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## BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday October 11, 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)  Vikki Shimoda (Secretary)</p>	<p><u>Members at Large (Add members)</u>  Samara Enchin  Crystal Harrop  Jennifer Duxbury  Jennifer Dufresne - Absent  Jennifer Morawetz  Laura Barnett  Janet Fong  Heather Robertson  Kate Stark  Jessica Shames  Janet Stone</p> <p><u>Administration:</u>  Susan Pitre  Melissa Berger  Kendra Hatch  Glen Henneberry</p>	<p><u>Other Attendee's:</u>  - See Appendix A below</p>
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### 1. Call to order at 7:05pm

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

- **Agenda Review**
- **Previous minutes Approval – May 10, 2022**
  - i. Motioned by: Vikki Shimoda
  - ii. Seconded by: Lesley Dyer & Gillian Marr

### 3. Administrative Welcome

- **Land acknowledgement** – Jill Kelsall
- **Welcome** – Susan Pitre



## 4. Administrative Updates – Susan Pitre & Jill Kelsall

### ○ Facility Updates (Susan Pitre)

#### *i. Curriculum night*

1. Amazing outcome given it was on the long weekend. Great to see so many parents come out

#### *ii. Library*

1. Still under construction
2. Was supposed to be completed in September but still not completed as facilities have said many of their departments shrunk and therefore have less people to work
3. Mr. Mclean is working out of a classroom in the meantime and hope to be back in the library soon – but not timeline provided

#### *iii. Pool*

1. Still awaiting the approval for the 2<sup>nd</sup> lifeguard, waiting on TDSB employee services with hiring for the position. Email asking monthly, everyone is aware (superintendent etc.)
2. Plans for some re-grouting to be done in November.
3. **Question:** Is there a way we can help with employee services/hire privately?
  - a. Unfortunately, we cannot hire privately, they must come from the board. If you do know someone, have them apply through the TDSB as it is a full-time position. Mme Pitre is happy to walk them through the application process.
  - b. Email asking monthly, everyone is aware (superintendent etc.)
4. **Question:** Could we share the link to the job opportunity in the next Bedford Blues to help generate interest?
  - a. Mme. Pitre will post it in the blues

#### *iv. Exterior Cameras*

1. The board is still in the process of getting a company for this bid
2. There are some in trial with a few high schools, and once that is complete there is approximately 9000 cameras



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requested in the TDSB. We have requested 5 and not in a place where orders are being fulfilled yet.

3. Hoping to get bumped up when this is available.
4. **Question:** Lots of parents are emailing PC, custodians have not seen this so bad in their tenor. What can parents do to help in this situation? i.e. Parents patrol?
  - a. Community is a community watch, there isn't anything the school board can do stop that. We caution people doing this as we do not want them to interfere and put people at risk.
  - b. We have connected with local high school as well
  - c. There are approx. only 4 security cars for TDSB.
  - d. Is not only our school unfortunately and is happening to many schools.
5. **Question:** What if the community wanted to hire security for our school?
  - a. That is different because that is a TDSB position
  - b. We could potentially ask if parents want to contribute to another position, Mme. Pitre would need to take this away and see who she would need to ask about this.

## v. *Wooden bleachers*

1. We know they are falling apart and shifting. It is being looked at to do an update, including a sloping path to center door 7.
2. Looking to remove the sloping area to make it completely flat with more benches and space.
3. Lots of pooling and ponding that would be taken care of also
4. No timing, just preliminary talks, and planning

## vi. *Washrooms*

1. Still no news on this. Nothing from planning how this could be addressed and updated.
2. Status: There is only one washroom with one stall for girls and one washroom with one stall for boys on the upper level (there are some classrooms with a single washroom)

## vii. *Grade 7&8 Activities (Clubs, Athletics, and school dances)*

1. For all grades, it is up to the teachers to volunteer and get it going.
2. We have a new system: Excursion management system, where all information will come to families to know when and where tryouts will be held.



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3. **Question:** Where can parents help; how we can fill the gap and get a call out to the parents.

- a. **Ms. Hatch:** Can we pull together a list of parents to are willing to help and what they are interested in helping with?
- b. Parent Council can create an email and ask parents to reply. Ask do you have your police check, what sport etc.
- c. Janet Stone has volunteered to help spearhead this.
- d. Ms. Hatch can pull together a list of sports and what time of year.
- e. Mr. H can also support and help with this. All forms come to Mr. H, he shares with all teachers and then they can sign up and help organize.

viii. *Call out for volunteers*

1. Grad and Yearbook committee
2. Safe and Caring Schools Committee - Mr. McLean

ix. *Field Trips & Overnight trips*

1. Have been given green light to do these and teachers are working at it.

o **Academic update (Jill Kelsall)**

i. *EXECUTIVE SKILLS:*

1. [Smart but Scattered](#) - By Peg Dawson
  - a. [Click here](#) for a summary
  - b. *For all students. Classrooms will focus on the development of Executive skills – literally the skills we need to do everything*
  - c. *The Developmental continuum that the teachers have identified for their grades will look like this.*

Kindergarten	Gr 1 - 3	Gr 4 - 6	Gr 7 - 8
Working Memory	Emotional Control	Organization	Planning
Response Inhibition	Sustained Attention	Planning and P	Organization
Emotional Control	Task Initiation/Planning	Time management	Time Management



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## ii. LITERACY SKILLS

1. Book Love - By Penny Kittle
  - a. TDSB Early years reading Strategies
  - b. Effective Reading Instruction
  - c. Right to Read Report
2. Junior and Intermediate teachers will focus on developing agency and deep reading stamina in students by leveraging the tools in Book Love
3. Kindergarten and Primary students and Teachers will focus on developing the 'building blocks' skills of reading, namely: phonological processing, phonemic awareness, phonics, and word study.
4. The new foundations resource will also be a tool we use

## iii. Other Items

1. Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference - 23/24 October 2022 [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca)
2. Early French Immersion - JK entry for September 2023 - applications online from 31 October to 25 November 2022

## 5. Parent Council update

- **2022/2023 Proposed Budget – See Appendix B below**
  - i. Shows previous year and current year plan
  - ii. Had a strong year as we could hold community night.
    1. Last year had 44K and only spent 11K
    2. This year we have 45K,
  - iii. Motion to approve: Gillian Marr
  - iv. Seconded by: Linda Flower
- **School Statement of Needs – Seeking input**
  - i. PC Co-Chairs works with administration on this together as a request of what PC would like to see from the school administration. The council to reflect and provide the needs of the administration.
  - ii. This will be completed and submitted at the end of October
- **Discussion of Communication**
  - i. Would like to see if there is an opportunity to join forces to help deploy information on a weekly basis – What's going on at Bedford next week...
  - ii. Example could we have a Mini Blues – also could have a PC volunteer help with this also.
  - iii. Lesley and Gill to follow back with Susan/Jill on this.



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- **Pizza Lunches**
  - i. PC will be working with Administration on this to get it up and going.
- **Hot Lunch Program**
  - i. Starting Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> and will run on Monday and Tuesday's until the holidays.
  - ii. Please share any feedback with Parent Council.
- **Nominations for 2022/23 Council Members – Positions Available**
  - i. Looking for a Treasurer to work with Yvonne, if interested please reach out to the Parent Council.
  - ii. Approval of Current positions
    1. Co-Chair – Lesley Dyer & Gillian Marr
      - a. Approved by Kate Stark
    2. Secretary – Vikki Shimoda
      - a. Approved by Linda Flower
    3. Treasurer – Yvonne Chao
      - a. Approved by Crystal Harrop
- **Call for Volunteers**
  - i. We are always looking for new members to help with all the fun at Bedford. Events and fundraising is not possible without volunteers.
- **Future Meetings: In person vs. Virtual**
  - i. What would parents like?
    1. Person / Virtual / Hybrid Suggestions
      - a. Every 3 months in person
      - b. Hybrid
      - c. Virtual (more people attend and easier for parents)



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## APPENDIX A: Attendance

Sherryl Woodward	Baye Mahoney	Chrystal LeBlanc	An Nguyen
Amy Cheng	Jessica Galliera	Sahar Ghassemi	Marc Feldberg
Sally Shi	Amanda Wang	Talya Feldberg	Maureen Jean
Linda Pak	Emma Kozak	Linda Flower	Zafreena
Alon Hazan	Lin Cong	Minh-Hien Le	Claudia
Jonathan Lee	Shima Kassirian	Jen	Linglan
Frاند Wang	Kristi Murl	Yana Bilousova	Vanessa Chan
Anna S	Victoria Li	Atoosa	Jazz Li
Beth Lauer	Tara Quigley	Helen	Kathryn Rochette
Alison Martins	Janet Stone		



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## APPENDIX B: 2022/2023 Budget

### Bedford Park School Parent Council Budget (2022/2023)

	2022/2023 Budget	2021/2022 Budget	Change	2021/2022 Actual
<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Enrichment</b>				
Teacher Enrichment	\$ 11,025	\$ 10,500	\$ 525	\$ 5,548
School Wide Literacy/Numeracy	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	
Equity and Well Being	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 2,514
Technology & Technology Programs	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	
Science Labs (7&8)*	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	
Principal Discretionary	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	
Support Teachers				
Sports Enrichment	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,000	\$ 750	\$ 1,970
Music	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,175
Library	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 400	\$ 1,524
French	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 100	
ESL	\$ 150			
Special Ed.	\$ 600			
Drama/Dance	\$ 300	\$ 400	\$ 650	
Swimming	\$ -		\$ -	
Outdoor Space/Classroom	\$ -	\$ 1,500	(\$ 1,500)	
Online & In School Classroom Engagement	\$ -	\$ 6,000	(\$ 6,000)	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 31,725</b>	<b>\$ 36,800</b>	<b>(\$ 5,075)</b>	<b>\$ 12,731</b>
<b>Community</b>				
Grade 8 Graduation	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Parent Council Discretionary	\$ 1,900	\$ 300	\$ 1,600	
Parent Engagement	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000	\$ 200	
Community OutReach	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	
Appreciation Events*	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 150
<b>Capital</b>				
School Wide Event - Outdoor/Art	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 430
Facility Improvement	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000	
<b>Extracurricular Support</b>				
Programs/Club Funding	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000	
<b>Others</b>				
Bank Charges (Interest)	(\$ 100)	(\$ 100)	\$ -	\$ 18
Website MTCE and improvements	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 28
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 13,350</b>	<b>\$ 6,550</b>	<b>\$ 6,800</b>	<b>\$ 2,126</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45,075</b>	<b>\$ 43,350</b>	<b>\$ 1,725</b>	<b>\$ 14,857</b>
TDSB Parent Council	\$ 808	\$ 806	\$ 2	\$ 806
<b>Total Budget/Spend</b>	<b>\$ 45,883</b>	<b>\$ 44,156</b>	<b>\$ 1,727</b>	<b>\$ 15,663</b>