

**Minutes of Battalion Park School Council Meeting  
Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00pm**

In Attendance:

Holly Moir	Philip Moir	Brent Bromley	Jessica Moran
Zeyad Al-Ssalmani	Mo Zokaee	Lauren Savoie	Ana Castro
Kristi McKinnon	Brian McKinnon	Leah Craig	Tanner Bright
Nasfat Hunjul	Jeff Campbell	Jennifer Landels	Cindy Chan
Pooria Mousavi	Cody Mclean	Sara Connelly	Shauna Capparelli
Marija Lvauovia	Mr. Bergman	Miss Zietz-Mason	

1. Call to order: 6:09pm.
2. Opening Statement:
  - a. Expectation: Jessica welcomed everyone and read the Council's mission statement and the guiding principles of the council meetings.
  - b. Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves along with how many children they have going to school and in which grade.
3. **Approval of Agenda of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** 1<sup>st</sup> Phil Moir, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Savoie, all in favour.
4. **Approval of Minutes from September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019:** 1<sup>st</sup> Phil Moir, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Savoie, all in favour.
5. Grade 6 Teacher Presentations: (Mrs. Moir, Mr. Bergman, Miss Zietz-Mason)
  - a. The teachers gave a great overview of the different teaching techniques that included the following:
    - i. Active learning – Molecular Acting
    - ii. Whiteboards – ignite discussion and conversation
    - iii. Personalization – students are the owners of their learning
    - iv. Bloom's Taxonomy – steps of remember, understand, apply, analyze, evaluate and create
    - v. Performance tasks - example would be to task the students to build a shelf
    - vi. Authentic to discipline – Learn how to act (build and pilot)
    - vii. Formative assessment – immediate feedback addressing misconceptions
    - viii. Use of Brightspace – using the application to enhance learning
    - ix. Create a portfolio of evidence - to strengthen confidence
    - x. Build an escape room – Build creativity and critical thinking skills (typically in April of each year)
6. Student Council (Holly Moir)
  - a. This year, Student Council has agreed to help with the following:
    - i. CUPS (Calgary Urban Project Society)
    - ii. Humane Society – helping animals
    - iii. Food Bank – donating food for the veterans
7. BPSC Committee Report
  - a. Fun Lunch (Leah Craig, report read by Jessica Moran)
    - i. Leah thanked everyone for helping to make the popcorn fun lunch a successful one. A total of 400+ students enjoyed it.
    - ii. Reminder to everyone that the next block of fun lunch ordering will be coming open in the next few weeks, more info to come.
    - iii. Reminder to pre-order food and purchase tickets for the Halloween Dance, ordering opened last week and will close on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>

- b. School Engagement Committee:
  - i. Call for volunteers to plan and support the Halloween Dance (Oct 25<sup>th</sup>) – Thanks to the people who stepped up to help, 75% of the positions are filled. The dance is on! Jessica and Brent stressed how important it is to get the rest of the positions filled which.
  - ii. Veterans Association Food Bank challenge – Battalion Park School vs Griffith Woods School – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> to Nov 7<sup>th</sup> – Kristi McKinnon explained the challenge rules of this competition; the winner of the challenge has the most amount of weight/student. Ideas of some of the most needed and heavier items are maple syrup and juice.
  - iii. Student Engagement – Jeff shared the courses that are offered such as Home Alone and babysitting. He also mentioned that it would be great to have a volunteer to help. It is an easy entry position for a volunteer to start with.
  
- 8. SHSES (Signal Hill School Enhancement Society) – (Phil Moir)
  - a. Report – 43K is left with 24K to be expensed. 19K and change would be left in the restricted fund. 6K is available on the unrestricted fund.
  - b. Call for a Casino Coordinator as a volunteer (the SHSES volunteer treasurer position has an interested party. Position still not confirmed as being filled)
  
- 9. School Report (Principal Jeff Campbell, and Assistant Principal Barb Adams):  
 Jeff and Barb covered the following:
  - a) Update on PAT (Provincial Achievement Test) results
    - i. Battalion Park School scored high in all categories. This test results were compared between Battalion Park School, CBE schools and Alberta schools. Categories are Social Studies, Math, English and Science. The PAT results are shown in 3 columns; Acceptable, Excellent and Below Acceptable.
  - b. School Development Plan – 3 goals that Jeff highlighted for the schools to achieve this year. The first 2 goals are drawn from the data of the PAT results and the third goal is a well-being goal.
    - i. Goal 1 – Improve in English narrative (story) writing
    - ii. Goal 2 – Improve in science conceptual understanding
    - iii. Goal 3 – Well-being for learning – this goal is more to improve the students for how to deal with issues such as ‘I can’t make friends’ and pro-social behaviour. The school previously invested in a book series (Kindergarten to grade 6) to teach and tackle these issues. A survey has been done early in the year and one will be done by the end of the year to compare results.
  - c. Celebration of the little playground located on the blacktop (called the Compound)
    - i. Jeff explained that the grade 1 students highlighted to Mrs. Jensen that they need outdoor play area enhancements for all students to come and play together - including student(s) in a wheelchair. The existing flat areas around the school make it difficult for students with reduced mobility to play in the current outdoor play areas as they are up a hill. This collaboration resulted in building the small playground that all students can play together providing easy access for the student(s) in a wheelchair. A PowerPoint slide, created by Mrs. Jensen, was shown with a big celebration of a great accomplishment.
  
- 10. Executive Reports
  - a. Treasurer (Brian and Kristi McKinnon)
    - i. Financial Report – Brian welcomed the attendees and then he delivered the report. The current account balance is \$33,378.
    - ii. The approved funding request for the month of October is \$7,096.00 (Halloween dance, QuickBooks software license and carry overs approval from 20018-2019)
  - b. Update from the Council of School Councils:
    - i. Same Budget as last year
    - ii. Issues to be tackled this year is bullying.
  - c. Chair (Jessica Moran):
    - i. Draft 3-year Plan - Jessica read the 3-year plan. **Motion of approval was requested – 1<sup>st</sup> Shauna Capparelli, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marija Lvauovia, all in favour.**

- ii. Table Discussion - Student Engagement - Top 3 choices – will be discussed next month meeting (Nov 20<sup>th</sup>)
  
- d. Vise Chair (Brent Bromley) -
  - i. Insurance Report – Brent shared 2 different quotes from 2 companies (Marsh and Foster Park), Marsh cost is \$1,181.25, Foster Park \$1,195. The biggest 2 difference is Foster Park insurance covers volunteers in school events and full cyber security. **Motion of voting for Marsh vs Forest Park:** 1<sup>st</sup> Brent Bromley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marija Lvauovia. **Another Motion for voting to go with Forest Park Brokers** – All in favour.
  
- 11. New Business for next agenda – Jessica
  - a. Our next meeting will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Grade five teachers will be presenting
  - b. Need and wants from BPS teachers.
  - c. New business plan from the floor
  
- 12. Meeting Feedback – Jessica
  - a. What went well?
  - b. How can it be better?
  
- 13. Cody Mclean made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**, Lauren Savoie seconded, all in favour. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.