

# BPS School Council 2017-2018

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Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Attendance:**

Krystal Wass	Alyssa Harding	Trent Taniguchi
Allen Garlow	Nicole Kohlert	Tim Warmington
Margaret Ferrall	Lisa Galley	Tracy Radbourne
Stefanie Farovitch	Lisa Piers	Christine Lloyd
Brendan Ziolo	Sean Davidson	Einat Sagy
Nicholas Sunderland	Amanda Campbell	Korrina Lindgren

**Start: 6:32pm**

**Agenda** – Approved

**Minutes** – September 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Approved

## **Elections**

Results of the September 18<sup>th</sup> council elections:

Chair- Allen Garlow

Co-Chair- Nicholas Sunderland

Secretary- Tracy Radbourne

Treasurer- Margaret Ferrall

## **Principal's report**

- **SCHOOL CULTURE:**

I continue to be thankful of the positive school climate I have inherited in my first year at BPS. Staff, students and parents have been wonderful.

I would like to officially acknowledge our new administrative designates for this year: Mrs. Amanda Campbell and Mr. Sean Davidson. Both of these educators have a philosophy of education that values the emotional and physical well-being of students and understands how important this piece is when talking about student success.

- **STAFFING/RE-ORG. UPDATE:**

On occasion, staffing levels or class sizes do not match the forecast given by the Planning Department and Human Resources in the spring. As student numbers in the Kindergarten and English programs have grown since the initial forecast, we need to adjust our School Organization for grades 1-6 in English and Kindergarten. This reorganization can be a tad challenging, but it ultimately will be positive for students as it allows for a reduction in class sizes.

Our current grade configuration in English 1-6 is: Grade 1/2 Mrs. English, Grade 3 Mr. Davidson, Grade 4/5 Ms. Rochefort and Grade 5/6 Mrs. Aldis-Macko

Our new grade configuration in English 1-6 will be: Grade 1/2 Mrs. English, Grade 2/3 Mr. Davidson, **NEW Grade 3/4**, Grade 4/5 Ms. Rochefort and Grade 5/6 Mrs. Aldis-Macko

We are happy to welcome TEAM YELLOW to our Kindergarten family! Team Yellow will be led by Ms. Maliah and Ms. Jenna and will be anchored by a new French and English teacher.

Team Green and Team Blue will also welcome a new Early Childhood Educator to their teams.

Staff are collaborating to create class lists to ensure that your child is placed appropriately. **Parents of students whose homeroom teacher will be changing will be sent a letter on Friday, September 22nd.**

The Board will post new staff vacancies on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and staffing will occur the following week with the first official day of our new class allocations starting on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> (the day after our Meet the Staff evening)

- **CONSTRUCTION:**

Ongoing construction continues; updates to follow.

- **FUNDRAISING PLAN:**

An annual fundraising plan will be developed by Council and school staff to indicate the scope of fundraising at BPS this school year.

- **UPCOMING DATES**

**DATE CHANGE-** Our Meet the Staff evening has been changed from Thursday, September 21 to **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>** from 4:30pm-6:00pm. The format remains the same; we decided to move the date ahead a week to accommodate for the upcoming staffing changes and re-organization of some classes.

September 25<sup>th</sup>- Milk Program Starts  
September 28<sup>th</sup>- Meet the Staff 4:30pm-6:00pm  
September 29<sup>th</sup>- Terry Fox  
September 29<sup>th</sup>- Council Movie Night  
October 6<sup>th</sup>- PA Day  
October 11<sup>th</sup>- School Photo Day

- **PARENT RESOURCES/INFORMATION**

**Ottawa Public Health (OPH) Immunization**

As a parent, keeping your kids safe and healthy is your number one priority. All

children attending school between ages 4 to 17 need to be immunized according to [Ontario's Immunization Schedule](#). Immunization protects children from many serious diseases that are easily spread in schools.

### **Ottawa Student Transportation/School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Day - September 24, 2017**

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) is responsible for transporting Ottawa-Carleton District School Board students to and from school on a daily basis. OSTA is holding an [event](#) designed to help first-time school bus users and their parents feel ready for the first day of school. Students who walk to school will also benefit from the event as there is a pedestrian safety demonstration as well. **[Register Today!](#)**

### **Call for Members - Parent Involvement Committee**

Are you interested in public education, student achievement and well-being? The OCDSB is looking for parent members and interested community members on its Parent Involvement Committee (PIC). The committee meets seven times this year. [Applications](#) will be accepted until Thursday, October 12, 2017. For more details about PIC and the responsibility of members, please visit the [PIC web page](#).

### **Updated Curriculum and New Report Cards - Public Consultations**

Learn more about the [Public consultations](#) regarding updates to the Ontario curriculum and new report cards, which will be introduced in schools for the 2018-19 academic year.

### **Doing Mathematics with Your Child (Kindergarten to Grade 6)**

Today, critical thinking, problem solving, reasoning ability and ability to communicate mathematically are essential skills. These processes are the foundation of mathematics instruction in Ontario schools. "Doing Mathematics with Your Child" is a guide available for parents of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. This guide offers ways to engage their child in thinking and talking about mathematics around the four strands: number sense and numeration, measurement, patterning and algebra, and data management and probability. Check out this [Parent Guide](#) created by the Ontario Ministry of Education. All tips are based on Ontario's curriculum and are connected with what your child is learning in school.

### **Continuing Education Newsletter**

Check out the new Continuing Education Newsletter for September/October 2017. Have a look at what is coming up this Fall. The [newsletter](#) is interactive, so please click anywhere to be linked to our website for more information on all our programs.

### **School Year Calendar**

The 2017-2018 school year [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) calendars are available on the

Board's website and a hard copy was distributed to students and staff this week. The highlights include School Holidays, PA Days, and District-wide Secondary Testing.

### **Upcoming parent events:**

#### **Parent Conference and School Council Training Day 2017-2018**

**November 18, 2017** Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 18, 2017. We are very excited to announce that our keynote speaker for this year's conference will be Dr. Karyn Gordon.

#### **Half Moon Bay PS - Beyond ABCs & 123s: Building Learning Skills & Confidence in Your Child - Part II**

*OCDSB Presenters:*

Karen Irvings (Speech & Language Pathologist) & Jenny Glassman (Psychologist)

#### ***A FREE Workshop for Parents/Guardians!***

With the start of a new school year, we'd like to invite you to join us in learning how to help our children: plan, focus attention, juggle multiple tasks, and build on the learning skills listed on their report cards.

(\*Beyond ABCs & 123s Part I is **NOT** a prerequisite for this workshop.)

**When:** Tuesday, Sept. 26 @ 6:30pm- 8:30 pm

**Where:** Makerspace, Half Moon Bay P.S.

**RSVP:** **Please follow this link to let us know that you will be coming!**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J6M6VXB>**

### **Teachers Report**

- Door & Lunch monitors have started. The kids are very excited to have these responsibilities.
- Various clubs have started, others will be starting soon.
- Wishlist request was sent out to the teachers. More information to come next month.

### **OCASC**

- Meetings have not commenced for the 2017/2018 school year. Allan will attend the meetings. Information will be posted online (link to facebook page and in minutes)

**VOTE:** Motion for council to cover \$35 yearly OCASC membership.

**Motion:** Margaret Ferrall

**Second:** Nicholas Sunderland

**Result:** Unanimous

### **Treasurer's Report**

- As of Monday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, there was a balance of \$ 3959.09.
- We recently received a cheque from Mabel's Labels for \$52.96

## Communications

- Flyers and information on facebook will be prepared/sent out once details are finalized with movie night and lunch program.

## Movie Nights

- Movie night is September 29<sup>th</sup>. Council voted to watch ***Captain Underpants***.
- Other options presented were Boss Baby, Smurfs, Diary of a Wimpy Kid.
- Trent Taniguchi will help set up AV equipment at the end of the school day.
- Volunteers will arrive between 5-5:30 to set up.
- Pizza, coffee, popcorn/snacks will be available for sale. Bring your own water bottle.
- Doors open at 6. Movie starts at 6:30.

## Lunch Program

- In June we discussed keeping lunch program to 2 days/week. We will revisit adding another lunch option next year if we find a need for it.
- **Subway** will be offered on **Tuesdays** for **\$4/sub**.
- Subway raised their price from \$3.10 to \$3.35 per sub.
- **Pizza (Toppers)** will be offered on **Thursdays** for **\$2.25/slice**. We may revisit this in January for term 2 orders when we know if Toppers will be raising their prices. The current prices are the same as last year, but Toppers let us know that they are looking at raising their prices in the new year.
- Current prices per pizza: Pepperoni (\$8.50), Cheese (\$8), Vegetarian (\$11), gluten free (\$11)
- Lunch program will be offered September to January, and again February to June.

**VOTE:** Motion to have lunch program run twice a week. Subway at \$4/sub on Tuesdays and Toppers pizza at \$2.50/slice on Thursdays.

**Motion:** Krystal Wass

**Second:** Tracy Radbourne

**Result:** Unanimous

## Fundraising

- Mr. Tornado (mascot) needs to be updated. Maggie is waiting on quotes on updated clothing.
- Clothing Sales – A request for a design has been issued.

## End of Year BBQ

- Date: Wednesday June 20, 2018
- Circus Delights needs to be booked ASAP. Nick Sunderland will take the lead on this.
- Nick will look into options for activities/demonstrations /food and will bring information to the next meeting.

## Meet the Staff

- Meet the Staff evening has been moved to Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:30-6:00pm. A Parent Council table will be set up. Krystal, Tracy, Maggie will be there.

## Drop-off Etiquette

- Trent will send out a reminder to parents about drop off zones.
- There is a teacher on duty for the bus, but not the drop-off zone.
- School is watching for 'hot-spots' and Trent will apply for a crossing guard.

## Parent Event at Mary Honeywell

- October 4<sup>th</sup> Internet Safety session for parents.
- BPS council will be providing coffee and snacks for the event. More info to come.

**VOTE:** Motion to spend up to \$200 on coffee and snacks for the Internet Safety parent information session at Mary Honeywell on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** Allen Garlow

**Second:** Krystal Wass

**Result:** Unanimous

## Open Discussion

1. Request that school events and trips, especially those that involve parents sending in money, be communicated to parents clearly and with a reasonable timeline.
  - a. School fees and costs can be covered by the school if there is a financial need.
  - b. Communicate with the office to make arrangements if assistance with payment is needed.
  - c. Trent will discuss with staff.
2. Email sent to council by a parent with the following points for discussion and consideration:
  - *Get rid of candy being given out in class by teachers*
    - Trent will connect with the parent to find out more information
    - Our board's healthy food policy (PPM150) is only for sold food. Classroom treats are not included in this policy.
    - Trent will put out the concern to staff to consider.
  - *Get rid of withholding recess as a form of discipline (in particular consecutive days of withholding recess)*
    - Parents are encouraged to connect with staff about specific concerns within the classroom/school as a first step. We have a Progressive Discipline Continuum that ranges from individual counseling to expulsion. Many steps in between.
    - Trent will put this concern back out to staff for discussion.
  - *Remove the large garbage/recycle bins from hallways*

- Is this a Health and Safety issue or optics? Previously, our custodial staff was spending a lot of time washing out classroom bins but timing is minimal and prescribed by the board. For now we are looking at ways to reduce the maintenance required for the many bins.
- Trent will connect with the parent to find out more information and to discuss the issue.
- *Request that the front office be tidied up. There is a large amount of visible clutter. Perhaps parent council could assist in getting book cases with doors and file cabinets.*
  - School generated funds can not be spent on cabinets and bookshelves. Trent will bring this concern back to the office staff for consideration.
- *Replace popcorn day with a healthier option or a different fundraising activity*
  - We will revisit this issue at a future meeting.
  - PPM150 says principal can designate 10 *give-me* days where the food sold does not have to abide by the regulations. The 10 days are for all school related events
- *Consider having an un-bake sale where fruits and vegetables are sold instead of store bought/homemade sweets.*
  - Discussion around including fruits and vegetables in our regular bake sales. Possibility of having a healthy food sale at some point during the year to encourage healthy eating. Will discuss throughout the year.
  - Metro has a Green Apple Grant. Deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>. The grant's focus is healthy initiatives and improving the consumption of fruits and vegetables.
- *Consider having a book sale in the spring. As it is done in other schools, parents donate books they no longer use and they are then sold at the school for a very reasonable price.*
  - This can be a council or a school piece. We will look at our event calendar and discuss it as a possible fundraiser or school event.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm**

**FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING**

- Updating school council charter
- Halloween dance
- Child minding update

**Next Meeting: Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm.**