



BEDFORD PARK

BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday September 25, 2018

6:30pm - Library

- Call to order at 6:31pm
- Cindy McKay welcomed everyone.
- Motion was made by Sue Sclater to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2018 meeting, seconded by Silja Yates.
- Business arising from the minutes – none

Motion was made to accept the new Parent Council 2018-2019 including:

- Co-Chairs Beth Lauer and Janice Barnett
- Treasurer Sue Sclater
- Co- Treasurer Emma Kozak
- Secretary – Janet Fong
- Outgoing chair – Cindy McKay
- Members at Large – Salma Muhammed-Gold, Samara Enchin, Kathy Clark, Silja Yates.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Melissa Burger welcomed everyone to the 2018-2019 school year and provided a school update.

- Field and athletic areas are working out well and are being used. The students are interacting with it in a positive way.
- Curriculum night was a success.
- Terry Fox event coming up on Thursday morning with an assembly tomorrow.
- Grade 3's will have universal screening on Oct 1st to 4th.
- EQAO results came out and staff will be meeting for long term goal planning.

Council Update (Cindy McKay, Beth Lauer & Janice Barnett)

- Welcome from Beth.
- Cindy thanked everyone who donated to the field. The donation plaques have been ordered and we are waiting for an opening ceremony date.

David Pimentel provided an overview of assistive technologies

- David has taken on the technology portfolio.
- There are lots of great new apps at the board level, available to all students at school and at home including word prediction and voice printing.
- David will provide a session at the next parent council meeting, Oct 23rd.

Council Budget Update was provided by Sue Sclater

- Budget was presented for the second time (previously presented in May 2018).



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- Two corrections
 - Science labs – doesn't have an actual classroom so don't have a per student allocation, added at \$400 allowance.
 - Field signage – related to the field donations.
- There was discussion around robotics and the lower amount allocated by parent council in order to allow for other clubs to use parent council funds. It was discussed that the intention was for parents to support the price of the competition if there was sufficient interest to cover the cost.
- Sue to attend the next teacher meeting to advise on what is available to the teachers.
- A motion was raised by Cindy McKay to accept the budget and was seconded by Janice Barnett.
- A motion was made by Sue Sclater to add Beth Lauer to the signing authority, and was seconded by Cindy McKay.
- A motion was made by Sue Sclater to remove Heather Turner and Cindy McKay from the signing authority and was seconded by Janice.
- Sue mentioned that a goal for this year is to add a blurb to the last Blues of the month to announce what was funded for the month by parent council.
- A question was asked about the playground planning allowance and Cindy confirmed that the funds could go towards something additional within phase 3 of the field.
- A question was asked about the playground structures and whether there are any plans to improve them and Melissa Berger suggested Dima Nijmeh-Mantia be consulted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.

Next Council Meeting is October 23, 2018