

**Bedford Park School Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 16th, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**

1. Council Update – Cindy McKay and Marianne Boyce

(a) Staff Appreciation Event – At the last meeting we agreed to use parent council funds to partially finance the event instead of having the event a strictly volunteer event. After the parent council meeting, it was learned that teachers would not be releasing written report cards as part of the strike and the co-chairs received communications from some parents expressing their desire to not fund the appreciation event. It was therefore decided that parent council funds should not be used to support the event. However, a great number of families are very interested in hosting an appreciation lunch in view of the efforts of the teachers and staff throughout the school year. In fact, it appears as though the parent involvement this year will likely be greater than previous years. The staff appreciation lunch will therefore be held on June 22nd and will be hosted entirely by those parents who wish to participate and donate food items.

(b) Math, Literacy, Noise Reduction Proposal – Megan Segsworth indicated that we have \$7400 in surplus at this time. It was therefore agreed that \$2500 will be used to fund the Math program, \$2500 will be used to fund the Literacy program and \$1200 will be used to fund the Noise Reduction proposal. If there is further surplus in September, further funding for the math and literacy proposals will be considered.

MOTION: Cindy McKay moved to use \$2500 from the surplus to fund the Math program, \$2500 from the surplus to fund the Literacy program, and \$1200 from the surplus to fund the Noise Reduction proposal.

SECONDED: Beth Lauer

2. School Update - Kevin Battaglia

The Graduation plans are quickly moving along and time tabling the school for next year is being conducted. All class list/teacher assignments are underway and being completed. Students will learn the name of their teacher on the first day of school.

3. Budget Update – Megan Segsworth

(a) 2015/16 Budget Approval - Enrichment, phys ed, library, French, pool, fun run, bbq/appreciation lunch, bank account fees, and music amounts are unchanged and the technology amount depends on basket sales at Community Night. The \$1000 allotted to music will be spent on ukuleles.* The Community Outreach amount has gone up from \$1000 to \$3000 and there will be a call for proposals in September. If there are no proposals for Community Outreach made by the last Thursday of November the allocated amount will go in the surplus. The Principal Discretionary fund has been slightly increased. \$300 will be maintained for the pediculosis products in the school office.

MOTION: Beth Lauer moved to approve the 2015/16 Budget

SECONDED: Kas Lingenfelter

4. Other Business

(a) Robotics Proposal – Ms. Ginis - A robotics plan is being designed with the help of a parent with expertise in the robotics area. Grades 1 and 2 currently have a lego club. Grades 5,6,7 were invited to participate in a robotics/lego Mindstorms club. Three lego Mindstorms retail kits and Lego WeDo Kits were purchased. Consultations have also been held with the TDSB STEM coach Mr. Persaud, First Lego League coaches, and a committee of teachers and parents. Plans for the fall include Grades 1 and 2 Lego clubs, Grade 3 WeDo Club, Grades 4 and 5 club will involve Scratch Jr. and Technic, and Grades 6,7 and 8 Robotics club will involve Lego Mindstorms Kit, and First Lego League team. Additional funding requested is \$1600 for motors for the WeDo Kits, First Lego League Team Registration, First Lego League field set up kit, used laptop, a table, and First Lego League Event Fees. While it was noted that there were insufficient funds* in the surplus to fund the proposal, funds could be used from the website allocation to fund the proposal.

MOTION: Cindy McKay moved to transfer \$1600 from the website funds for the Robotics Proposal.

SECONDED: Michael Colley

Meeting concluded at 7:36 pm.

Next Meeting Scheduled for September 2015

Addendum

*Subsequent to the meeting, the music teachers requested that we hold off on purchasing the ukuleles. The council executive approved a one time deferral of unspent music allocation to September 2015. The deferred money will be spent first thing in the 2015/16 school year.

*It was later noted that \$1200 is available from the surplus for the Robotics program (incorrect calculation during the meeting) and the remainder of the \$1,600 program request will come out of the unspent website allocation as approved.