



BEDFORD PARK

BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday Nov 16, 2021

7:00pm – **Parent** Council meeting

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Attendees

Gillian Mar (Co-Chair) Lesley Dyer (Co-Chair) Yvonne (Treasurer) Janet Fong (Co-Treasurer) Vikki Shimoda (Secretary) Janet Stone (Outgoing Co-Chair) Anita O'Connor (Outgoing Co-Chair)	<u>Members at Large:</u> Samara Enchin Sarah Bovaird Crystal Harrop <u>Administration:</u> Susan Pitre Melissa Berger	<u>Other Attendee's:</u> 17 non-members (Listed at the bottom in Appendix A)
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1. Call to order at 7:03pm

2. Welcome – Anita O'Connor (Outgoing Co-Chair)

- **Agenda Review**
- **Previous minutes approval – October 5, 2021**
 - i. Motioned by: Anita O'Connor
 - ii. Seconded by: Janet Stone

3. Guest Speaker

- **Michelle Glied-Goldstein – Story of the Holocaust**
 - i. Michelle has presented to our grade 7 & 8 students about her father's (Bill Glied) survival of the Holocaust
 - ii. **“When you listen to a witness, you become a witness” – Elie Wiesel**
 - iii. 2017 Did an interview with her dad, and his experience.
 - iv. Before his passing, her dad would always say these 3 things to anyone he spoke to:
 1. When we are finished stop and kiss the ground we are on, we are so lucky to live in Canada, it is up to us to continue being good.
 2. When you go home, hug and kiss your family
 3. Do one kind thing today, doesn't have to be big, but just one thing.



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4. Parent Council update

- **Voting Of Parent Council – Anita O'Connor**
 - i. Co-Chair: We have been fortunate to have 2 parents step up into this new role on the parent Council (Both were on Parent Council last year)
 - 1. Nominated: Lesley Dyer and Gillian Mar
 - 2. Nominated by: Anita O'Connor
 - 3. Second by: Janet Stone
 - ii. Treasurer: Yvonne has stepped up as the new Treasurer
 - 1. Nominated: Yvonne
 - 2. Nominated by: Lesley Dyer
 - 3. Second by: Vikki Shimoda
 - iii. New parent members
 - 1.

- **47 Ranleigh Development – Gillian Mar**
 - i. The City Planner advises that the meeting is scheduled for November 18th, 6pm, although there is not currently a link to register on the City's website (I expect that to be added soon). When it does appear, it can be found here:
<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/get-involved/public-consultations/city-planning-consultations/>

- **Bedford Washrooms:**
 - i. We know of the TikTok challenge, it has subsided a little bit. The state of the washrooms is improving (but still at times things are happening)
 - ii. Admin is Continuously mentioning it in announcements to be respectful of school property.
 - iii. Question: Can we investigate updating the washrooms on the top floor (as there is potentially only one stall, for all girls on the top floor)?
 - 1. Answer: Something that can be revisited but with Covid, there are restrictions with traffic in the halls and movement around the school



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○ Q&A

- i. Will we have extracurricular Events (including Intramural sports)
 - 1. It has been announced it can start and is led by staff.
Currently no teachers have come forward to run this right now.
 - 2. Will bring it up again in next Teacher meeting (next week)

- ii. Leadership for Grade 7 & 8
 - 1. We currently have a leadership and yearbook committee
 - 2. We are about to begin a GSA group (Only fully vaccinated individuals can participate at this time)

- iii. Will swimming starting again?
 - 1. Just today given a second lifeguard.
 - 2. Getting the pool up to temperature
 - 3. Message to come on this with the plan to come forward (Kindergarten to Grade 5) – Looking at last week of November

- iv. Parent Interest and involvement in extra curricular activities:
 - 1. Parent Council to reach out to parents or high school students to see if there is any interest in working with Teachers on any sports with intramurals.
 - 2. Admin to put out a call to Grade 8 parents to see if anyone willing to create a subcommittee for Grade 8 grad.

Appendix A

Attendees

Matthew	Rob Fulford	Andrea Gilbert-Clark	Beth Lauer	Wanying
Linda Pak	Yvonne	Gregroy's Family	Minh-Hien Le	Sally Shi
Jennifer Dufresne	Amanda Wang	Bryan Mo	Nicole Cairns	Jennifer Morawetz
Emily				