

## Minutes of Bedford Park Parents' Council

March 29, 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 January 26, 2016

The Minutes of the meeting on January 26, 2016 were approved as written.

### Council Report

Ms. Boyce reviewed the recent efforts of the School to address issues related to the presence of lice in the hair of students. The School had a School-wide lice check on March 22nd. The Toronto Public Health's lice factsheet can be accessed at the School's website.

Ms. Boyce reported on the plans for a Teacher Appreciation Lunch that is scheduled for June 22, 2016. Rhonda Rossi and Anne Maenhaut indicated a willingness to assist the committee involved in making preparation for the event.

Ms. Boyce reported on the successful delivery of books for the book bank. She indicated that the Student Council is moving forward on considering an appropriate choice for outreach funding, in consultation with teachers.

### Financial Report

The Treasurer Megan Segsworth was unable to attend. She submitted in writing the following report, in summary as follows:

“Our spending continues to be slow this year. That said, we have now spent the total budgeted amount for technology, with roughly \$1,000 remaining of the surplus expense approved at the January meeting.

The General fund spending is now picking up - the bulk of this money is often spent in the last couple of months. Additionally we continue to have several approved but unpaid expenses which will increase the STEM, Arts and Library spending. I will coordinate with Sheila in the office to get these invoices in the coming weeks or so. These expenses include several Scientist in the School workshops (grade wide), as well as field trips and a school wide performance (Mardi Gras). Once we have tracked down these invoices, there will be a renewed push to have the teachers spending any remaining funds available to them (ie balance letter will go out before the next meeting).

Please note that our unallocated surplus is now roughly \$2,000. That is all we have for new funding/proposals!

I would like to suggest that we arrange to have an internet safety presentation for the junior/intermediate grades. We have done so in the past and it is money very well spent!! At a minimum, I would love to see the same TPS officer we had last year come in. Her cost was \$0 but we made a donation to the Child Protection Centre in her name. She was wonderful. I am happy to coordinate with her if you all agree.”

### School Report

Principal Mantia reported on planning for various school trips. She noted that the EQOA testing would be spread over the period May 25 though June 8. Testing would be conducted in one hour sessions. She asked that parents make sure that their children were at school during this period. She indicated that dates of the testing will be posted on the School website. Principal Mantia noted that the Student Council was gearing up and that in addition to the student executive there were representatives from Grades 1-6, as well as Grades 7-8 involved in the activities of the Council.

Next, Vice Principal Levy introduced a number of Grade 7 students who presented some of their arts projects to the members of the Council. Mr. Levy stressed that the technology that had been the subject of recent Council discussions was being used to facilitate some of the excellent arts projects that were being undertaken by students.

### Other Business

Mr. Graham and Ms. Pheonix reported on the successful community skating event that attracted approximately 150 members of the Bedford community on the morning of March 6<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed this event had served a useful purpose and would be part of next year's calendar of activities. In addition, there was a discussion of the potential to organize other community events and suggestions and organizational initiatives are welcomed.

### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.  
Next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2016