a good start.
3. Approval of Agenda: 1<sup>st</sup> Phil Moir, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Bawa, all in favour.
4. Approval of Minutes from May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018: 1<sup>st</sup> Stephen Beatty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pamela Colonna, all in favour.
5. Student Council Report: Holly Moir explained how the Student Council works. The Grade 6 students are in charge and the Grade 2 to 5 students nominate 2 representatives from each class to sit on the Student Council.
6. School Report (Principal Jeff Campbell and Assistant Principal Barb Adams):
  - a. Jeff thanked everyone for attending, and discussed the following:
    - i. Jeff talked about the first days of school and shared his first impressions.
    - ii. The school is centered on providing the students academic excellence, physical challenge, creative opportunities, and development of the whole child. As such there are 4 focus areas for this year:
      - Design Thinking/Maker Space
      - Indigenous Learning
      - The School Development Plan (currently under development)
      - "Changes that Matter"
    - iii. The student numbers for this year are:
      - Gr 1: 57 in 2 classes (average of 23 per class)
      - Gr 2: 62 in 2 classes (average of 24 per class)
      - Gr 1 & 2 split class of about 24
      - Gr 3: 66 in 3 classes (average of 22 per class)
      - Gr 4: 67 in 3 classes (average of 23 per class)
      - Gr 5: 69 in 3 classes (average of 23 per class)
      - Gr 6: 51 in 2 classes (average of 25 per class)

- iv. The K – Gr 4 students are housed in the core building, and the Gr 5 and 6 students are in the mini. Physical Education and Music is in the core, and French classes (for Gr 4-6) in the mini.
  - v. Jeff discussed the importance of the Casino fundraising money and how it is used in the school. This year the money will be spent on books, classroom carpets, Agenda books, Visual Journals, Imagine Learning Software, basketball nets, tools to develop focus and regulation, and technology (document cameras, iPads, connectors).
  - vi. Many students wrote letters of support to Ryan Chen’s family and these letters will be sent on to the family. The staff will make a donation to the memorial fund. Jennifer Bradley made a motion to donate \$500 to the Ryan Chen Memorial Fund. Suzi Awada seconded, all in favour.
  - vii. Barb discussed the OT tools and resources that the school intends to purchase to assist students in class.
7. SHSES (Signal Hill School Enhancement Society):
- a. Phil Moir explained how the Signal Hill School Enhancement Society works and the impact that the Casino event has financially. The Casino dates are December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Elbow River Casino and more volunteers are needed.
  - b. Rolé Swiegers delivered the financial report. The casino account balance is \$49,779.84, and the unrestricted account balance is \$16,427.41.
8. BPSC Committee Reports:
- a. Fun Lunch Committee: Pamela Colonna delivered the report. The fun lunch program raised about \$12,000 last year. Charmaen Lindberg thanked everyone who volunteered last year. This year’s program uses a different online system for ordering the lunches and snacks.
  - b. Social Committee: Pamela Colonna delivered the report. The Halloween Dance is on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. There will only be one dance this year, and the Grade 4 to 6 students can attend unparented. Tickets will be sold at \$3.50 per person. Volunteer sign-up for the event will be available soon. The dance will run from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Holly Moir made a motion to approve a maximum expenditure of \$2,500 for the Halloween Dance. Lauren Savoie seconded, all in favour.
9. Executive Reports:
- a. Treasurer: Chad Benson delivered the financial report. Current balance is \$20,345.94.
  - b. COSC (Council of School Councils): Stephen Beatty explained what the COSC is and some of the key issues discussed at the meetings. All details of these meetings can be found on the CBE website. There will be 4 meetings this year and the next meeting is on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.
  - c. Vice-chair: Brent Bromley is the new Vice-chair this year.
  - d. Chair: Ranj Bawa shared his outlook for the coming year.
10. Council positions for the 2018-2019 school year:
- a. Ranj discussed the School Council positions and which ones are available. Volunteers are needed to fill the available roles.
  - b. The open positions are: Secretary, Special Events Coordinator for Parent Engagement, and Special Events Coordinator for Student Engagement. Please contact the School Council if you would like to volunteer for one of these positions.
  - c. Ranj Bawa is stepping down as chair. Jennifer Bradley made a motion to nominate Stephen Beatty as the new Chair of the Battalion Park School Council. Phil Moir seconded, all in favour. Welcome Stephen!
  - d. The Social Committee is also looking for more volunteers. Please contact Pamela Colonna or the School Council if you are interested in volunteering.

11. New Business for next agenda:
  - a. Council positions.
  - b. Upcoming initiatives at Battalion Park School.
  - c. Environmental Club feedback.
  - d. Set up a fund to assist families who cannot pay for extra things such as the field trips.
  
12. Pamela Colonna made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Holly Moir seconded, all in favour. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.