

Minutes of Bedford Park Parents' Council - January 26, 2016

Marianne Boyce chaired the meeting and Jeff Graham acted as secretary. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Agenda

The Agenda as posted at the Bedford Park website was circulated and without objection was adopted.

Minutes of November 24, 2015

The Minutes of the meeting on November 24, 2015 were approved as written.

Council Report

School Trustee Gerry Gershon was welcomed.

Ms. Boyce reported that, for personal reasons, Terence Adams had tendered his resignation as Vice Chair. She thanked Mr. Adams for his service and indicated that Heather Robertson had agreed to serve as Vice Chair.

Following motion duly made and seconded it was:

RESOLVED that Heather Robinson be appointed Vice Chair of the Council until her successor is appointed or elected; and be it further

RESOLVED that Ms. Robinson is appointed as a signing officer of the Council.

Ms. Boyce reported that Community Night had been rescheduled for May 6, 2016. She noted that the School was currently evaluating proposal for Outreach funding, and that student input would be included in the decision making process.

Ms. Boyce noted that some work had been done investigating the costs of acquiring a SMART TV for installation in a location to be determined. The TV would provide information regarding school activities to student and visitors. In the discussion that followed, questions were raised about the possible locations for the TV, as well as the possible uses for the technology. Following discussion, there was a broad consensus that the Council should continue to advance the process and come back with a more defined proposal at the next meeting.

School Update

Mr. Levy introduced two grade 8 students who he had invited to attend the meeting to demonstrate a leadership development program that the School had implemented. The program involved announcements within the School being read by students.

There was a discussion regarding the technology needs of the School. Mr. Levy explained plans to refurbish the white boards and acquire other technology. Following discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the Council contribute up \$2,200 for one Chrome Book Cart, \$4,630.20 for 15 Chrome Books and \$1,500 for Smart Boards in respect of the refurbishment and related requirements (overhead projectors and speakers).

Treasurer's Report

Megan Segsworth provided an update on recent expenditures, including arts projects, scientists in schools and a history project led by Marianne. She also noted the positive response to the Council welcome letter and the impact of pizza lunch on Council finances.

Other Business

A proposal to create the first annual community skating event was presented by Jeff Graham. He explained that there was an opportunity to organize a skating event for Bedford students and their family members. It was explained that there were limited options and that Glen Long Rink was the best option for a weekend event. Following discussion it was agreed that the event would be held on the morning of March 6, 2015 at Glen Long Rink. The cost to rent the rink would be \$100 and a budget of \$200 was established for refreshments. Jeff and Stephanie Phoenix agreed to Co-Chair the event.

Next, School Trustee Gerry Gershon provided an overview of some of her activities and outlined opportunities for member of the Bedford Community to interact with her. It was noted that information regarding Ms. Gershon's activities are posted on the Bedford Park website.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2016