

BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL – MINUTES

September 14, 2016 7:00 p.m.

1. Council Update: Heather Robertson

Heather Robertson opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. An introduction was provided by all present at the meeting.

1.1. A proposal for Parent Council membership for 2016/2017 school year was put forth:

- Heather Robertson – Chair
- Jeff Graham – Co-chair
- Kas Singh Lingenfelter – Secretary
- Heather Turner – Treasurer
- Susan Sclater – Co-Treasurer
- Beth Lauer – Member at large
- Michael Colley - Member at large
- Silja Yates - Member at large
- Stephanie Phoenix – Member at large

Upon motion duly made and seconded the proposed slate was unanimously adopted.

1.2. A brief update regarding the curriculum night BBQ was provided. An effort to use a local business for the BBQ was not possible due to volume and time constraints.

1.3. The Parent Council donation request letter will be sent out to parents in the coming weeks.

2. Council Budget Update: Heather Turner

2.1. Heather Turner put forth a motion to add the following members for signing authority at RBC:

- Heather Robertson – Chair
- Jeff Graham – Co-chair
- Kas Singh Lingenfelter – Secretary
- Heather Turner – Treasurer
- Susan Sclater – Co-Treasurer

Upon motion duly made and seconded the motion regarding the proposed signing officers was unanimously adopted.

2.2. Heather Turner put forth a motion to remove the following members for signing authority at RBC:

- Megan Segsworth
- Marianne Boyce
- Cindy McKay
- Ulviya Aslanov

Upon motion duly made and seconded the motion regarding the removal of the above signing officers was unanimously adopted.

Motion to confirm that David Wolle and Terrence Adams were not signing officers was put forth by Heather Turner and was seconded by Beth Lauer. The motion confirming the above individually were not signing officers was unanimously adopted.

2.3. Heather Turner informed those present that there were no changes to the budget passed June 2016. The budget was available by request and on bedfordpark.ca

3. School Update: Dima Nijmeh-Mantia

- 3.1. Dima Nijmeh-Mantia discussed the classroom exemptions the school is awaiting (classes 2/3, 4-32 students, 6 – 35 students). An exemption had already been provided for 3/4 class.
- 3.2. An update was provided regarding the revitalization of playing field. Dima, Anthony, Jeff and Heather T. were involved in these discussions.
 - 3.2.1. The process involved in revitalization of the playing field is being examined. Part of this has included discussions with other parties, sports clubs, parents, other schools, and trustees.
 - 3.2.2. Bedford Park has connected with TDSB and is working toward meeting the criteria for the next allotment of schools to be prioritized for playing field revitalization.
 - 3.2.3. Jeff outlined that in order for the project to reach its goal of revitalization of the grounds and not limited to the field, there was a need for financial support from the community, private organizations, the school and parents. A need for supplementary funds will be required in addition to the funds provided by TDSB.
 - 3.2.4. Dima will lead the process and facilitate discussions on playing field revitalization.

4. Technology Update: Aaron Chan

- 4.1. We have started using the budget allocation for repairing technology. 18 I pads have already been sent for repair.
- 4.2. The rotation of technology tools is getting started in all classes.
- 4.3. A Technology Committee meeting was held September 13. The Technology Committee is gathering teacher input and will put together a technology plan for the next few years

5. Other Business

- 5.1. Cross Country run – practice will begin next week. Information will be provided in Blues.
- 5.2. Dima provided confirmation that grade 8's will be using instruments in music class with Mr. Coady.
- 5.3. Question put forth regarding where Bedford Park ranked in technology. Anthony commented that the school was not ahead and not lagging. Each school has a plan and vision and Bedford Park was in "the ball park".
- 5.4. Heather Robertson advised the group that MLB had moved the time of the game that Bedford Park families were attending to 4:07. All ticket holders would be notified.
- 5.5. Blues – a discussion arose regarding parents signing up for the Blues and prominence on the website,
 - 5.5.1. Teachers will be asked to give parents a reminder to sign up for the Blues.
 - 5.5.2. The Blues will be more prominent on website.
 - 5.5.3. Beth Lauer asked that she be provided the dates of all future meetings so that they could be added to the website.
- 5.6. Fun Run
 - 5.6.1. An outline of all of the activities surrounding this years Fun Run were discussed:
 - Assembly
 - Flag (courtesy of Aaron Chan)
 - Fun Run date moved to coincide with Terry Fox School Run (September 29th)
 - Route change
 - The route will now be going through the community as Terry Fox ran.
 - As a result of the route change, additional parents will be required to help (46 in total).
 - The collection of toonies will be promoted using the "Toonies for Terry" slogan.

- All students, teachers and parents are encouraged to wear Bedford Gear for the run.

5.7. 100 Ranleigh

5.7.1. The city is planning on purchasing the property.

5.7.1.1. Dima is going to have discussions with councilor and trustee to determine usage or access of the space.

5.8. Meetings

5.8.1. The next meeting was scheduled for November. A request was made to have an October meeting and Dima agreed that an October meeting could be scheduled

The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2016. Dates for future meetings will be posted in The Blues.

Meeting concluded at 8:20 pm.