

BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL – MINUTES
Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Meeting called to order 7:05 p.m. Heather Robertson welcomed everyone.

1. Council Update: Heather Robertson

1.1. Math Night – Bedford Park has received a government funded grant to reach out to parents and support students' growth in mathematics. The school has used the funds to bring Stewart Craven to the school. Stewart will present current approaches in mathematics education and provide suggestions for math activities parents can do with their children. (May 30th) There is a possibility of a second event with Stewart.

1.1.1. Dima and Anthony will determine what other activities the funds may be used towards.

1.2. Acorn Art Cards – art project completed by each student in all grades. Overall, response has been favourable.

1.2.1. Due March 6th

1.3. "Parents as Partners" – all TDSB parents/guardians are invited to attend the conference. Information regarding registration is available in the office and Bedford Blues.

1.4. Teacher Appreciation – this year, Kathy Clark will be organizing the luncheon however more volunteers are needed.

1.4.1. Looking for volunteers - will be in Bedford Blues.

1.5. Parents Night Out – This year will be held May 25th. The event typically raises 5-10K however given that the event will be held close to Community Night this year's focus is more community building and the event is hoping to raise \$2500. Venue to be confirmed (Drums and Flats or Uptown Pub).

1.6. Skating Party – an email was sent out to everyone that signed up to inform them of the new date and time.

2. Council Budget Update: Heather Turner provided a brief update of expenditures (enrichment spending) and fundraising (pizza lunch, donation letter)

3. School Update: Dima Nijmeh-Mantia

3.1. Bedford Park had an assembly to mark Black History Month

3.2. Student Council held an assembly to present the student outreach initiative. Class representatives will bring forward feedback to be used in deciding on what programs will receive funding.

3.3. Class representatives had a discussion regarding Field Revitalization. Class reps tasked with holding discussions in class. Each class will provide input/feedback.

4. Other Business

4.1. Community Night Update: Amanda Wang presented an update to the group. Community night will be April 28th. Suggestions were made to assist in the recruitment of volunteers. ("Recruitment Night", high school students, engage Kindergarten parents, reach out to class parents).

4.2. Questions from the floor

4.2.1. Why was the Ski trip cancelled, will there be a replacement activity?

– Dima and Anthony explained that the event is both weather and transportation dependent. This year both weather and transportation were problematic.

4.2.2. Is there a possibility of grade 7/8 students accessing the basement classroom that was fitted as a "lab"? – Dima explained that the "lab" was outfitted prior to FDK. The school is at capacity and the room is being used as a classroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.