

Minutes of Bedford Park Parents' Council
November 24, 2015

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 September 29, 2015

The Minutes of the meeting on September 30, 2015 were approved as written.

Technology Showcase

Vice Principal Levy introduced the Council to the diversity of technology currently being utilized in the School. With the Council were students from a number of classes who were there to demonstrate various hardware and software currently in use. Presentations on the following had been prepared by Bedford students in attendance: iPad App; Google Classroom; Google Drive; Google Slides; Chrome Books; and Lego Robotics. Mr. Levy indicated that the teachers and students were preparing a three year technology plan for presentation to the Council at a future date. He emphasized that the plan would reflect a consensus view of the needs for the school. At this point the meeting was paused so that those in attendance could see first hand the tremendous impact that technology has on learning at Bedford. The broad consensus of the meeting was that this demonstration was very enlightening.

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.

Outreach Proposal

Vice Principal Levy outlined the process that will lead to the selection by the students, through the Students Council, of the community outreach project that will obtain financial support from the Parent Council. It was explained that classes will be invited to vote as part of the selection process.

Community Night

Co-Chairs Amanda Wang and Kim Naish reported on planning for this year's Community Night. Date is set - Friday April 15, 2016. Volunteers are needed and encouraged to apply now.

Principal's Report

Vice Principal Levy explained plans to acquire Recess Bags for each class. He explained that the bags could help ensure that students were able to enjoy the use of balls and assorted objects to enrich the play experience during times outside of the school in the school grounds. Following discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved that the Parent Council would contribute \$1,000 towards the access of the bags and the related contents.

Next Jan Vink provided some comments on issues that he had observed at the School. He noted the importance of ensuring that the play structure/play-

scape was being properly utilized to minimize the chance of injury. In addition, he stressed the importance of ensuring that students were coming to school with appropriate clothing given the increasing cold temperatures. Mr. Vink noted how much the School appreciated the assistance to the Fall Fun Run. He noted the success of the Remembrance Day celebration and the success of the Halloween parade. He noted successes achieved in cleaning up the School, including the lunch room/kitchen and the removal of old furniture. The important role of the Parent Council (Beth Lauer) in respect of Pizza lunch was noted.

It was noted that Student Council was expected to start activities shortly. A number of community/charitable activities were also noted including Sarah's Food Drive, The Snowman Project and Soccer Charity. Also noted were the strong performance by various school sports teams including track and field, volleyball and basketball.

Council members were reminded of upcoming dates for registration for Extended French and the Winter Concert (February 4, 2016). Finally there was a brief discussion of planning for the Grade 5 overnight trip.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016