



# BEDFORD PARK

## BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday January 22, 2019

6:30pm Library

### Attendees

<u>Beth Lauer (Chair)</u> <u>Janice Barnett (Co-Chair)</u> <u>Sue Sclater (Treasurer)</u> <u>Emma Kozak (Co-Treasurer)</u> <u>Janet Fong (Secretary)</u> <u>Dima Nijmeh-Mantia (Principal)</u> <u>Melissa Berger (Vice-Principal)</u>	<u>Members at Large:</u> <u>Samara Enchin</u> <u>Silja Yates</u>	<u>David Pimentel</u> <u>Chloe Salerno</u> <u>Mark Salerno</u> <u>Anne Maenhaut</u> <u>Rhonda Rossi</u> <u>Janet Stone</u>
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### Regrets

<u>Salmaa Muhammad-Gold</u> <u>Kathy Clark</u>		
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- Call to order at 6:35pm
- **School Update (Dima Nijmeh-Mantia)**
  - o **Upcoming Events:**
    - Student Council is planning a bunch of “friendship” themed events
    - Pink Day at the end of February
    - Prologue presentation “Tune Conde” (Feb 11th; 2 sessions)
    - Grade 6-8: Jay Skelton holding workshops with teachers on Healthy Relationships so that the teachers can share with their students in the classroom. There will also be a parent session (March 26th @ 6:30pm)
    - Report cards will be sent home on Feb 12th
    - There will be two lice checks: Feb 19th and one in April
  - o **Upper Playground (playground structure within the wooden fence):**
    - working with Ranleigh and TDSB
    - has drawings in place; working with the Board on funding
    - making it more a safe and usable space
    - want Parent Council to reserve some funding for that



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## o Crossing Guard Void at Mt. Pleasant & Ranleigh:

- the presence of a crossing guard is inconsistent (Rita - the previous crossing guard found new employment and her vacancy has not been filled with a permanent staff)
- responsibility is no longer with the Toronto Police Services; TPS is working with the city and has contracted out to a third party to relieve the current need for crossing guards (Neptune Security Services)
- Jaye Robertson and school trustees have been made aware of this issue, this is an issue across the city
- concerns or questions should be directed to the Toronto Police Services
- Mark suggested that it is possible to contact 32 Division to monitor the traffic but Dima informed that the division has been contacted and are monitoring parking violations around the school rather than the intersection
- Mark also suggested the school provide a map to indicate where parking is allowed so to make it a visual for parents
- Samara shared that students in the Leaside neighbourhood started an initiative to use flags for crossing streets (using small PVC pipes as holders for the flags and tying it to posts). This has been quite successful and she proposed this as a quick fix in the interim until the vacancy is filled.
- Dima will look into this and assess if it will be feasible.
- Mark also suggest the possibility to have parents stand at the corner of the sidewalk to help monitor
- we are on the list for traffic enhancement. Some items have been implemented (ie: white painted lines, speed monitors and a decrease in speed limit) but no update on big items due likely to funding

## o Trips:

- there will be a ski day for grades 4,5,6; currently working on dates
- Grades 7 & 8 - not sure as vendor insurance has only been approved for the grades 4-6
- Grad Trip - working with travel company on dates and accommodation, looking at Montreal as we can no longer go to the States

## • Council Update (Beth Lauer & Janice Barnett)

### o School-wide Art project

- we are moving ahead, Samara Enchin is our parent lead and will be working with teachers (Ms Rix, Ms Mitz, Ms Vavassis, Ms Hargrave & Ms. Javaheri) to plan out how this will all work



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- volunteers will likely be requested via email as this will all happen during the school day
- the final project will be installed in the 'haunted hallway' before the end of the school year
  
- o **Bag2School**
  - this initiative was brought up at the last meeting as a way to manage the Lost & Found as well as a way for parents to donate other used clothing & textiles. It was determined not to be feasible at this time
  
- o **Socks Donation**
  - there was another initiative brought up for Sock Donation and again this was deemed not feasible at the moment
  
- o **Direct-Letter Donation Update**
  - currently at \$7,625
  
- o **Pizza Lunch**
  - did not go as smoothly as hoped, many parents missed the online cut-off date due to the winter break and hence there was confusion amongst the kids and volunteers of who had actually ordered
  - the onsite crew were short on all items so will be discussing ways to avoid this issue for future lunches
  
- o **PRO Grant update**
  - we are approved for \$1,000 for a guest speaker and we need to land on a topic. This money has to be spent within the school year and the report has to be completed before end of June
  - some ideas are as follow:
    - ▶ Anthony McLean - <https://www.anthonymclean.org/> - Bullying Diversity & Mental Health
    - ▶ Paul Davis - <http://socialnetworkingsafety.net/sample-page/> - Social Media Safety (likely not feasible too book him as need advance notice)
    - ▶ Ann Douglas - <http://www.anndouglas.net/> - Parenting through the Storm
    - ▶ Michael Eisen - <https://www.nsb.com/speakers/michael-eisen/>; [http://youthwellnessnetwork.ca/about\\_us/michael\\_eisen\\_ynw\\_founder/](http://youthwellnessnetwork.ca/about_us/michael_eisen_ynw_founder/) - Youth Wellness
    - ▶ Screenagers - <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/find-a-screening/>
  
- o **Year Book** - Janice is currently collecting pictures from families



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- **Minutes of the October Meeting**
  - motion to approve last meeting's minutes was made by Janice and seconded by Silja
  
- **Council Budget Update (Sue Sclater & Emma Kozak)**
  - kudos to Ms. Yip who is the first one to almost spend all her budget
  - over \$3,000 has been spent to date out of the \$13,000 teacher enrichment budget
  - Sue will remind the teachers about their teacher enrichment budget at the next teacher's meeting (Jan 31st)
  - a highlight of the budget as at January 19th was presented (this does not reflect January pizza lunch)
  - since last Parent Council's meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, monies were spent on Zumba for grades 3 & 4, guest speaker from Sheena's Place for grade 6 on Healthy Eating, music sheets for grade 1, and membership for robotics designs/ skills and tech support for Robotics club
  
- **Other Business**
  - o **Grade 8 graduations (Anne Maenhaut)**
    - did well with the three recent initiatives and raised: Holiday Hop \$1,100, Bake Sale \$1,125 and Poinsettias \$900
    - will continue with Freezie Fridays and hope to raise another \$1,500
    - if additional funding is needed, they anticipate it only to be \$10/\$20 per grad student
  - o **Community Night Update (Janet Stone)**
    - an informal meeting was held at the beginning of December and team working to have a more inclusive community
    - volunteer opportunities are available and if interested, email: [bedfordcommunitynight@gmail.com](mailto:bedfordcommunitynight@gmail.com)
      - ▶ Teen Town
      - ▶ Communication (Chloe volunteered)
      - ▶ Seeking sponsorships from local vendors
      - ▶ Silent Auction
    - need to apply for permit and police for the night (April 12th)
  
- Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

Next meeting date: **March 26th, 2019**