

Marianne Boyce called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. on April 26, 2016. The minutes were approved as posted. Megan Segsworth moved the motion and it was seconded by Silja Yates.

Student Council presented 7 proposals which they felt met the criteria for our Outreach Proposals.

The Charities: Ready Set Play, Maddie Project, Chalkfarm Public School, Camp Cucumber, Slam Dunk Literacy Basketball, Thinking Forward and Million Dollar Smile.

The criteria which was followed:

#### COMMUNITY OUTREACH GUIDELINES

Outlined below are the eligibility criteria and other considerations for use in distributing the community outreach funds from Parent Council. Parent Council has a total budget of \$3000 for community outreach this year and the funds can be distributed in one of two ways: 1) The entire \$3000 can be given to one organization or 2) \$1500 can be given to two different organizations. With respect to voting, all members of student council present at the meeting will place a vote and the organization obtaining the most votes will be distributed the funds. If three different organizations are to benefit, the top three voted organizations will be chosen.

Eligibility Criteria (these conditions must be satisfied)

1. The donation must be made to a charitable or nonprofit organization;
2. The donation can't be made to a specific sports team (but can be used to support sports programs for example supporting underprivileged kids' involvement in sports);
3. The needs of the organization must be located in our community (City of Toronto);
4. The donation must be given to an organization that benefits children (but can benefit some adults in addition to children).

Other Considerations

- does the organization have a good reputation in social media? (i.e. reviews by independent third parties, rated by MoneySense)
- does the organization have a clear and well thought out mission?
- does the organization have a board and if so are board members well qualified?
- how many people will be impacted by the donation/project?
- for how long will our donation help? i.e. Can our donation help for several years (or program cycle) or only one?

The two Charities Student Council has chosen are the Maddie Project and Million Dollar Smiles. Each charity will receive \$1500.00 dollars.

A Book Bank Presentation was made by Brett Boyce and Lauren McIlroy. They described the importance of our book drive and how our donations effect kids who cannot afford to buy a book. Their presentation will be posted on the Bedford web site.

Mr. Levy informed us that the recess bags are now in operation. He is being very wise with his spending and trying to get the best deals he can.

Mr. Levy has purchased bright orange vests for the Yard Duty Staff to wear so the children know who to go to for assistance. With respect to keeping the children safe Mr. Levy has asked that the play yard not be used as a cut through (by third parties) to Ranleigh or Wanless especially during recess and lunch.

The treasurer's report: Spending is slow this year, especially from the art fund. We are encouraging the teachers to spend their money.

Amanda Wang and Kim Naish, spoke about Community Night, May 6th which is fast approaching. Wristband and tickets sale went out April 26. Most of the activities this year are rented with a few purchases. There will be an Art Auction in the library. Samara has been working tirelessly to get this project done. Thank you Samara! Continuum will be offering 15 neck and head massages, cost is 4 tickets.

Heather Robertson and Stephanie Phoenix are organizing a Bedford Baseball Night for September 24. Blue Jays vs. Yankees. Tickets will be in the 500 level. Please keep an eye out for further information.

Mrs. Mantia gave the school update. Our projected number for next year is 736 students.

There will be: 5-kindergartens,  
4 grade 1 classes with a 1/2split class.  
2 grade 2 classes with a 2/3 split  
4 grade 3 classes with a 3/4split  
2 grade 4 classes  
3 grade 5 classes  
3 grade 6 classes  
2 grade 7 classes  
2 grade 8 classes

Due to our lower numbers ESL has been eliminated and we will have a part time library allocation.

Mrs. Mantia has been working with the TDSB Facilities to see what could be done with our field. She reported that the cost for a turf field would be at least \$500,000.00 dollars. Due to our proximity to other parks it might hinder us from getting funding from the TDSB. We are considered a park rich school. We will most likely have to raise our own funding for a turf field. Jeffrey Graham would like to put together a comprehensive plan on the acquisition of a turf field. It was raised to please keep in mind the health risks that go along with a turf field and its footprint on the environment.

Mrs. Mantia is working with the TDSB Facilities to ensure Bedford has the most cost effective and workable field for the kids to play on while keeping in mind the environmental and maintenance costs.

Mr. Chan made a presentation for Mr. Henneberry regarding Robotics. There are 3 different sets of the Lego Robotics. The children were given a task to build a robot which will pick up bricks and bring them back to them. The children enjoyed the challenge. It was stated that the laptops used for this challenge might be leaving us next year and we might need to replace them. WeDo Kit2 uses the ipads with bluetooth 4 capabilities, however, we only have one set of ipads with this capability.

There was a suggestion on the floor to ask the teachers to use some of their scholastic money, as Mr. Henneberry has done to help pay for more kits.

Mr. Henneberry is working hard to ensure all the children are experiencing Robotics.

There will be more information coming out in the near future on how the TDSB plans to implement Robotics into the curriculum.

Megan Segsworth suggested we have a Robotics line in next year's budget and we may want to make some structural changes to the budget.

Next meeting is May 31st which will be a budget meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35