



BEDFORD PARK

BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday March 26, 2019

6:30pm Library

Attendees

<u>Beth Lauer (Chair)</u> <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>Samara Enchin</u> <u>Silja Yates</u> <u>Salmaa Muhammad-Gold</u>	<u>Ilana David</u> <u>David Pimentel</u> <u>Georgina</u> <u>Bianca</u> <u>Anne Maenhaut</u> <u>Janet Stone</u> <u>Christine Perkins</u> <u>Joyce</u> <u>Alison</u>
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Regrets

<u>Emma Kozak (Co-Treasurer)</u> <u>Kathy Clark</u>		
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- Call to order at 6:32pm
- **School Update (Dima Nijmeh-Mantia)**
 - Dima welcomed everyone and introduced the guest speaker, Ilana David
 - **Ilana presented: Gender-Based Violence Presentation**
 - Presentation applicable from kindergarten to grade 12
 - Books recommended: C Is For Consent; Sex is a Funny Word (age 7 -12); How Babies Are Made (for little kids); Let’s Talk about Body Boundaries, Consent and Respect (grade 2/3) and addresses “safety network”; Talking Relationships (middle school, not only sexually, but gender, race, negotiate consent, recognizing bullying, intimate and healthy relationship behaviours)
 - Dima advised Council that Richard Christy will come to the next Parent Council meeting to talk about permitting for the field.



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- **Council Update (Beth Lauer & Janice Barnett)**
 - o Direct Donation Letter
 - Will be removed from cash online. Total raised \$8,600 (\$8,725 - 2018)
 - o PRO Grant
 - Guest speaker Anthony McLean have been invited for May 30th and an invitation with RSVP will be sent out via TDSB Connects the first week of April.
 - If attendance is low, will open up to parents at John Wanless Public School.
 - Looking ahead for next year: if we want guest speaker Paul Davis then we need to book now. Suggestion was made to go ahead and book even if there is no PRO Grant. Possibly make presentation available to kids as well.
 - o PIAC (“Parent Involvement Advisory Committee”)
 - An update was provided regarding the PIAC School Council Appreciation evening. It was noted that this event should not be missed as it is an opportunity to meet with other schools, parents and the sharing of knowledge/ tools.
 - o Pizza Lunch
 - There was a bit of a hiccup - the treats purchased unfortunately had the words “may contain nuts” so these were held back and replaced with last minute treats. Good thinking on Samara’s part who donated and delivered the treats to a not-for-profit group who helps support the homeless.
 - o School-wide Art project
 - Samara informed that some supplies have been picked up by Ms. Rix from Art-sjunktion (TDSB).
 - The theme is hearts and the idea is to have each student create a 4x4 artwork with this theme and each of these artwork will be mounted together and installed in the front stairwell.
 - The plan is to have all the individual artwork completed before June so that the installation can take place in June.
 - o Spring BBQ
 - There is a possibility this may be postponed, more information to come.
 - o June Council Meeting.
 - Similar to last year, this is cancelled. The last Parent Council Meeting will take place in May.

- **Minutes of the January Meeting**
 - Motion to approve January meeting’s minutes was made by Beth and seconded by Silja.



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- **Council Budget Update (Sue Sclater)**

- Have sent out reminders to teachers to use their “Teacher Enrichment” budget and have received business cases subsequently.
- Music budget has not been spent but expected to be by end of school year; similar to other “Enrichment budgets”.
- Since last Parent Council’s meeting on January 22nd, monies were spent on Physical education items for JK/SK, Grade 8 Photo display and class calendar, Grade 7 Second City field trip, Grade 5 Class pet (fish) and underwater hockey set for the Pool.

- **Other Business**

- o **Grade 8 graduations (Anne Maenhaut)**

- No new updates.

- o **Community Night Update (Beth Lauer)**

- Volunteers are still in need as well as leads (6 or so for some classrooms). If interested, email: bedfordcommunitynight@gmail.com
- No Silent Auction this year and it has been replaced with White Elephant Book Sale.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next meeting date: **April 30th, 2019**