

# BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL – MINUTES

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

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

1. Student Council Update: Nour, Talia, Jackson, Matthew.

1.1. Students gave a power point presentation to demonstrate the process and organizations that were put forth for the \$2000 donation.

1.2. The organizations that the students chose from were:

- Holland Bloorview Autism Research Centre
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada
- Thinking Forward
- Meagan's Walk

1.3. Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada was selected as the recipient of the full amount.

2. Council Update: Heather Robertson

2.1. Parents Night Out – confirmed for May 25<sup>th</sup> at Drums N Flats.

2.2. Skating Party – Parent feedback has been positive. Thank you to all who helped organize and participated in the event.

2.3. Teacher Appreciation – This year will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Clark is organizing and parents will be asked to donate a food item or money towards the event.

3. Council Budget Update: Heather Turner provided a brief update of expenditures (enrichment spending) and fundraising. Heather indicated that many teachers have not spent the enrichment amount available to them (per child/grade allotment of funds). Teachers have been reminded both in person and in writing of their allotted funds and hopefully more spending occurs closer to the end of the year. If not, parent council may revisit spending the money on specific activities/seminars instead of providing allowable funds to the teachers.

4. School Update: Dima Nijmeh-Mantia

4.1. Census - In April, TDSB parents, guardians, and caregivers of JK to Grade 6 students will receive an envelope with one of the forms to be

completed. There will be a student census for those in Grades 4 to 6. The student census is optional and parents are asked to notify the school by completing the letter if they do not want their child to participate.

4.2. Field Revitalization – TDSB Facilities has confirmed that our school is on the 2018 list for artificial turf. The commitment came after a lot of hard work, student and community input and the efforts of Jeff Graham and Heather Turner are greatly appreciated. Our turf will be “sand” based. Next steps will be provided.

4.3. Staff Committees – \$5,000 grant was received to put towards school “Wellness”. The focus of the activities will be “Body, mind and spirit”, the activities currently include drumming and kickboxing. The event will be school wide and will take place May 11<sup>th</sup>. Parents and teachers are encouraged to participate and provide additional offerings (Art, yoga, etc.). The Literacy Committee is facilitating a book showcase for teachers. A representative will be meeting with teachers to highlight books and new resources. The Math Committee has attended seminars on “Math Strategy” and are using the information as appropriate at grade level. The focus is in improving current success and “financial literacy”. Dima suggested workshops that may benefit the students.

4.4. French Immersion – There are presently approx. 100 students from Bedford Park attending the French immersion program at John Fisher. The TDSB is awaiting safety information (re Condo construction adjacent to the school) before it outlines what options those families will have.

5. Other Business

6. Stephanie Phoenix provided a brief update of current initiatives (partner school literacy program, pen pal).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.