

**Minutes of Battalion Park School Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 30th, 2019 at 6:00pm**

In Attendance:

Stephen Beatty
Brent Bromley
Tim Quon
Melissa Benson
Jessica Muran
Cody McLean
Liza Stelmach

Philip Moir
Rolé Swiegers
Merly Fornes
Victor Aduayi
Rana Fouda
Anis Abugosh
Pamela Colonna

Holly Moir
Maria Ivanovic
Nancy Boyles
Amy Luo
Wendy Karl
Suzi Awada
Heather Bawa

1. Call to order: 6:05pm.
2. Opening Statement:
 - a. Introductions: The members of the executive introduced themselves to the group. Stephen introduced Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Mott, and Mrs. Zollner, the Grade 3 teaching team.
 - b. Expectations: Stephen Beatty welcomed everyone and read the Council's mission statement and the guiding principles of the council meetings.
 - c. School Council would like to celebrate the following:
 - i. The Casino event of Dec 9th and 10th.
 - ii. The Season of Giving event. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers.
 - iii. The Physical Education field trips.
 - iv. Bell's Let's Talk mental health day.
3. Approval of Agenda: 1st Holly Moir, 2nd Phil Moir, all in favour.
4. Approval of Minutes from November 28th, 2018: 1st Suzi Awada, 2nd Pamela Colonna, all in favour.
5. Council Positions:
 - a. Phil Moir made a motion to elect Maria Ivanovic to the Key Communicator position. Suzi Awada seconded, all in favour.
 - b. The following positions are currently vacant or will be vacant for the next school year:
 - i. President, Secretary, SHSES Treasurer and Casino Coordinator, Parent Engagement, Fun Lunch Coordinator and Website Management. Stephen gave a short description of each position's responsibilities. Please contact the School Council if you would like to volunteer.
 - ii. Further succession planning will be discussed at the February meeting.
6. Student Council Report: Holly Moir gave an update on the many ideas that the Student Council is discussing.
7. Grade 3 Teachers: The Grade 3 teaching team discussed the School Development Plan as it applies to the Grade 3 students. They shared highlights of the curriculum and projects completed so far. The teachers thanked the School Council for supporting all teaching staff and for providing funds for the various field trips.

8. BPSC Committee Reports:
 - a. Fun Lunch Committee: Pamela Colonna delivered the report. The snacks and lunches are still doing great. Thank you to all the volunteers on the committee.
 - b. Social Committee: Pamela Colonna delivered the report. The only events so far were the two movie nights.
 - c. Student Engagement: No report.

9. School Report (Principal Jeff Campbell):
 - a. Barb discussed the report cards that will be going home on January 31st. She discussed the scoring and explained in more details what each one means. Barb also discussed a possible environmental initiative that she will take to the Enviro Club to work on.
 - b. Jeff started by explaining the purpose of the School Council meetings. He continued with the following:
 - i. Jeff gave an update on the School Development Plan.
 - ii. A new Chief Superintendent have been appointed at the CBE. Jeff shared some of the ideas from his presentation to the school principals.
 - iii. The Grade 4 Accountability Survey is currently out to families, and Jeff encourages parents to complete and return the forms.
 - iv. Jeff shared a story of the Grade 5 students that went on a skiing field trip.
 - v. Jeff discussed the field trip bursary idea for students whose families cannot afford to pay for field trips. Approximately 1 to 2 students per class per event are affected, which results in about \$1,500 - \$1,900 needed per year.
 - c. Krista Jensen, a Learning Leader with the Grade 1 team, made a presentation about her role in helping in the classrooms. She described the project that the Grade 1 students have been working on with her and the processes followed. School Council will discuss the students' ideas further at the next meeting.

10. Executive Reports:
 - a. Key Communicator: Maria Ivanovic delivered the report.

11. New Business for next agenda: No new business.

12. Field Trip Bursary: Stephen provided some background information. Everybody split into smaller groups and discussed three questions regarding this issue: Why should School Council support this, Why should School Council not support this, and How can School Council support this. There was a short discussion on some of the thoughts. School Council will discuss this initiative again at the next meeting.

13. Stephen asked for feedback regarding the meeting.

14. Phil Moir made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Holly Moir seconded, all in favour. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Additional Notes:

Some items on the agenda had to be left out of the discussion, to ensure that the meeting ended on time. The following reports were made by email after the meeting:

1. SHSES (Signal Hill School Enhancement Society):
 - a. Phil Moir reported that the Casino event of Dec 9th and 10th 2018 was a big success. Thank you to everybody who volunteered.
 - b. Rolé Swiegers delivered the financial report. The casino account balance is \$21,008.32, and the unrestricted account balance is \$8,302.91.
2. Treasurer: Melissa Benson delivered the financial report. Current balance is \$25,906.73 and the projected year-end balance is \$23,601.45.