

**Minutes of Battalion Park School Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 27th, 2019 at 6:00pm**

In Attendance:

Stephen Beatty
Brent Bromley
Stephanie Aitchison
Jessica Moran
Nicole Feng
Lauren Savoie

Philip Moir
Rolé Swiegers
Ilse De Dominicis
Kiley Bromley
Mark Huang
Trish Wojcichowsky

Holly Moir
Maria Ivanovic
Chad Benson
Amy Luo
Victor Aduayi

1. Call to order: 6:01pm.
2. Opening Statement:
 - a. Introductions: Brent Bromley is acting chair for the meeting today. The members of the executive introduced themselves to the group. Brent introduced the Kindergarten teaching group: Mrs. Van Dijk-George, Ms. Hart, and Ms. Jensen.
 - b. Expectations: Brent 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 successfully completed Babysitting course.
 - ii. A very special thank you to Pamela Colonna, who was the Social Events Coordinator for the past 4 years. Pamela is stepping down, and Council would like to thank her for all her hard work and the time and effort that she has committed to this role.
3. Approval of Agenda: 1st Phil Moir, 2nd Holly Moir, all in favour.
4. Approval of Minutes from January 30th, 2019: 1st Maria Ivanovic, 2nd Jessica Moran, all in favour.
5. Council Positions: The following positions are currently vacant or will be vacant for the next school year:
 - a. President, Secretary, SHSES Treasurer and Casino Coordinator, Parent Engagement, Fun Lunch Coordinator, Social Events Committee Chair, and Website Administrator. Please contact the School Council if you would like to volunteer.
6. Kindergarten Teachers:
 - a. The Kindergarten teaching team discussed the main themes and some specific projects that they are tackling this year in Kindergarten. Some examples of the students' work were displayed.
 - b. Ms. Jensen gave a follow-up report on the ideas that the Grade 1 students had to make the playground more accessible. She gave updates on the potential cost and a possible collaboration with the AE Cross students. There is a meeting on March 7th with the CBE Grounds Team. A parent sub-committee will be created to work with the students on this project. Contact School Council if you are interested in joining this group.
7. Student Council Report: Holly Moir gave an update on the many ideas that the Student Council is discussing.

8. BPSC Committee Reports:
 - a. Fun Lunch Committee: Stephen Beatty delivered the report on behalf of Chermaen Lindberg. The fun lunch and fun snack initiative raised about \$1,100 in February. Thank you to all the volunteers and their hard work.
 - b. Social Committee: Brent Bromley delivered the report:
 - i. The movie night on February 7th for the Grade 3 – 6 students was a big success. More than 100 families joined in the event. Cineplex donated the popcorn. Thank you to all the volunteers.
 - ii. Brent provided an update on the details for the skating party on March 7th.
 - Stephen Beatty made a motion to approve a maximum expenditure of \$300 for the skating party. Nicole Feng seconded, all in favour.
 - Kiley Bromley made a motion to approve a maximum expenditure of \$200 for Harvey the Hound to appear at the party for one hour. Phil Moir seconded, all in favour.
 - c. Student Engagement: Trish delivered the report. The Babysitting and Home Alone courses were well attended and the online registration process was very successful.
9. SHSES (Signal Hill School Enhancement Society): Rolé Swiegers delivered the report.
 - a. The casino account balance is \$6,416.72, and the unrestricted funds balance is \$8,050.95.
 - b. SHSES has received our portion of the casino funds from the Oct/Nov/Dec 2018 quarter and it is \$67,789.55.
10. School Report (Principal Jeff Campbell):
 - a. Jeff discussed the following topics:
 - i. Battalion Park School is going to participate in the Boks Kids program. It is a program organized by Reebok and will run one day a week in the morning before school. It will provide physical activities for students. The program will start the first week after Spring Break. It will run on Thursday mornings on a drop-in basis.
 - ii. Jeff explained that staff requirements for the next school year are reviewed and assigned during the spring time at the school. There was a discussion to get input from the parents present at the meeting.
11. Executive Reports:
 - a. Treasurer: Chad Benson delivered the report. The current account balance is \$31,588.86, and the projected year-end balance is \$23,588.86.
 - i. Phil Moir made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$160.53 to pay for Staff First Aid recertification. Chad Benson seconded, all in favour.
 - ii. Maria Ivanovic made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$315 to renew the Fun Lunch web page. Kiley Bromley seconded, all in favour.
 - iii. Phil Moir made a motion to approve an expenditure of \$116.53 to reimburse Pamela Colonna for expenses incurred for the Movie Night events. Nicole Feng seconded, all in favour.
 - b. Key Communicator: Maria Ivanovic delivered the report. There was a meeting on February 6th. The new Chief Superintendent, Chris Usia, gave a presentation at the meeting. Details of the meeting can be found on the CBE website.
 - c. Chair: Stephen Beatty provided feedback on the Field Trip Bursary. See additional notes at the end of the minutes. School Council will vote on a motion at the next meeting.

- d. Vice-Chair: Brent Bromley delivered the report.
 - i. A date will be decided on for the Parents' Social Night. Please send any ideas to Brent.
 - ii. A date for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be confirmed soon. Volunteers are needed. Phil Moir made a motion to approve a maximum expenditure of \$300 for Staff Appreciation Lunch expenses. Jessica Moran seconded, all in favour.
12. New Business for next agenda:
 - a. Update on the new curriculum roll-out.
 - b. Field Trip Bursary – vote on a motion.
13. Brent asked for feedback regarding the meeting.
14. Phil Moir made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lauren Savoie seconded, all in favour. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Results of the Field Trip Bursary parent engagement session:

BPSC Meeting on January 30, 2019

School Council funded **Field Trip Bursary** for students that can't or don't pay.

Background information provided at meeting. We are looking at roughly \$1000-\$2000 per year. Feedback requested to guide next steps.

Q1: Why might we support this?

- Frees up instructional funds.
- No child goes without – IMPORTANT.
- Families might feel better knowing where the \$ are coming from.
- Nice to do – gives kids opportunities they wouldn't have.
- Obviously, this is supported by us all.

Q2: Why might we not support this?

- Abused?
- How to afford it.
- Enough volunteers and fundraisers utilized already.

Q3: If we do support this, how and with funds from where?

- No need for special fundraising.
- Casino \$ potentially used for this.
- Unrestricted – fun lunch/Halloween revenue.
- Bottle drive
- Option provided to all families to pay more – to pay for a student, donate to help your neighbour.
- Option on field trip forms to donate additional money
 - Maybe include statistics, carefully worded, so parents understand the need and where the money will go.
- Expand this to have extra food for Fun lunch and Snacks.