



BEDFORD PARK

BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL- SCHOOL COUNCIL

~ Minutes ~

February 25, 2025

7:30 pm – School Council meeting (virtual)

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Attendees

Shadi Mosaed (Chair) Mike Helmer (Co-Chair) Artemis Lau (Treasurer) Liz Valente (Secretary)	<u>Members at Large</u> Renee Kates Katelyn DiGiulio Lesley Dyer (Absent) Carmen Luk Cynthia Quejada (Absent) Talya Feldberg Jessica Shamess Linda Kim (Absent) Vicki Shamoda (Absent) Gillian Marr (Absent) <u>Administration:</u> Susan Pitre, Principal Jacqui Goldberg, Vice-Principal Kendra Hatch, Staff Representative Erin Andrews, Teacher Randi Nelson, Teach	<u>Other Attendees:</u> James Bae Jie (Sarah) Wang Linda Flower Nicole Nguyen Mihn Hien Le Elisa Skeeter Hinder Barrett
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1. Welcome – Shadi Mosaed

Ms. Shadi Mosaed acted as Chair of the Meeting and welcomed all attendees. The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:30 p.m. Ms. Mosaed confirmed that notice had been properly given, notice had been given and noted that there were no changes to the Agenda items. It was further noted that as Principal Pitre and Vice-Principal Goldberg were in transit and would be delayed in joining the meeting, the Administrative Update would be given later in the meeting.

○ **Approval of minutes of meeting of January 14, 2024**

Upon a motion duly made, the draft minutes of the Council meeting of January 14, 2025 were approved subject to a clarification being provide that the appointment of Mike Helmer as Co-Chair includes the authority to sign on behalf of the Council (specifically, as a dual signatory on the Council's bank account).

○ **Land acknowledgement**

Ms. Kendra Hatch the land acknowledgement.



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1. Events Update

Ms. Mosaed announced that further to a request for a Lead for Community night, Ms. Sarah had graciously volunteered. Ms. Sarah (Jie) Wang introduced herself to the attendees and provided an update on planning to date. It was noted that a co-lead and more activity leads are still required. Ticket sales are expected to start in early May.

2. Treasury Team – Artemis Lau

Ms. Artemis Lau noted a communication would be sent regarding the need to fill the Co-Treasurer position and the responsibilities associated with the role.

(Principal Pitre and Vice-Principal Goldberg joined the meeting)

3. Administrative Updates

- **Facilities and Academic** – Principal Pitre and Vice-Principal Goldberg

Principal Pitre noted that the main floor ceiling repair is underway. Vice-Principal Goldberg noted that Term 1 reports are underway, together with the follow up to the early-reading screener.

- **Technology Request** – Mses. Andrews and Nelson

Principal Pitre introduced Mses. Andrews and Nelson who had been asked to join to present a Technology Request to the Council.

It was noted that the Technology Request was based on a 5-year plan to address gaps in technology funding. The request includes the following items:

- 3- 5 Smart Boards. Specifically, 2 Lifespan Prometheum at \$4000 each
- Updated Chromebooks as existing models can no longer be updated.

A discussion ensued regarding the benefits of different types of technology, requirements for procurement.

ACTION ITEM: A written request will be provided to the Council for consideration.

4. School Council and Responsibilities – Shadi Mosaed and Liz Valente

Ms. Mosaed provided an overview of the role of the Council.

In response to concerns raised by parents regarding a decision taken on the option to include identifiable information on Bedford Wear clothing. This included an overview of the decision making process, the factors taken into consideration (the stated position on the school website, aligning with the prevailing view of other area schools and police advice on the same) and the duties of Council members to act in the best interests of the student body.



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Ms. Valente further noted that the concerns had been exacerbated by partial information regarding the Council's discussion of this matter being shared with a selected group of parents. It was noted that this behaviour is not appropriate and would be addressed. The Council encourages parents who would like to be involved in the decision-making process or believe that it requires change to attend meetings and get involved with the Council.

Additional Items and Closing Remarks:

It was noted that other schools in the area have greater participation in Council meetings. Recommendations to increase attendance included having meetings in person (with child-minding and pizza available), flyers and requesting an RSVP.

On a motion duly held, the meeting was then closed.