

BPS School Council 2019-2020

Sept 9th, 2019

Attendance:

Trent Taniguchi
Amanda Campbell
Tracy Radbourne
Nick Sunderland
Margaret Ferrall
Krystal Wass
Kristen Heckman
Kathy Nikkel
Korrina Lindgren

Jennifer Wakeham
Stefanie Farovitch
Tia Tso
Brendan Ziolo
Laura Bloom
Laura Thompson
Sarah Mohajer
Devan O'Donnell
Tim Warmington

Sasha Badr
Sherien Youssef
Heather Burnett
Nikolay Chikhachev
Sarah Hopper
Kelly Beckstead
Shevaun Corey

Start: 6:32pm

Elections

Results of the September 9^h council elections for the 2019-20 school year:

Co-Chair- Laura Bloom

Co-Chair- Tia Tso

Secretary- Tracy Radbourne

Treasurer- Margaret Ferrall

Outstanding Business from 2018-19 and Treasurer Report

- Carry forward \$5757.09 (minimum \$1000 balance to maintain account)
- Received a cheque from Indigo for \$384.06

Principal/Vice Principal Report

OUR VIBRANT SCHOOL COMMUNITY

It has been a great first week back! Students are settling into their new routines and developing positive relationships with their teachers, friends, and classmates. We hosted our Welcome Assembly on Friday to celebrate some of the highlights of our first week. It was a great opportunity for students to experience our BPS SPIRIT and learn more about the exciting clubs and activities coming up at BPS! Our Kindergarten Welcome Assembly will be held at the end of this week.

FUNDRAISING PLAN

Thank you for all the wonderful work of last year's council members.

A fundraising plan will be shared that aligns the council fundraising with staff fundraising.

(Kinder play structure)

MEDIA PERMISSION & ACCEPTABLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

We share many of our exciting and positive school, classroom, and extracurricular experiences and events with our parents and school community through pictures and videos. We frequently post images and videos on our school website, our school Twitter accounts, and our “From The Wolf Pack” communication to parents. Students love to see themselves and their friends on the big screen during assemblies, in the lobby and online. **In order for your child’s image to be included in these formats we will require your consent.**

At BPS, we believe in digital citizenship and the use of technology to enhance learning and to support the work environment. Please take a moment to complete the media permission and use of technology consent forms for your child(ren) as soon as possible. All students must have both forms completed so that we are aware of your wishes with respect to photographing your child and their use of technology.

<https://forms.ocdsb.ca/Forms/Media-School-Website-Consent-Form>

<https://forms.ocdsb.ca/Forms/Use-of-Technology>

FORMS

A reminder to please return all Verification, Permission, Emergency Closure and Milk Forms to school ASAP. Many of these will be coming home this week.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Creating a caring and safe environment for our students is our top priority. Unfortunately, despite all reasonable precautions being taken, accidents can still happen. Some injuries may result in medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent/guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

Student accident insurance is available for purchase, on a voluntary basis, through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Parents may apply online at www.insuremykids.com, forms may be downloaded at www.binks.ca or hard copies may be picked up from the school office.

The OCDSB encourages all parents/guardians to consider purchasing this insurance. If your child is involved in school related sports activities or is participating in any field trips out of the province you may wish to seriously consider the coverage options, which range from \$13.00/year to \$33.00/year. This coverage is for the entire calendar year and also applies outside of school hours. If you have any questions, please call Binks Insurance Brokers directly at 613-226-1350.

CODING CLUB/FREEZIE SALES

Our Coding Club is selling Freezies every Friday in September. Jumbo half freezies are \$1 and jumbo full freezies are \$2. The goal is to purchase a school set of OZOBOT Bit Robots. Thank you to all staff, students and families who have helped to support this initiative. Our first freezie sale will be this Friday.

TWITTER

We would also like to encourage you to follow us on Twitter for updates and messages around our vibrant learning community. Not on Twitter? Log into our website at <https://barrhavenps.ocdsb.ca/> to follow our live Twitter feed. This year at BPS, we will be using the hashtag **#schoolspiritlivesatbps**. You will be able to quickly locate this year's BPS posts by typing in that hashtag on Twitter.

SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

This year we will continue to use School Cash Online - an online payment system for the collection of funds with the exception of a few events..

A reminder that we are collecting a \$6 fee to offset the cost of our school agendas. This fee is voluntary. You may wish to send in cash or you can opt to pay online. Please register to pay if you have not already done so. For more information and to register, please visit [OCDSB School Cash Online](#)

TRANSPORTATION

A reminder that the bus lane is dedicated to OSTA vehicles only. If you are dropping your child off, please do so either in the school parking lot or in the drop off zone in front of the school. These areas are for drop off only. If you plan to walk your child to the yard, please use a side street or our parking lot. Please drive slowly and avoid u-turns. Thank you for your cooperation.

Subscribe to the [@OttSchoolBus](#) OSTA School Bus Delays and Cancellations on Twitter. You can also check out the OSTA website <https://ostabusplanner.ottawaschoolbus.ca> for any delays or cancellations. Inquiries about late buses and items left on the bus should be directed to the bus company.

School Bus Safety

Taking the bus to school is one of the experiences a child will remember most throughout their lives. To help your child be a responsible and safe bus rider, please review safety rules found at [OSTA School Bus Safety for Students and their Parents](#). There are also several bus safety videos we recommend:

[Ministry of Ed School Bus Safety](#)

[Buzzy the Bee School Bus Safety Video](#)
[Primary School Bus Safety with Buster the Bus Video \(gr 1-3\)](#)
[Junior School Bus Safety Video \(gr 4-8\)](#)

A reminder that parents/guardians of kindergarten students MUST meet their child at the bus stop in the afternoon. If they are not met, students may be returned to the school or dropped off at the nearest police station.

Empty Seats/Courtesy Seating

OSTA handles all empty seat/courtesy seating applications for OCDSB schools. **The NEW DEADLINE for start-up applications is September 20.** These will only be reviewed after October 1, once load balancing has been completed. Application forms and procedures are available online at [Empty Seats/Courtesy Seating](#).

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, September 26 - Meet the Staff

Friday, September 27 - Picture Day

September 30 - Orange Shirt Day

Teachers Report

- Kristen Heckman and Kathy Nikkel are our Teacher Representatives

OCASC

- Will be discussed again next month.
- Shevaun Corey will attend the OCASC meetings
- Council will cover the \$35 cost for membership

Communications

- Lisa Galley was our communications but away tonight. More information
- Flyers and information on facebook will be prepared/sent out once details are finalized with movie night and lunch program.
- Friends of Barrhaven Public School facebook page will continue
- Barrhaven PS also has a Twitter account

Movie Nights

- Tia is stepping down from being Movie Night Coordinator. Thank you for your hard work over the past few years!
- A huge thank you to Jennifer Wakeham for volunteering to take over the role of Movie Night Coordinator
- Movie night coordinator role involves choosing movie options, communicating with Lisa Galley to discuss flyers, initiating set up and popcorn popping if necessary for the night of the movie
- Movie night is September 27th. We will be watching Secret Life of Pets 2
- Volunteers will arrive between 5-5:30 to set up. Popcorn popping starts at 4ish.

- Chairs need to be set up at the back of the gym.
- Pizza, coffee, popcorn/snacks will be available for sale. Bring your own water bottle, yoga mat, blankets.
- Doors open at 6. Movie starts at 6:30.
- Discussion about a raffle or draw with the movie of the night. We will revisit this idea next month.

Lunch Program

- Currently we do Tuesday Subway and Thursday Toppers Pizza. About 32 pizzas are ordered each week.
- Toppers has donated several pizzas over our time with them to help out for class prizes and volunteers.
- Toppers did not raise their prices this year.
- Subway raised their subs \$0.10
- Boston Pizza approached us and offered a chicken finger day and a pasta day. We could do a Bugs and Cheese, Penne with tomato sauce, Penne with meat sauce. The cost to us was \$3.75- we would have to come up with our prices for any fundraising opportunity. Boston Pizza sends us an employee to help run the lunch day.
- We will add in a Wednesday pasta lunch day from Boston Pizza.
- **Subway** will be offered on **Tuesdays** for **\$4.25/sub**.
- **Pizza (Toppers)** will be offered on **Thursdays** for **\$ 2.50/slice**.
- Lunch program will be offered October to January, and again February to June.
- Discussion about lunch options:

Subway - Tuesday

Boston Pizza Pasta- Wednesday

Pizza - Thursday

VOTE: Wednesday as Boston Pizza pasta for first semester and then re-evaluate for second lunch term

Motion: Laura Bloom

Second: Brandon Ziolo

Result: Unanimous

VOTE: Keep the pizza and sub prices the same as last year. Pizza \$2.50/slice and Subway as \$4.25/sub

Motion: Laura Bloom

Second: Tim Warmington

Result: Unanimous

VOTE: Pasta price to be set at \$4.25

Motion: Brandon Ziolo

Second: Kelly Beckstead

Result: Unanimous

Fundraising

- To be discussed more at next meeting.
- Nick volunteering to be fundraising lead and will create a fundraising committee.
- Discussion about legacy piece.
- Amanda and Trent will look into procedures for play structures/legacy piece.
- There are grants available throughout Canada to assist with school improvements.

End of Year BBQ 2018-19

- BBQ cost \$ (after all expenses paid and money in from event)
- Feedback from the BBQ

Spirit Wear

- We will be continuing with our online orders for spirit wear. Parents can order anytime throughout the year, and orders are shipped directly to them from the company.
- <https://barrhavenpublicschool.entripyshops.com>

Meet the Staff

- Meet the Staff evening is Sept 26th at 4:30-6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 pm

FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING

- Updating school council charter
- Halloween dance
- BBQ
- Fundraising committee/plan

Next Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30pm.