

Broadview PS School Council Meeting

Minutes of November 14, 2023

In Attendance:

Administration (2): Julie Derbyshire, Principal / Dorothy Penney, Vice-Principal

Teaching Staff (5): Jessica Cole Byrd and Michaela Burgess (Kindergarten), Cheryl King (Educational Support), Jennifer Jardine (Intermediate), Nicole Charest (Junior)

Community Rep (1): John Preston

Chairs (2): Aimee McCarthy, Sheena Sumarah

Parent Attendees: (12) in person (8) online

Other Attendance: (1) Chantel Verner, Vice Principal of York St Public School

1. Co-chair welcome (Lead: Chairs)

- a) Welcome / Approval of Agenda / Land Acknowledgement
 - o No changes to agenda
 - o Approval of Sept and Oct minutes

2. Guest Speaker: Vice Principal of York St Public School (Chantel Verner)

- York St PS has 239 students, 95% of students below poverty line
- Provide 75 students with breakfast; serve 35-40 lunches every day because parents can't afford food. Some kids don't have backpacks
- Have some donated clothing for students, open it to parents to go "shopping for their kids."
- 13-15% live in motels
 - o Some parents can't support cooking at home because there is nowhere to cook
- At some points 30% live in motels/shelters
- Lots of plants/bushes planted recently to block view from outside fence
- Getting an outdoor classroom put in from a donor in the spring

- Question: what are the biggest needs for your kids?
 - Putting an industrial kitchen. Opening it to community – putting in washer/dryer; opening it to families to come in to cook
 - Shoes are always an issue, especially for older kids
 - Thinking of doing a food drive for Christmas as there will be 2 weeks without support for breakfast and lunches for families
 - Would love to do a fun day at the end of the year. Received a grant last year to get York St t-shirts. Something like that is great, kids will wear them every day.
 - 21 teachers in total; rich in support.
 - Julie Derbyshire spoke about collaborations between Parent Councils; working to see what this will look like.
 - § Potential for smaller committee to work with Chantel and Jonathon (principal).
 - § There are many schools that aren't partnered that could benefit from these partnerships

3. Guest Speaker: Sportsmanship & Fairplay (Nicole Charest)

- Games at school can be emotionally and/or physically unsafe at times
- Trying to work on self-regulation
- Asking teachers to talk to kids before gym: for example, what kind of behaviours are expected
- “BE AN ALL-STAR Presentation” - Looking at bringing him in. Cost is \$1000 for a presentation, can do 2 presentations for \$1600. Maybe offering grades 4-8 or 3-8;. Would tailor to audience. All about learning to persevere. Presenter brings kids up onto stage. This presentation would launch the “campaign”
- Also looking at true sport organization. Do not offer any speakers but offer a lot of advice
- Want to get kids encouraging each other
- Extracurricular parent team eager to help; perhaps even starting before school sports (eg. Borden ball) with help of a teacher. Julie Derbyshire planning to invite a group of parents to talk about what they're doing and to ask for their involvement.

4. Division/Teacher Updates (Lead: Teacher Reps)

Teacher	Grade/ Division/Club	News
Michela Burgess, Jessica Byrd(speaker),	Kindergarten rep	Made pumpkin patch. Reached out to kinder reps for play doh and got it right away. Had Remembrance Day gathering. Did really well with one minute of silence and showed respect for the occasion. On Nov 27. kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 are going to be attending play put on by Nepean students. Reminder to please put names in hats/mittens/etc. Parents are allowed to come check lost and found if students are missing items

Cheryl King (speaker)	Primary rep	Presentation about supporting animals through seasons of change. Chess club for grades 3-6 during first recess on Thursdays. Drop-ins are welcome, don't have to come every week. On Nov 7 recorded "Turning the Tide" for CBC challenge (grades 2 and 3)
Jessica Byrd (speaker)	Junior rep	Junior bordenball wrapping up tryouts next week. Once teams are made looking to have teams practice and have intramurals on other side of gym. Open gym starting soon. Chess club grade 3-6 (see above). Third path initiative - committee of staff members working to roll out each of the 8 conditions. Moving into second condition which is regulation. Working on WITS - walk away, ignore, talk it out, seek help. Having older students teach WITS to younger students
Jennifer Jardins (speaker)	Intermediate rep	Volleyball tryouts starting this month. Will compete in regional tournaments in Dec. Grade 7s are participating in parasport education workshop. Will be guided by abilities Ottawa in playing wheelchair basketball. Grade 8s are watching secondary presentations (e.g. Canterbury, IB program)
Jessica Byrd	Library	Looking at building skills around fiction & non-fiction. Shelf elves look after adopted shelves. Grade 4/5 quiet reading club is getting more popular

5. Administration update (Lead: Principal)

- Have seen an increase in challenges in junior/intermediate play
 - In addition to WITS and 8 step program, did an overhaul in recess play areas. There were too many games of soccer, too many games of football. Some areas are free play, soccer, football. Staff to watch each play area. Another area where there is no game play. There are lots of emotions when games cross. Have lunch monitors there sometimes for extra support. Aiming to call families when there are issues. The big focus is on avoiding any physical contact. This can be perceived as being very strict, but need to be consistent with messaging (e.g. kids cannot give piggy backs to each other)
- Snowhawks program will be coming back; if there are issues with code of contact on bus, lodge or ski hill kids will lose that privilege. Looking at assigned seating on bus.
- Looking at bringing subway in as another lunch program. Will have students in BIP class potentially be involved with delivery. Struggling with funding physical education funding so funding from this may go to this. The children who receive pizza free of charge will also be offered subway.

- Have received 40% of operating budget. There are large reductions in the budget across the region. Sitting at 82% spent (fixing things in schools, print & copy). Current pause in spending
- There is a donation button on the bottom of every school website. Families can donate to the school and can donate funds to a specific purpose (e.g. could go to outdoor shade area). The donated money can't be directed to one event (e.g. grad). Will have more information at next meeting. Will issue tax receipt over a certain amount.
- Progress reports going home on Thursday. Grade 7/8 reports will be sent to their email address. If students have a progress report that is upsetting, teachers have been asked to review it with them first. Interviews are next Thursday evening/Friday morning

6. Divisional Request (Jennifer Jardin, Cheryl King)

- Request for tables (folding). Game club is asking to purchase 6-12 tables for multi-use (chess/game club/arts alive/any event where extra tables are needed) \$150 each at Costco. Maximum of \$2000 for 12 tables. Not enough for multiple activities.
 - Note: There may be some tables under the stage
- Math Club is open to grades 5-8. Grade 8 students and high school students help younger students. Runs 1 hour before school starts. The main draw of Math Club is pancakes - this is the biggest motivating factor. Looking for funds for boxed pancakes, syrup, jams, fresh fruits. 50-80 students per week. For 25 weeks requesting \$1000. Also looking for parent dish washer volunteers
- Primary team would like funding for music program for all primary students (African cultural music) \$575 one time performance. Junkyard symphony (\$560). One in winter, one in spring.

Voting on Educator Requests

- Current surplus of \$23,000 based on budget meeting in October. Will receive more requests as the year goes on
- Vote passed on spending \$6,200 for the following:
 - All star presentation on all sports \$1595
 - \$161 + tax for posters from states (school cannot purchase).
 - \$2000+tax tables
 - \$1000 food supplies math club
 - \$575 (African cultural music) and \$560 (Junkyard symphony)

7. Treasurer Update (Richard)

- Financial update is on website
- Had some pizza money come in, had rebate from Mabels Labels
- Purchased 600 cheques
- \$73,900 as of October 31

8. Community Engagement (Ali & Kelly)

- Supported Westboro Foodbank through school food drive
- Collected outerwear, boots, shoes. Will bring some to York St PS and will also provide some to Broadview students in need

- Could support other schools to have targeted events to give to education foundation that distribute to all schools in OCDSB
- Julie: is there an interest from York St for adult clothing? E.g. professional clothing. Some schools decide on amount and some do a percentage of fundraising. Something for council to consider.
- Request for \$5000 for York St PS (around 13% of funds raised last year)
 - Vote passed

9. Extracurricular, Parent Rep & Broadview Times Updates (Vicky)

- Extracurricular
 - Will have parent sign-up for parents as a body or parents who know the sport. Hope to send this out through email or through Broadview Times
 - Want to support new initiatives e.g. coffee house, improv team, rubix cubes clubs.
 - Ask for \$1500 to support new initiatives. May not use it. Vote passed
- Parent Grade Rep team
 - Consists of 16 parents
 - Range of requests: hay bales, kayaks for a video
 - Let's talk science – starting to work with junior teachers
- Broadview Times
 - Great feedback from parents
 - Jessica Byrd: request for parents go in to take pictures of bulletin boards, etc to put in the Broadview Times

10. Fundraising Update (Tamy & Sorya)

- Family movie night on Friday
 - Table to support grad committee. Bracelets that grade 8s made.

Questions

- Concern from kinder parents. Parents are anxious about doors being unlocked. Perhaps locking gates would be an option.
 - Julie Derbyshire will contact kinder reps to get more details.

Meeting adjourned, 8:34p.m. / Next meeting: December 12, 2023

**Broadview School Council is a group of volunteers who work to complement and enrich the educational experience of Broadview students. Volunteering and attending council meetings are great ways to be informed and to shape the direction of the school for our kids.*

