



BEDFORD PARK

BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday May 21, 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>Silja Yates</u> <u>Samara Enchin</u>	<u>Anne Maenhaut</u> <u>Nadira Cavers</u> <u>Janet Stone</u> <u>Anita O'Connor</u> <u>Rhonda Rossi</u> <u>Mr. Pimentel</u> <u>Mr. Coady</u>
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Regrets

<u>Salma Muhammad-Gold</u> <u>Kathy Clark</u>		
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- Call to order at 6:32pm
- Minutes of the April Meeting:
 - Motion to approve April Meeting's minutes was made by Janice and seconded by Sue.
- School Update (Dima Nijmeh-Mantia)
 - Spring Concert on May 29th
 - Grade 7 and Grade 8 performing a "Concert on the Lawn" on June 5th @ 12:45pm
 - Received positive feedback for school-wide participation in DrumFit, Metis and Sound Mediation workshops
 - Gearing up for overnight trips: Grade 6's to Wanakita (June 3-6), Grade 8's to Montreal & Quebec City (June 10-14) and Grade 7's to Ottawa (June 17-19)
 - Thanked Parent Council for the support and partnership
 - There will be a window replacement project for a few areas of the school in the summer and hoping to take this opportunity to update the floors in the gymnasium



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- Council Update (Beth Lauer/Janice Barnett)
 - o Upcoming Guest Speaker: Anthony McLean
 - Extended invitation to Glenview and John Wanless. 112 RSVP'd as of today; there is still time to RSVP - go to Bedford website to register
 - This presentation is geared toward parents and not kids; Anthony McLean has another presentation geared towards kids however this is not scheduled for Bedford
 - o Guest Speaker for next year will be funded either by PRO Grant or Parent Council: 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 Yonge/Eglinton Phase 2 Program Area Review (PART)
 - This project is currently on-hold until fall as a result of recent changes to funding and class size
 - Visit the Bedford website or TDSB website to understand what is under review and the potential impact on Bedford: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Strategy-Planning/Accommodation-Reviews>
 - o TDSB Budget Update
 - Seeking parent's opinion for the 2019/20 budget: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1309/TDSB-Budget-Consultations>
 - o Pizza lunch went smoothly
 - o End of Year BBQ
 - Rescheduled for September; not to coincide with Curriculum Night so that there will be additional time to build community
 - There will be a Parent Council information desk at the event to promote what Parent Council does and provide information to new & old Bedford families about volunteering and other opportunities
 - Date TBD
 - o Parent's Night Out - Rescheduled to next year; along with a potential silent auction using an online app & distribution of goods to winning bidders on the night of the event. Date TBD
 - o Parent Council Information Package
 - Council will be sending out an end of year information kit including:
 - positions needed for next year's team (Chair & Co-Chair and Secretary)



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- updated guidelines
 - general information regarding the role of Parent Council including contact information for all to reach out to with questions, concerns and suggestions
 - including a calendar listing out school events and where volunteers can help
 - Council is also hoping to have Classroom parents play a bigger role through the year, encouraging each to attend at least a few meetings to ensure that they can pass along information creating better communication throughout the school
 - A member of Council will also try to be available on June 11th (9-10am) for the JK/SK open house to introduce council to the new parents enrolled for the 2019/2020 year
- o School wide art project - Many classes have completed it and there are lots of different media used. Need to buy some big sheets of plywood for mounting. Hoping to use Bedford's in-house caretaking staff to mount rather than TDSB facilities.
 - o Beth thanked the following for their support and time:
 - Samara Enchin: for heading the school-wide project and teacher appreciation lunch (Friday June 21st), as well as filling many other volunteer needs
 - Janet Stone, Janice Barnett and Christine Perkins: for running another successful Community Night
 - Grad Committee: for organizing the grad for Grade 8's this year and for your many years of support at Bedford
 - Janice Barnett: for Co-Chairing Parent Council
 - Sue Sclater: for assuming the role of Treasurer for Parent Council for three years and kindly staying on for Co-Treasurer next year
 - All Parent Council members: for being a great team to work with this year
 - Dima Nijmeh-Mantia/Melissa Berger and teacher representatives: for creating a collaborative environment and being so supportive of council initiatives
- Council Budget Update (Sue Sclater)
 - o Current Year budget
 - Spending is tracking well to budget
 - Monies spent this past month: cardboard boat race, mouse traps for Grade 8 science lab, principle discretionary for field trips, another 6 months package for tech support for the website, Metis Workshop, Sound Meditation, Drum Fit, Grade 5 Scientist in the School, Grade 1 art project, supplies for School-wide



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art project, folding tables, Grade 2 Freehand Art, French book, Library books, Grade 5 Dance

- The total raised for the current school year from Pizza lunch is \$10K and Community Night is \$22K
- Mr. Coady presented a proposal for Stage improvements and supplied quotes from preferred vendors. Items included:
 - Stage lighting - bulb replacements and other lighting option such as “Wash lights”
 - Projector screen - provided 4 options ranging from \$1,200 - \$5,600 depending on the size (tax included but no installation costs). Plan would be to reuse the existing screen at the back of the stage as a backdrop
 - Chairs - rather than renting them for each event; propose to buy them at approximately \$2,000 per 100 chairs. Need to ensure we have storage to store these.
 - Projector to accompany the projector screen at approximately \$1,000 plus a cage to protect the projector as this will be mounted to the ceiling in the gymnasium.
- Question was raised if we need to replace audio system and Parent Council was informed this is not necessary as the existing equipment is quite good and still functioning
- A suggestion was made to add 1/2 size riser on the stage so audiences can see the kids at the back better - need to determine if there is adequate storage space.
- o Proposed budget for next year:
 - Presented to council and received suggestions to add in new items
 - Potentially allot additional budget to Principal Discretionary - Dima to advise what might be appropriate
 - Add back a line item for Community Outreach
 - Rather than another School Wide Art Event; perhaps have an outdoor installation education piece (would cost more to install)
 - Add a line item for Marketing Campaign for Parent Council (booklets; banner)
 - Budget will be amended and presented at September’s Parent Council Meeting to be voted on
- Other Business
 - o Grade 8 Graduation Update (Anne Maenhaut/Rhonda Rossi)
 - Freezie Fridays have started up again and are doing well



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- Grad night is June 25th: parents attend graduation from 5pm - 6pm and afterwards the grade 7s will host a Courtyard Gathering, then the kids will be bused to Cricket Club and driven back to Bedford at approximately 10pm
 - Year book: completed yesterday (May 20th) and will be delivered before the end of the school year. There will be a loose insert for Grad night added
 - Grade 8 art project - looks fantastic and special call out to Natasha Ryde. This project started when the kids were in Grade 7
 - Grad hoodies - 2 have been ordered for a new student and a replacement for another student who lost theirs
- o Question was asked if there would be a Talent Show this year
 - Mr. Coady is hoping to have one once the two concerts have taken place as he is undertaking that task (the teacher that ran it in the prior year is no longer with the school)
 - If it is to happen, it will be the last week of June
 - o Question was asked if it is feasible to install waste receptacles within the stalls for the girls' washroom
 - The stalls are relatively tight but Dima will investigate to determine if they can install into a few of the stalls within each bathroom
- Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm