

BPS Parents Council 2016-2017

Meeting date: Monday October 3rd 2016

Attending Members

Krystal Wass	Nick Sunderland	Tom Hale	Tia Tso
Julia Sceviour	Tracy Radbourne	Allen Garlow	Nicole Kohlert
Zuzane (Sue) LeClair	Lisa Galley	Kerry Randall	Mags Farrall
Frances Sander	Lisa Piers	Brendan Zioco	Nathalie Perrault

Principal's Message

BPS requires a new Laminator (\$1200 cost). Mme Denise is looking into different fundraising ideas. Popcorn days & St Albert's cheese were some suggestions.

Me to We day – Monetary Request

BPS Grades 3,4,5,6 are going to Canadian Tire Place for the Me to We day Festivities on November 9th 2016. **Mme Denise requested \$125.00 for a bus. Council approved this request.** The school paid for the bus & was to provide a receipt for council to issue a check.

Raz Kids & Mathletics – For Discussion

Raz Kids & Mathletics are websites to help with reading & math. There is a cost per student associated with both programs. \$3.25 for Raz Kids & \$9.50 for Mathletics
Is Council willing to pay for these programs? Mme Denise was to provide more details & confirmation of amount per student

Honorarium – For Discussion

Council usually provides an honorarium at the end of the year to the teachers to purchase wish list items. Mme Denise has requested this amount for the near future to purchase these items now.

Exploratory Committee requests

Mme Denise requested 2 sub committees form in the near future

1. 50th Anniversary Celebration
2. Library Revamp – Make the library a more kid friendly spot, new bookshelves, comfy chairs

Teachers Report

Safe & Accepting School Team

The team will be meeting regularly to generate ideas, initiatives, and activities to foster student well-being.

Terry Fox Run

The run took place on Friday September 30th. It was a big success. The students wore “crazy socks for Terry Fox” and brought in loonies or toonies to contribute to his cause

Clubs

A number of clubs and activities have started for students: a boot camp for junior level students every Friday; the cross country running club has started for grade 3-5 students and the meet is scheduled for October 20th; soccer has started for students in grades 4, 5, and 6 and there will be tournaments for the different grade levels at the end of the month; Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. English have started a Jump Rope for Heart demo team for students in grades 5 and 6, and they will be performing at different schools during the Jump Rope for Heart initiative in the spring; there is a walking club open to all students on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the first recess; and other intramural sports will be starting soon as well. The primary special needs class and the Autism program classes are going swimming every week as part of their programs, and several classes are organizing trips to the MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre. Mr. Hill's model train club has started, a Lego club and a games club will be starting soon, and Ms. Horsford is getting ready to start a ukulele group. On a more academic level, we will be having Reader Leader again this year and the Caribou Math club.

Ottawa Carleton Association School Committee – Volunteer requested

A parent volunteer is requested to attend these meetings. Check website for information on where & when meetings are. A report would also be beneficial.

Treasury Report

Signing authority needs to be changed

Official report will be made at the Nov 7th meeting after all files have been changed to Mags Farrell

Student Garden Committee

They cleaned out the front & back gardens. The Committee is looking for plants or perennials. **The committee inquired about a budget? If so, what is that amount?**

Movie Night – for discussion

The website to get the movies for movie night will be required for our next meeting. Council will be prepared to vote on which movie will be shown. Also, to be discussed – Pizza & popcorn.

Communication

BPS has requested that there be fewer flyers in regards to activities & events. All council events can be sent out with the Principals weekly message. It's also an opportunity to make the advertisement more exciting. We've also been given permission to utilize the TV in the lobby for advertisements.

Items for Discussion

1. Halloween Dance on October 28th – DJ Krash has been booked.

- a. Costume Contest – 1. JK -2, 3-6, Family - Tia to get movie passes as prizes
 - b. Bake Sale Items – volunteers to make these items. An email will be sent out.
2. Banking – Needs to be switched from Ellen to Mags Farrell
3. Math Standard testing – Province wide problem. Catholic school gets 7 hours a week in Math lessons. Our board gets 6 hours a week. The October 7th PD day will be focused on math.
4. BPS sports teams – Are there tryouts for the teams? Intramurals are open to all students. Tournament teams are picked from those. The practices are more focused.
5. Dance-A-thon – Kids loved it! DJ Krash did the music last year. Council decided to book it for Thursday November 17th. Teachers signed up for dance times. Council will discuss further details at the next meeting
6. Electronics on the school yard – School staff will be talking about this issue on Thursday October 6th. Mme Denise will follow up with us as to the outcome.

Lunch Orders

Orders are going well. Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of lunches.

Next Meeting: Monday November 7th 2016 at 6:30pm