



BEDFORD PARK

BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

~ MINUTES ~

Tuesday January 17th, 2023

7:00pm – **Parent** Council meeting

Parent Council Email: bedfordparkpc@gmail.com

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Attendees

<p>Gillian Mar (Co-Chair) Lesley Dyer (Co-Chair) - Absent Yvonne Chao (Treasurer) Vikki Shimoda (Secretary)</p>	<p><u>Members at Large (Add members)</u> Samara Enchin Crystal Harrop Jennifer Duxbury Jennifer Dufresne Jennifer Morawetz - Absent Laura Barnett Janet Fong - Absent Heather Robertson - Absent Kate Stark - Absent Jessica Shames - Absent Janet Stone - Absent Kathy Clark - Absent</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 –Gillian Mar

- **Agenda Review**
- **Previous minutes Approval – December 12, 2022**
 - i. Motioned by: Gillian Marr
 - ii. Seconded by: Laura Barnett

3. Administrative Welcome

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



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4. Administrative Updates – Susan Pitre & Jill Kelsall

○ Facility Updates (Susan Pitre)

i. Library

1. 3 weeks away to the library being open.

ii. Wooden bleachers / outside new area

1. Still nothing to report back on this right now, it has been crickets since our last meeting.
2. When we hear, we will keep you posted.

iii. Play structures Closed

1. This will remain closed during cold and snowy weather as can be a danger to the kids.

iv. Pool

1. It was just reposted for the position for the 3rd time and we are still looking for staff
2. Alidad – has offered to share at his university:
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/aboutus/employment/08-2019%20-%20Aquatics.pdf>

v. Is there going to be a Spring Concert?

1. Will talk with staff at the end of January meeting about the possibility of this.

vi. Lunch time supervisors

1. Call out for more supervisor
2. This position is also posted on the TDSB website (you will need police check) (Using the link above), it has also been posted in the Blues

○ Academic update (Susan Pitre)

i. Term One Report cards are in progress

1. Will be distributed around the 14th of February
2. Parent interviews will be the Thursday and Friday of that week (Sign up will come the week before)



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5. Parent Council update

○ Fundraising – Jenn Duxbury

i. Purdy's Chocolate Easter Fundraiser

1. Looking for someone to help with the sorting and distribution (to be done at the school)

a. Time Commitment:

- i. 4 hours to pack it all into individual bags per person

ii. Morning and after school pick up times

2. Jenn available to help with the sign-up form but need someone to help take over the above.

ii. Anyone that has other passive options (like Mable's labels) let us know.

○ Events – Sofia Aldape-Moreno

i. Bedford Skating Day

1. Big thank you to: Jessica Shames, Cynthia Quejada, Sofia Aldape, Carmen Luk and Kathy Clark
2. Made \$59 off the beaver tails but used towards more hot chocolate as we ran out.
3. Had about 200 in attendance
4. Feedback: Name Tags for volunteers, Have the beaver tail truck there (we needed to have a committed amount to have them come), bring own mug for hot chocolate

ii. Food Holiday Drive / Fund drive

1. Great success and so much support from our community
2. 8 large boxes full of food that was donated and delivered to daily bread
3. TDSB Funds were collected for family in need and will have a tally on this next meeting.
4. Candy Cane Money – had about \$2000 raised. (to be confirmed next meeting if \$2000 or \$200)

iii. Library opening

1. Look at doing a ribbon cutting event or something together

iv. Other ideas

1. Outdoor movie night
2. Working on other ideas
3. If you have ideas do share with us



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v. *Community Night*

1. *Need to start planning and getting volunteers. If you are interested in helping do reach out to the parent council.*
2. *Will keep it outside again in June – Save the date coming soon!*
3. Comment: Suggest bringing back that each class has a role with different events.
4. Comment: Potentially have some inside and outside (This will be hard to monitor)

o **Club Update – Gillian Marr**

i. *ExtraEd*

1. Programs started successfully last week
2. All programs are full or close to full
3. Opened a second robotics starting this Thursday - waitlist was notified they could sign up
4. Kindergarten art and mixed media art still have limited space if anyone wants to sign up (signup info and link is on the original flyer in the blues)

o **Grade 8 Grad – Beth Lauer - bedfordparkgrad2023@gmail.com**

i. *Certificate of Insurance*

1. *This is the last piece for the venue (the Cricket Club) for the graduation and should be completed soon.*

ii. *Fundraising*

1. *Planning a few new things for the spring and will work with the Parent Council to ensure there is no overlap.*
2. *Always looking for volunteers and will reach out to grade 8 families.*

o **Pizza Lunch – Beth Lauer - bedfordparkpizza@gmail.com**

i. Made a slight change for the next group:

1. Feb 24, March 31, April 27, May 25, June 23

ii. Sign up should be coming out starting next week.

o **Sports – Mr. H**

i. *Winter teams*

1. Volleyball grade 5/6 and 7/8 in full swing (girls)
2. Basketball grade 5/6 and 7/8 in full swing (boys)
3. Ball hockey will follow before March break for grade 4/5, 6, 7 and 8
4. Please read the Bedford calendar for times and dates.
5. Other Clubs



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- a. There is a school chess club about to start for grade 4,5 and 6, other grades maybe possible in the future
 - b. A Lego club for some grades will be announced soon focusing on fun, design, and stem
 - c. And finally I am working with some students building some escape rooms for Bedford students to experience.
6. Thanks to all the parents for their involvement. Any questions that I can help with, please email Mr. H

○ **Lunch Mom – Laura Barnett**

- i. Full swing - Registrations: Monday to 215 Monday, 211 on Wednesday
- ii. Good feedback so far and will continue to monitor what lunches come back
- iii. If you have any feedback, please send to parent council
- iv. Comment: There were students away a few days, and Tricia said they would credit for that and can do that for the next term (asking can we work out how this will work, maybe look when dates are away and can update for those grades).
- v. Comment: Similar issues where kids are away and miss the lunch for school activities, so perhaps we can share with the lunch lady to give her a schedule.
- vi. Action: Laura to follow up and share rules.

APPENDIX A: Attendance

Sofia Aldape	Beth Lauer	Talya Feldberg	An Nguyen
Zhen Liu	Anh Truong	Minh-Hien Le	Christopher Martin
Andrea Hwang	Rhonda Rossi	Linda Flower	Carmen
Linda P	Karen Yu	Andrea Torre	Skeeter B
Felicia			