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BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday April 30, 2019

6:30pm Library

Attendees

<u>Janice Barnett (Co-Chair)</u> <u>Sue Sclater (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>Silja Yates</u>	<u>Matthew Vienneau</u> <u>Anne Maenhaut</u> <u>Janet Stone</u> <u>Anita O'Connor</u> <u>Rhonda Rossi</u> <u>Stephanie Phoenix</u>
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Regrets

<u>Beth Lauer (Chair)</u> <u>Emma Kozak (Co-Treasurer)</u> <u>Kathy Clark</u>	<u>Samara Enchin</u> <u>Salma Muhammad-Gold</u>	
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- Call to order at 6:32pm
- School Update (Dima Nijmeh-Mantia)
 - Dima welcomed everyone.
 - Explained that Richard Christie from TDSB felt the need not to come as he felt he was able to balance the permitting needs of the community and school. Specifically, Tuesday and Thursday evenings are not available for permit (reserved for school use). Permitting is open after 6pm for Monday and Wednesday evenings, Saturday and Sunday afternoon. All permitting requests are reviewed and approved by the Permit Department.
 - Commended Student Council for their work on Me-to-We & Girl Talk.
- Council Update (Janice Barnett)
 - o Yonge/Eglinton Phase 2 Program Area Review (PART)
 - Parent representatives (Janice, Beth) and Dima attended the Committee meetings. This initiative started 10 years ago, currently looking for short-term solution for Yonge/Eglinton and long-term solution for the whole area.



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- As a result of recent changes to funding and class size, this will alter the current proposed solutions, so this project is currently on-hold for TDSB staff to develop additional options and expand the scope and will be initiated again this coming fall. All further meetings this spring are therefore cancelled.
- TDSB Priorities report has been approved but not by school.
- o Upcoming Guest Speaker: Anthony McLean
 - As of today, approximately 43-45 parents have RSVP'd. It has been decided that the gymnasium has capacity to open the invitation to other nearby schools (Glenview and John Wanless).
 - Suggestion was made to send a reminder to RSVP through class parent.
- o Guest Speaker for next year: Paul Davis has been booked to come and present to both the students (during the day) and to the parents (evening) on February 3rd, 2020.
- o Seeking new parent council members: Co-Chair and Secretary.
- o Pizza lunch was successful overall.
- o BBQ
 - Year-end BBQ rescheduled to September to coincide with Curriculum Night (date TBD but after Sept 15th, Thursday night; 3rd/4th week of September). Reason not to have it in May is due to the unpredictable weather and available dates, and in June due to the grade 6, 7 & 8 students who are absent from week one to three, respectively.
 - There were discussions to have the BBQ as a separate night to build community rather than having it together with Curriculum night. It was suggested to have a calendar of Parent Council events to present at these events to the community to gain memberships.
 - Suggestions to have two BBQ's or events (Welcome back and Year-End). It was also suggested to have a Year-end BBQ before the end of the school year (possibly Thursday June 20th - to be confirmed as Dima and Anita to see if it's possible).
- o Parent's night out - postpone to next year; along with potential silent auction using an online app & distribution of goods to winning bidders on the night of.
- o Crossing guard at Mount Pleasant & Ranleigh: Nathaniel conducting effectively.



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- o School wide art project - moving along quite well, using pre-cut foam core as background (total expenditure less than \$1,000), the mounting of the artwork to be done by caretakers to avoid facility charge. This artwork is to be installed in the basement along the “haunted hallway” section (hall running north-south under the office).
- Minutes of the March Meeting:
 - Motion to approve March Meeting’s minutes was made by Sue and seconded by Silja.
- Council Budget Update (Sue Sclater)
 - Donations are up compared to prior year despite student enrolment being down.
 - The overall \$45K budget is primarily funded through three key initiatives: pizza lunches \$10K, donation letter \$8.5K, and Community Night \$20K.
 - Initial budget for 2019/2020 will be presented at the next Parent Council meeting and Sue is reaching out for ideas or inputs from parents and teachers to see if they have any projects that they want to be included in the budget. If there are any ideas, please email them to Sue: susansclater@rogers.com
 - Money spent since last Parent Council Meeting: HST costs relating to Anthony McLean’s presentation (not covered by the PRO grant), library book purchases (Miss & Mr books, Who Is, Who Was books), javelins and birdies for badminton.
- Other Business
 - o Results of Community Night (Janet Stone)
 - Overall, another successful night, numbers are comparable to prior years.
 - New Events this year: Glow in the Dark Disco, Nerf Challenge room, Air Brush tattoo, Book Sale (it was anticipated that the book sale wouldn’t do as well as the previous years’ Silent Auction and we had hoped a Silent Auction would take place with Parent’s Night Out - this is now hopeful for next year)
 - Money raised (approx.) \$20K vs \$26K last year due primarily to the Silent Auction event. Book Sale amounted to approximately \$700 vs Silent Auction previously raised \$6K. There were 2,100 books donated and 700 books sold. The rest of the books were distributed between the school library and The



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Children's Book Bank (donated to the same charity as the Winter book drive).

- Food for thought for next year if we continue to do the book sale: keep the book sale open until the end of day Monday for the kids to have another chance to go through.
- Seeking new members: Looking for new Community Night chairs for next year.
- Wristbands vs Tickets: this year it was determined if the event gave the child something back then it would be a ticketed event rather than being included in the wristband.

o Grade 8 Graduation Update (Anne Maenhaut)

- Fund raising almost done. Hoping to start Freezie Fridays next week (May 10th, weather dependent) to raise another \$2K.
- Year book - Collection of pictures almost done and Kelly is coordinating with the classes to gather Top 5 movies, songs, a look into the future/past

- Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm

Next meeting date: **May 21st, 2019**