

Minutes of Battalion Park School Council Meeting Wednesday, April 24th, 2019 at 6:00pm

In Attendance:

Stephen Beatty
Brent Bromley
David Byers
Kiley Bromley
Melissa Benson
Graham Mezzarobba

Philip Moir
Rolé Swiegers
Ana Castro
Stephanie Aitchison
Wendy Karl

Holly Moir
Maria Ivanovic
Tanner Bright
Ilse De Dominicis
Alison Afaganis

1. Call to order: 6:01pm.
2. Opening Statement:
 - a. Introductions: The members of the executive introduced themselves to the group. Stephen Beatty introduced the Grade 4 teaching group: Mrs. Issler, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Van Ellenburg.
 - b. Expectations: Stephen 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 BOKS Kids program that started in March.
 - ii. A very successful skating party that was on March 7th.
 - iii. The ongoing work on the accessible playground.
3. Approval of Agenda: 1st Maria Ivanovic, 2nd Holly Moir, all in favour.
4. Approval of Minutes from February 27th, 2019: 1st Maria Ivanovic, 2nd Holly Moir, all in favour.
5. The Grade 4 teaching team put on a presentation to describe how the curriculum connects to the School Development Plan. The presentation included examples of the projects that the students have worked on so far this year.
6. School Report (Principal Jeff Campbell, Assistant Principal Barb Adams, and Christa Jensen):
 - a. Christa provided an update on the accessible playground project that was initiated by the Grade 1 students. She showed pictures of the items that have been ordered for the playground, and installation is planned for June 7th.
 - b. Jeff made a presentation explaining the details of the CBE budget and how it relates to Battalion Park School's budget. The budget process has been delayed due to the recent provincial elections and will be finalized a bit later than expected.
 - c. Jeff also discussed and shared a story relating to the summer reading program. Last year a parent had donated an iPad as a prize. This year the same parent has suggested that School Council sponsor 1 iPad, and the parent, along with a second anonymous donor, will donate three iPads, resulting in a total of 4 iPads to be used as prizes. School Council will discuss this at the next meeting and vote on a motion.
 - d. Barb discussed recent and upcoming events at the school, such as Earth Day, the Staff Appreciation Lunch, the Kindergarten orientation day, the CBE Trustee, Lisa Davis, who will visit our school on May 8th, the PAT tests in May and June, school residencies still coming, and National Aboriginal Day.

7. Parent Engagement: The attendees broke into smaller groups to discuss ideas on how to involve more parents in volunteer opportunities at the school. They discussed the following 4 questions and provided some feedback on their ideas:
 - a. How could we reach out to parents when volunteer needs arise?
 - b. How could we coordinate responses and organize teams?
 - c. How could we support balance and health with existing volunteers?
 - d. How could we show value to all of our volunteers?

8. Student Council: Holly Moir delivered an update. Three students from the Student Council presented a proposal to help students who wanted someone to play with at recess. Kiley Bromley made a motion to approve a maximum expenditure of \$115 to purchase safety vests for this initiative, and to purchase snacks for babysitting events. Maria Ivanovic seconded, all in favour.

9. BPSC Committee Reports:
 - a. Fun Lunch Committee: Stephen Beatty delivered the report on behalf of Chermaen Lindberg. The fun lunch and fun snack initiative have raised about \$14,600 so far this year. Thank you to all the volunteers and their hard work.
 - b. Social Committee: Brent Bromley delivered the report:
 - i. School Council is looking for a volunteer to be the coordinator of the Social Committee. Please contact School Council if you are interested in the position.
 - ii. The Family Skating Party was a big success and approximately \$350 was raised for CUPS. Thank you to all the volunteers.
 - iii. The Staff Appreciation Lunch is on April 26th. Phil Moir made a motion to approve a maximum expenditure of \$1,135 for the Staff Appreciation Lunch. Maria Ivanovic seconded, all in favour.
 - iv. The Spring Picnic will be in June, the date will be confirmed. There was a discussion on ideas for activities for the day. Alison Afaganis made a motion to approve a maximum expenditure of \$1,500 for the Spring Picnic. Phil Moir seconded, all in favour.
 - c. Student Engagement: No report.

10. SHSES (Signal Hill School Enhancement Society): Rolé Swiegers delivered the report.
 - a. The casino account balance is \$55,172.70, and the unrestricted funds balance is \$6,957.59.

11. Executive Reports:
 - a. Treasurer: Melissa Benson delivered the report. The current account balance is \$34,198.52, and the projected year-end balance is \$34,198.52.
 - b. Key Communicator: Maria Ivanovic delivered the report. Details of the meeting can be found on the CBE website.
 - c. Chair: Stephen Beatty delivered the report.
 - i. CBE Trustee Lisa Davis will be at the school on May 8th for a Meet and Greet in the library.
 - ii. Tanner Bright made a motion to elect Stephanie Aitchison as the Coordinator of Technologies. Holly Moir seconded, all in favour.
 - iii. Maria Ivanovic made a motion for School Council to commit a total of \$2,000 every year to cover the cost of field trips for students that are not able to pay. Kiley Bromley seconded, all in favour.
 - 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 list of the vacant positions on School Council is available on the website. Please contact School Council if you want to volunteer.

12. New Business for next agenda:

- a. The AGM will be on May 22nd at 6pm.
- b. The Grade 1 and 2 teaching teams will present at the AGM.
- c. Discuss Council, Committee, and Society positions at the AGM.
- d. Discuss courtyard and grounds enhancement.
- e. Discuss and make a motion to sponsor an iPad.

13. Phil Moir made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tanner Bright seconded, all in favour. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.