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BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday January 25, 2022

7:00pm – **Parent** Council meeting

Parent Council Email: bedfordparkpc@gmail.com

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Attendees

<p>Gillian Mar (Co-Chair) - Absent Lesley Dyer (Co-Chair) Yvonne Chao (Treasurer) Janet Fong (Co-Treasurer) Vikki Shimoda (Secretary) Anita O'Connor (Outgoing Co-Chair) Janet Stone (Outgoing Co-Chair) - Absent</p>	<p><u>Members at Large:</u> Samara Enchin Susan Sclater Crystal Harrop Jennifer Duxbury Jennifer Dufresne Jennifer Morawetz Sherryl Woodward - Absent Sarah Bovaird - Absent Laura Barnett - Absent Rob Fulford - Absent</p> <p><u>Administration:</u> Susan Pitre Melissa Berger Kendra Hatch</p>	<p><u>Other Attendee's:</u> 21 non-members (Listed at the bottom in Appendix A)</p>
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1. Call to order at 7:05pm

2. Welcome – Lesley Dyer

- **Agenda Review**
- **Previous minutes approval – November 16, 2021**
 - i. Motioned by: Lesley Dyer
 - ii. Seconded by: Janet Fong

3. COVID Safety Protocols & Updates

- **Land Acknowledgement – Melissa Berger**
- **Update by Susan**
 - i. Today marks 2 years since the first case of COVID was discovered – moment of silence for those that lives were taken due to COVID
 - ii. Very important that we do the daily screening each day with your children (and selves) and your children wear their masks. This is



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to be completed and be ready before they leave for school each morning.

- iii. Rapid Antigen test made their way home last week and will be available to those that have not returned to in person learning when they return.
- iv. All other protocols that the minister has added have been put in place in TDSB
 - 1. Hepa units all added and are active in all classrooms
 - 2. Opening Windows and doors daily
 - 3. Continued cleaning and sanitizing

- **Update on 3rd floor bathrooms**

- i. Don't have an update right now on progress but have received and email from facility leader that they got the request, and it is going through their team for review with design and construction.
- ii. Some things we are doing in the meantime.
 - 1. For upstairs only where there are issues with limited stalls.
 - 2. First, if washroom in classroom encouraged to use this one
 - 3. Second, go to their floor washroom and if the queue is too long
 - 4. Third, go to main floor washroom location by the office and if the queue is too long
 - 5. Last, go to the bottom floor to use that one

- **Spirit Week next week**

- i. Details to come this week for next week. Each day will have a theme:
 - 1. Monday- Jersey
 - 2. Tuesday - Lunar New Year
 - 3. Wednesday - Identical Day
 - 4. Thursday - Funky Hat
 - 5. Friday - Summer Day

4. Parent Council update

- **Class Liaisons – Lesley Dyer**

- i. We have the green light to go ahead with class parent/liaison at the school
- ii. Letter will be going out next week to have parents sign up
- iii. Looking to use school messenger for school related messages and looking at other methods for playdates/parties
- iv. If you haven't done this roll in the past, please consider signing up. Great way for school involvement.



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- **Fundraising Initiatives – Lesley Dyer**

- i. Donation Letter - Yvonne

- 1. Received \$3005 from donations letter to date
 - 2. Our target is \$4000, please keep supporting, we really appreciate it.
 - 3. This is available in Cash Online

- ii. Other Financial Request

- 1. We have received a few requests from teachers but not much right now
 - 2. Expect a bit more from teachers as they settle back in.

- iii. Other ways to Donate

- 1. Woodward Meats:

- <https://www.woodwardmeats.com/fundraiser/bedfordparkparentcouncil/>

- 2. Mabel's Labels

- 3. Liv's Lanyards: livslanyards@gmail.com to order customized lanyards for your children (include Name and Breakaway clasp for safety) \$20.

- iv. Community Night

- 1. Don't have an update right now unfortunately
 - 2. Might have to look at other options (Virtual / Outdoor)

- **Grade 8 Grad Committee – Amanda Wang**

- i. Flower Sale

- 1. With Sheraton Nurseries, details to come for spring flowers

- ii. Silent Auction

- 1. Silent Auction donations we have so far:

- a. Fiona DeBell Art, Tandem, Friendly Butcher, Panda Mandarin, a toy from Mastermind (wouldn't be under the name Mastermind, necessarily - possibly a drone), LCBO gift card, Mani-pedi gift certificate, and earrings from SALT Fine Jewelry
 - b. ANYTHING is appreciated to raise funds for the 8th graders to have a FABULOUS graduation celebration! Thank you in advance 🙏 Please spread the word!

- 2. Email: sallyjbrooks@gmail.com If you have something to donate



5. Open Discussion and Questions

1. Why are students being asked to eat snacks in class prior to recess? Wouldn't it make sense to allow snacks to be eaten outdoors during this time? I'm hoping that provisions can be made for students who do not wish to remove their masks in class to eat their snacks outdoors.

- Every teacher is working on a system.
- Especially since it is cold, snacks are not allowed to be eaten outside
- Some Classes - Snacks are anytime during the day and in a designated area (with restrictions with the amount of people being allow at a time)
- Some teachers read or show a video, so they focus on eating and not speaking with each other.
- Can Children eat outside if they want to? No, because amount of garbage as well with cold weather risk. (Note: there were many questions and concerns around this and why not or other options suggested – the answer remains as no, they are not allowed to eat recess outside).
- Voiced by a parent and echoed by Mme. Pitre with concerns around eating outside while running/playing and the safety risk.

2. Are HEPA filters in classrooms being monitored in any way? I've heard reports from students that HEPA filters are often turned off and/or are only running on the lowest setting during the day because of the noise. Is the lowest setting what the Board intended for the use of these filters?

- Teachers are reminded in the morning to turn on
- It does not need to be on full blast (can be very loud) setting between Low and Medium works.
- When kids are not in class (Recess, lunch other classes) teachers are encouraged to turn it on higher to clear the air.
- Karen Hatch: I usually run my HEPA filter on medium throughout the day/lessons and then on high when the students are eating, sometimes I turn it to low when students are presenting

3. Are teachers being given any direction from Administration re: proper masking etiquette? Again, I'm hearing reports from students of teachers who remove their masks in class to "take a break" or when delivering a stern message to the students. Could teachers be asked to take mask breaks outdoors and/or briefly step out into the hallway while students are in the classroom?

- We do remind and talk to the teachers often.
- Have a staff meeting on Thursday and will remind teachers again.



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- Teachers are reminding students continuously to pull up their masks if they are falling down.
- 4. Are teachers being encouraged to keep windows open in classrooms?**
- Said in the announcements every day to open windows and doors
- 5. Is there is a "save the date" for Community Night this year?**
- No updates on this right now
- 6. I wanted to buy some Bedford Park spirit wear and see the offer from the fall is closed. Do you know when/where I could purchase again?**
- Typically do one session per year. Melissa to check with the company if we can reopen the store again for a little while.
 - Will send something via messenger, if possible, to reopen and order.
- 7. Can we look to have music added back during entrance in the mornings and after lunch?**
- Yes, we will visit this with our student leaders and look to re-incorporate this.
- 8. How much supervision is there for the children in the classrooms during lunchtime?**
- Kindergarten there is full time lunch supervisor
 - Grades 1-8 there are several supervisors that go from room to room checking in (there is average or 1 supervisor to 4 classes)
- 9. Do we know how many staff and students vaccinated?**
- TDSB rate of 95% for all staff (this is not for Bedford Park only)
 - Not sure on exact student numbers as you can upload to NOW app but not required at this time. Numbers is low from what we are seeing on the App only.
- 10. Is there any hope of TDSB allowing trips for a year end overnight trip for grade 8?**
- Right now, no and not sure if this will change, will have to monitor
 - Right now, the focus is getting through this wave
- 11. Do we know yet what will be possible for grade 8 grad this year?**
- Do not know yet but we are planning and will be ready if we get the go-ahead once word is provided.



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Appendix A

Attendees

Beth Lauer	Sally Brooks	Andrea Gilbert-Clark	Amanda Wang	Barb Scarola
Kristi Murl	Nina	S Block	Tara Quigley	Linda
Rhonda Rossi	Min-Hien Le	Michael Wilchesky	Susan Sim	Mark Fuller
Julia	Nicole Cairns	MG	Amanda	Louise Colley
Hulya Sagay	Stephanie	Jessica Shames	Jessica Galliera	Iphone ?
Jen				