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## BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday April 5, 2022

7:00pm – **Parent** Council meeting

Parent Council Email: [bedfordparkpc@gmail.com](mailto:bedfordparkpc@gmail.com)

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### Attendees

<p>Gillian Mar (Co-Chair)  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)</p>	<p><u>Members at Large:</u>  Samara Enchin  Susan Sclater - Absent  Crystal Harrop  Jennifer Duxbury - Absent  Jennifer Dufresne - Absent  Jennifer Morawetz - Absent  Sherryl Woodward - Absent  Sarah Bovaird - Absent  Laura Barnett  Rob Fulford - Absent</p> <p><u>Administration:</u>  Susan Pitre  Melissa Berger  Kendra Hatch  Glen Henneberry</p>	<p><u>Other Attendee's:</u>  16 non-members (Listed at the bottom in Appendix A)</p>
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### 1. **Call to order at 7:07pm**

### 2. **Welcome** – Lesley Dyer & Gillian Mar

- **Agenda Review**
- **Previous minutes approval – February 22, 2022**
  - i. Motioned by: Gillian Marr
  - ii. Seconded by: Vikki Shimoda
- **Previous minutes Re-Approval – January 25th, 2022**
  - i. Motioned by: Gillian Marr
  - ii. Seconded by: Lesley Dyer McCabe

### 3. **Administrative Welcome**

- **Land acknowledgement** – Melissa Berger
- **Welcome** – Susan Pitre



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## 4. Administrative Updates – Susan Pitre & Melissa Berger

### ○ Extracurricular Activities – (Mr. Henneberry)

#### i. TDSB District Department

1. Mr. H is still part of the district department with a group of other teachers who are trying to figure out what we can do right now regarding sports and the schools.
  - a. Now that restrictions have been lifted, they are meeting together to see what we can do and where this department can help.
  - b. How can we raise skill level and participation?
2. In the past we have had, Games > Tournaments > Division Competitions > City Championships. But given the short notice this will not be happening this year but looking to get back up to the same level in September.
3. For this year currently, we are looking at what we can do internally school by school as each school is running internally right now.

#### ii. Sports at Bedford

1. At Bedford, we have started with Ball Hockey and seeing if we can start Badminton.
2. Other Sports we are trying to have:
  - a. Slow pitch
  - b. Ultimate Frisbee
  - c. Cricket
3. Working on plans to have a Track and Field Day at our school
4. Run Jump rope for heart program

#### iii. Sports with Other Schools

1. Looking to see what we can do with other schools in our area – but still need to look at restrictions and abilities
  - a. Ideal plans for the spring (Need to work on which groups that will include but are determined to ensure equity)
  - b. Looking at the potential for tournaments and competition in the area
  - c. Track & Field – Meeting with other schools Monday and looking at how this can work.
2. Unfortunately, no soccer or football this season

#### iv. Teacher Volunteers

1. Kendra Hatch – “There are quite a few teachers willing to help”



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v. *Parent Volunteers:*

1. For one off for the day, police check is not required
2. For ongoing continual support (with a team) that is where the police check will be required
3. Parent council is here to help however we can, just reach out!

vi. Watch your students Google Calendars to when things will be happening!

o **Facility Update (Susan Pitre)**

i. *Upper Washrooms and Exterior Cameras*

1. No new information has been shared with us on this

ii. *Pride Flag*

1. A parent brought to our attention that flying the Pride flag below the Canada flag is not allowed. We have confirmed with TDSB this is allowed as per their guidelines
2. However, we have requested an additional flag pool for our school yard

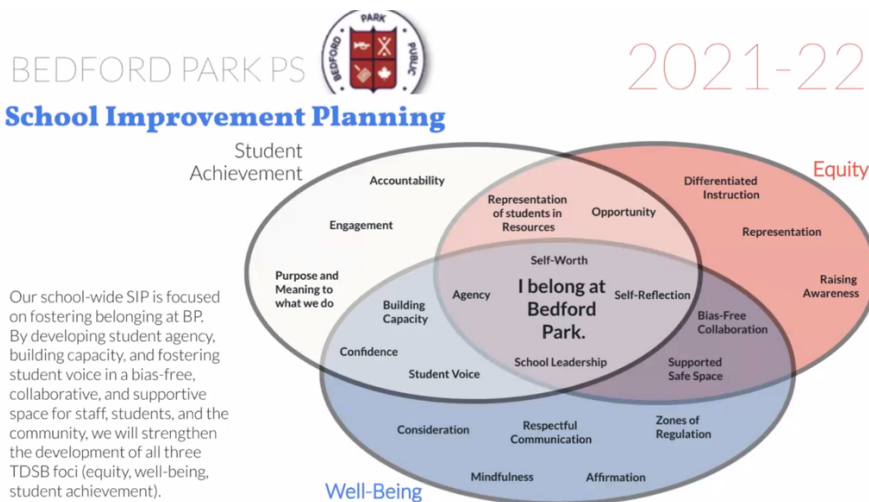
iii. *Library Redesign*

1. Bedford has received approval for grants and has been given funds to redesign the library common.
2. The design is completed and submitted to architect
3. No timeline on this right now

o **Academic update (Melissa Berger)**

i. *School Improvement planning:*

1. Continuing with school improvement planning
2. 3 pillars: Equity, Student Achievement, Well-Being, see the image below for more details





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## *ii. Campaign on Belonging, Equality, and Identity*

1. TDSB director recently launched a campaign on equity
2. Bedford was one of the schools selected to have some students voice heard and share their learning on equity.
3. 10 students select and recorded (grades 2-8)
  - a. Spoke about Identity, equity and all areas compassing this.
  - b. Spoke about how to make the world a better place for everyone.
4. Will be on posted on the TDSB Website in June. We will share with the community as soon as it is ready.

## *iii. In School Activities*

1. Teachers looking at guess speakers (i.e., scientist in the school)

## *iv. Class Trips*

1. Teachers are looking to see what is available to them
2. Stay tune for updates on this from your teachers

## *v. Teacher development*

1. Continuing work with Alannah David on Inclusion and Belonging - will do some goal setting with her at upcoming staff meeting

## *vi. Grade 8 Transition to High School*

1. Grade 8 team working on course selections for next year
2. Secretarial staff working to make sure Grade 8s have smooth transition

## *vii. Other Items*

1. Earth day initiative coming up April 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be more information to come
2. Covid Updates will now come for the full school in one email outlining all cases.



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## 5. Parent Council update

- **Community Night - (Gillian Marr)**
  - i. Planning usually starts in September, we are in April now and starting planning to see what we can do this year.
  - ii. In past this event has brought in approx. \$20,000 for parent council.
  - iii. The tentative date we are looking at is June 10<sup>th</sup> and will be an outdoor event.
  - iv. Looking at what activities we have done in the past and that worked the best when thinking of what to do this year and what will work outside.
  - v. Will send messaging for the Class Liaisons to send out a message and to the whole school with more details as we have them.
  - vi. **We really need parent support, individuals to head specific areas and parents to volunteer the day of.**
  - vii. **Please reach out to Parent Council if you are interested and able to help.**
  
- **Fundraiser Initiatives – (Gillian Marr)**
  - i. We have been very busy with quick turnaround fundraising initiatives lately:
    1. Purdy's Chocolate – Big kudos to Jen Duxbury for spearheading this – over 70 orders and \$5300 dollars spent, \$1500 will go to parent council.
    2. Ukraine Fundraiser (Pizza and Game Night) – raised over \$2200 towards Red Cross
    3. Sunshine for Seniors – New this year, Admin and Staff have helped with this, we have raised over \$800 to purchase daffodils to send to those that have been in isolation in long term care homes along with cards from the students.



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- **Grade 8 Grad Committee – (Amanda Wang)**
  - i. *Silent Auction*
    1. This will start April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8am until April 20<sup>th</sup>
    2. Email details will be sent to parents
    3. There are approximately 20-30 prizes
  - ii. *Other Grade 8 grad Committee news*
    1. Will start Freezie Fridays again starting April 29<sup>th</sup>
    2. The grade 8's will get in person graduation on June 28<sup>th</sup> and will have the party at the cricket club
    3. There will also be spring flowers for ordering – details to come for ordering end of April for May Flowers.
- **Finance Update - (Yvonne Chao)**
  - i. Donation letter is Raised \$1400 additional with a total of \$4450 to date – Thank you to all that have donated!
  - ii. Some teachers have spent enrichments and submitted request (with more to come).
- **Follow Up to questions from last meeting – (Gillian Marr)**
  - i. *PLAYGROUND ICE LEVELS:*
    1. What is the solution or plan in place to address the current ice levels in the playground?
    2. We understand that students' have not been permitted outside at lunch or recess due to this.
    3. Parents have expressed to us safety concerns on both fronts; the levels of ice and the students are not allowed to get fresh air during the school day, please advise.
  - ii. *Answer:*
    1. We were not the only school with this, there is no easy answer
    2. There are strict guidelines on how much you can salt each area (only allowed so much)



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## 6. Open Discussion and Questions

### 1. Any word on access to pool and community centre?

- No word yet, and even without restrictions, Bedford does not currently have the staff (they only have 1 lifeguard, they need 2)

### 2. Security clearance – streamlining it?

- Judy is working on this, and you can reach out to her to get the correct form
- If you have a form from another organization, you should still submit and TDSB will confirm if this one is applicable and accepted
- This is renewed each year; you do not need to resubmit but request for renewal
- Working on getting details to parents on the process

### 3. Using other fields (Ranleigh park or wanless park)?

- Looking into the options.
- All students would have to have completed the “off School grounds” permission form if a class would like to go to one of these parks

### 4. Paid lunch options

- This hasn't been viewed much in the last month
- We are open to having someone take this on and investigate it. We are happy to support.
- There are some roadblocks (i.e. no kitchen and garbage)

### 5. Can we have Pizza Lunch

- We have the green light to go again with Pizza lunch
- Parents will need Police Reference check if they are volunteers
- Look at having grades 8 or 7 deliver pizza to the classes
- Looking at options right now, but likely may not happen until September.



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## Appendix A

### Attendees

Beth Lauer	Dominica Larkin	Amanda Wang	Beth MacKenzie	Debbie
Linda Flower	Kristi Murl	Katelyn Di Giulio-Helmer	Zafreena	Lynn McDonough
Minh-Hien Le	Linda Pak	Alison Martins	Karen	Melissa Wilchesky
Swati Baheti				