



BEDFORD PARK

BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday March 23, 2020

7:00pm – **Parent** Council meeting

Parent Council Email: bedfordparkpc@gmail.com

Instagram Account: [@bedfordparkps.tor](https://www.instagram.com/bedfordparkps)

Attendees

Janet Stone (Co-Chair) Anita O'Connor (Co-Chair) Janet Fong (Co-Treasurer) Sue Sclater (Co-Treasurer) Vikki Shimoda (Secretary)	<u>Members at Large:</u> Lesley Dyer Samara Enchin Sarah Bovaird Jenn Duxbury Rhonda Rossi Gillian Mar Laura Bartlett Sherryl Woodard <u>Administration:</u> Susan Pitre Melissa Berger Mr. Henneberry	<u>Other Attendee's:</u> 15 non-members.
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Regrets

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1. Call to order at 7:05pm

2. **Welcome** – Anita O'Connor & Janet Stone (Co-Chairs)

- **Previous minutes approval – January 19th**
 - i. Motioned by: Janet Stone
 - ii. Seconded by: Sue Sclater

3. **Parent Council update**

- **After 4 Program**
 - i. Ran an after 4pm program for both online and in school students in February
 - 1. Kindergarten - Yoga,
 - 2. Grade 1-3 – Mindfulness
 - 3. Grade 4-6 – Art



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4. Grade 7-8 - Cooking classes
 - ii. Success of the programs had mixed reviews:
 - a. Most of the positive feedback was on the older grade programs (these sold out quickly)
 - i. Freehand Art
 - ii. Cooking class
 - b. Not as much success with the younger grades
 - iii. Thinking of running something similar in the spring, stay tuned.
 - iv. Big thanks to Judy for all of your help with it.
- **Valentines to our seniors and Vets**
 - i. We had a ton of cards/letters dropped off at the designated locations for delivery to the following locations:
 1. Teddington
 2. Bradley Arms
 3. Veterans wing at Sunnybrook hospital
 - ii. We have received some letters back from the seniors.
 1. Samara will drop the envelope off to Mme. Pitre and will hold for 72 hours before sharing with the teachers.
 - iii. We and them are keen on continuing fostering this relationship moving forward and looking at other ideas.
- **Fundraising Update**
 - i. On a whole we are keeping it light this year due to everything going on.
 - ii. We have 2 companies we have been working with:
 1. **Woodward meats**
<https://www.bedfordpark.ca/woodward-meats-fundraising-initiative/>
 - a. Order through the link provided from the website
 - b. 6% of your order goes back to Bedford (prices have not been increased).
 - c. Pick up location is off Yonge street by Starbucks
 - d. This will continue until August 31st – Great for BBQ season.
 2. **Mabel's Labels**
<https://www.bedfordpark.ca/mabels-labels-fundraising-initiative/>
 - a. Can be found on their general website, on the top right is select a fundraiser and select "Bedford Park Public School) or follow the link above.
 - b. Bedford gets 20% back and again prices have not been increased.
 3. Details on both companies will be sent out to all parents as well on our website and Instagram – Follow us.



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○ Upcoming Activities

- i. Given community night is not happening as in previous years, we are trying to come up with a few different ideas in place of it.

1. Virtual Bottle Bonanza

- a. Potentially kids can do this during Spring Break
- b. Details to come soon

2. Spirit week

- a. Looking at different ideas for spirit week (Colours, Themes etc.)

○ Guest Speakers

- i. Looking to bring guest speakers in for the next 2 meetings.
- ii. We are reaching out to our parents to see what kind of speakers you would like to see. It doesn't have to be covid or parenting related, could easily be a comedian. We are open to all ideas.
- iii. Email [parent council](#) if you have any ideas or know someone that could speak.

○ Financial Updates

- i. Our budget for the year is \$41,000 and have only spent \$6,000 to date.
- ii. Below is a table of our spending:

Items Purchased for Enrichment:	\$3,880
Chapter Books (Gr. 7)	367
Barn Owl Pellets (Gr. 7)	198
Math Resources (Gr. 7)	120
Spirit Day/ Holiday Accessories/Supplies (JK/SK & Gr. 8)	88
Art & Science Supplies (Gr. 7)	393
Classroom Supplies (JK/SK & Gr. 8)	164
Scientists in Schools (Gr. 4 FE & Gr. 4)	430
Film Camp in a Box (Gr. 4-6)	1,701
Virtual After 4 Program	419
Items Purchased for Other Programs:	\$2,386
RAZ Kids - Parent Council's Share	649
Contribution to Grade 8 Graduation	1,500
School Wide - Garden Event	237

iii. Working on 2 initiatives

- 1. Math and Literacy programs for middle grades

iv. Teacher/Resources budget still remaining

- 1. Remind teachers to use their budget



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2. Sport/Enrichment - \$2000
3. Equity and Well-being - \$3000
4. Technology - \$3000
5. Numeracy and Literature
6. Outdoor Space

v. Donation letter

1. Each year we typically send this letter in addition to other fundraising events throughout the year however, we have decided not to send the letter this year with all that is going on and do not want to put any pressure on families.
2. We will however still add a note in the blues that the option is on "Cash Online" if anyone feels they would like to donate.
3. We have not spent much this year and will be ok going into next year.

4. Bedford Administrative Update – Mme Pitre & Ms. Berger

- **Air Quality Testing Results (Still not received)**
 - i. This was completed the 2nd week after returning to live learning
 - ii. Tested 3 classrooms on each floor
 - iii. We are still waiting on the results and will keep you updated once we get them.
- **HEPA Units in the classroom**
 - i. If follow on twitters, we have received 28 units and are up and running in the classrooms
 - ii. Working with Ron with other classrooms are not being used to see if we can get more (requested 3 more to cover the remaining rooms)
 - iii. Hours of operation is during the school day at medium level – we do not want to run overnight there is nobody in the school to monitor them.
 - iv. Teachers turn them on and off each day.
- **Grade 8 Grad Update**
 - i. Graduation this year will be virtual
 1. Planning to have the kids get their diplomas at the school with their classmates and parents to watch virtually
 2. This will include Online Students and In School students
 - ii. We have established 3 grade 8 committees to work on this. With the goal of making their final year at Bedford a memorable one. The 3 committees are:
 1. Graduation



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2. Year Book
3. Art Project
- iii. How would that look for the virtual students, in what way and how?
 1. They will be included as of right now; communication has been sent out that they will be included in their home school graduation.
 2. Parent comment/observation: There seems to be nothing for their virtual class to have together.
 - a. Susan will look into this to see if there is something
- iv. Fundraising – Rhonda
 1. Selling spring flowers – details to come

5. Closing Remarks

- Next PC Meeting is in April – details to come
- Parents are encouraged to email Parent Council at any time at the email address: bedfordparkpc@gmail.com
- Keep an eye on the blues for activities

6. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm