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BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL

~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6:30 pm - School Council Meeting (In-Person)

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Attendees

<u>Executive</u>	<u>School Council Members</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
James Bae (Co-Chair) Kathryn Rochette (Co-Chair) Heidi Valkenburg (Treasurer) Bryony Livingston (Secretary)	Asal Kazemi Jason Bourgeois Jeannette Holder Renee Kates Michelle Peng Greenberg Renee Perri	Nicole Nguyen Matthew Vienneau <u>Regrets</u> Andrea Reid Tricia Madill
<u>Administration</u> Adam Somer, Principal		

1. Opening Matters

- Ms. Livingston welcomed attendees to the fifth School Council meeting of the school year and then reviewed the evening's agenda.
- Mr. Somer proceeded to recite the traditional land acknowledgement.
- Mr. Bae moved to approve the minutes of [February 19, 2026](#), seconded by Ms. Valkenburg.

2. Student Council Update

- Mr. Somer gave an update on the Student Council's recent activities, including the launch of the "Share the Wear" campaign, where items from the school's lost and found will be collected and donated to a TDSB-run program for students.

3. Administrative Updates

- Mr. Somer announced that Ms. Goldberg will hopefully be returning in June. Until that time, the school is operating with part-time Vice-Principals when available.
- Academics
 - EQAO letters are going home this week to the families of grades 3 and 6 with instructions; the tests will be held online at the end of May.
 - Three of the School Council-purchased Smart Boards have arrived, and staff will be trained in the upcoming weeks. Two more have been ordered and will be arriving soon. The five boards will be divided between the Library and divisions (Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and Senior), working towards the goal for every classroom to eventually have one.



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- The Welcome to Kindergarten event has been planned for May 26, and the Primary Concert is scheduled for May 28 (exact times to be confirmed). The Spring Concert on the Lawn is also being planned.
- Grade 7 and 8 Trips are booked to Ottawa and Montreal from June 17 to June 19. Grade 8 graduation is scheduled for June 23.
- After the last Council meeting, the lunch music club was established, and it has been very successful. Expansion of music clubs next year is possible. There are still no teacher volunteers for a choir; hopefully, someone will be interested next year.
- A question was raised regarding a request for a more structured gym program for the Kindergarten students; Mr. Somer will follow up with the phys ed teachers.
- Facilities
 - The pool will remain closed for the remainder of the school year, hopefully opening in the fall. Updates will be communicated in September.
 - Staff is working to promote student safety during recess; rotating access to the soccer pitch between grades has helped.
 - A question was raised about the locks on the bathroom stalls. Mr. Somer will look into this.
 - The administration is monitoring the temperature in select classrooms daily over the next 4-6 weeks. This information will be passed on to the Board. More information will be shared at the next meeting.
 - The Wellness Hub has been ordered and should arrive in 2-3 weeks; installation date is to be determined. The Hub will be filled with sports equipment for use during recess, lunch, and phys ed periods.

4. Community Night Committee Update

- Ms. Rochette and Ms. Kazemi gave an update on the plans for Community Night, which is only 6 weeks away on Thursday, June 4.
- The Community Night information package was shared, outlining all the details (see [Appendix A](#)). It will be circulated with the Blues on Friday.
- Things will be slightly different this year to bring Bedford in line with Board fundraising guidelines. The school has been warned about this previously and, as such, was only granted a conditional site permit. This means Community Night will be using only board-approved vendors for food and activities.
- The school is looking into securing a lottery license, which would enable the return of PrizeX and other games of chance in future years.



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- To date, \$7000 in sponsorship dollars has been raised. To break even, we will need to sell \$8000 worth of wristbands and tickets, as the event will cost roughly \$15,000.
- Area high schools and parents with police record checks will be asked to volunteer at the event.
- It has also been brought to the school's attention that we are only allowed to offer non-nutritious snacks and food for 10 days during the school year. Next year, the School Council and the Administration will work to bring us in line with this requirement.

5. Treasury Report

- Ms. Valkenburg reviewed the current finances. There is around \$69,000 in the bank, with about \$59,000 allocated by the budget. This will leave a float of around \$10,000 going into next year.
- Upcoming Expenditures
 - The \$20,000 allocated for the teachers remains mostly unspent. Mr. Somer issued a May 1 deadline to submit expenses, after which reallocation proposals will be considered.

6. Grade 8 Grad Committee Update

- Fundraising continues. Freezie Fridays are back, starting May 1 through June 19, and a car wash is planned for May 7.
- The graduation ceremony and the party at the Cricket Club will be on Tuesday, June 23.

7. Event Committee Update

- A successful movie night was held on April 16, raising \$1500. Given that we purchase the license annually, the School Council might hold more of these next year.

8. Fundraising Update

- Nothing to report.

9. Additional Items

- The issue of students' dislike of Pizza Pizza was raised; it is on the School Council's radar, and we are looking into other options, but are restricted to the approved vendor list.

10. Questions & Closing Remarks

On a motion duly held, the meeting was then closed at 7:32 pm.



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Appendix A



COMMUNITY NIGHT

— 2026 —



THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026



5:00 PM – 8:00 PM



**EARLY BIRD
WRISTBANDS & TICKETS**
APRIL 30 – MAY 14



BBQ PRE-ORDERS
OPEN APRIL 30

INFORMATION PACKAGE



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WELCOME TO COMMUNITY NIGHT 2026!

Community Night is one of the most anticipated events of the year at Bedford Park, a vibrant evening where students, families, and staff come together to celebrate the spirit of our school community. It is also our most important fundraiser, supporting programs and initiatives that enrich the student experience throughout the year.

Last year, Community Night raised enough funds to purchase three Smart Boards for Bedford!

This special evening is a chance to connect, have fun, and create lasting memories beyond the classroom. From games and inflatables to food stations, entertainment, and friendly competitions, there is something for everyone to enjoy. More importantly, Community Night brings us together, strengthening the sense of belonging that makes Bedford Park such a special place.

This event is made possible through the collaboration of our Principal and School Administration, alongside the School Council, and with the generous support of local businesses, vendors, community partners, volunteers and sponsors.

We are so excited to welcome you and your family!

Event Highlights

Food and Drinks Stations: 🍦 Ice Cream Truck | 🍭 Cotton Candy | 🍿 Popcorn | 🍷 Drinks & Chips Station | 🍔 On Site BBQ | 🍰 Dessert Cart

Activities & Entertainment: 🎨 Professional Face Painting | ✂️ Professional Temporary Tattoo Artist | 🎈 Balloon Twisting Artist | 🏠 Inflatables & Obstacle Courses | 🎧 DJ Dance Party | 📷 Instapod Photobooth | 🥧 Pie a Teacher | 💅 Mini Mani Station | 🎨 Arts & Crafts Activities | 🏆 Friendly Competitions | 📚 Used Book Sale | 🎤 Talent Show | 🛍️ Bag Bonanza & More!

🎯 **Ultimate Challenge Zone: Play, Compete & Win!** Students in **Grades 6–8** can take on a series of fun challenges including Rubik's Cube, Giant Timber Blocks, Yard Pong, and Ladder Ball to earn points on their Challenge Card. The more challenges you complete and win, the more points you earn. At the end of the night, the top 3 students with the highest scores will be crowned our Ultimate Champions and win exciting gift card prizes! 🏆🎁



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BBQ Dinner

- Pre-order your BBQ and save! Combos include your choice of a 3.5 oz beef burger, Jumbo beef hot dog, or veggie burger, served with a drink and a bag of chips.
- Available on SchoolCashOnline from **April 30 to May 22 for \$13.**
- Combos will be \$15 when purchased at Community Night.
- Have questions about allergens or ingredients? The friendly team at TheBBQ.ca, who are running the BBQ, will be happy to assist.

Wristbands & Tickets

Wristbands





- **Early Bird: \$28** – Available on SchoolCashOnline from **April 30 to May 14**
- **Regular: \$35** – Available on SchoolCashOnline from **May 14 to May 28**
- **Event Day: \$40** – Sold at the Door on June 4
- Individuals **ages 3 to 17** require a wristband

✓ Includes **unlimited access to all activities.**








Tickets


- **Early Bird: 10 Tickets for \$8** - Take advantage of Early Bird savings with ticket bundles Available on Schoolcashonline from **April 30 to May 14**
- **Regular: 1 Ticket for \$1** – Available on Schoolcashonline from **May 14 to May 28**
- **Event Day: 1 Ticket for \$1** – Sold at the Door on June 4

Tickets Required

 Food & Drinks |  Pie a Teacher |  Used Book Station |  Bag Bonanza Voting Station

Ticket Pricing

 Bag Bonanza Voting – 1 Ticket |  Cotton Candy – 2 Tickets |  Drinks / Chips – 1-2 Tickets |
 Ice Cream Truck – 3 Tickets |  Pie a Teacher – 1 Ticket |  Popcorn / Pastry – 2 Tickets |
 Used Book Sale Station – 1-3 Tickets

 Wristbands, tickets, BBQ vouchers, and the Community Night map will be sent home with your child **one day prior to the event** to prevent duplication and avoid being misplaced.



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Silent Auction

Inside the Library

We're excited to bring back the in-person silent auction this year, with something for everyone to enjoy! From exclusive packages and unique experiences for adults, to must-have toys and exciting camps for students, as well as attraction passes for fun-filled family outings, there's truly something for everyone.

This year's auction items include:








-  Arts & Creative Experiences
-  Sports & Camps
-  Education & STEM
-  Attractions & Memberships
-  Food & Gift Cards
-  Beauty & Wellness
-  Must-Have Toys
-  Trending Gadgets

★ While visiting the silent auction look for your chance to enter to win a VIP experience for your Bedford Student!

★ A complete list of items available for bidding will be shared one week prior to Community Night.

Bag Bonanza

Back and better than ever!

-  **Purchase** your \$8 bag via SchoolCashOnline on **April 30**
-  Design your bag at home (get creative!)
-  **Submit** your completed bag by the deadline: **May 21**
-  All entries displayed in a gallery at Community Night
-  Vote for your favourite designs at Community Night
-  Top-voted bags in each grade group win prizes
-  All bags will be returned to participants at no additional cost

Supporting Our School


Every purchase helps fund programs, resources, and initiatives that enrich student life at Bedford Park Public School. Thank you for your support!



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BAG BONANZA

Bedford Park Community Night Art Competition

 **GET YOUR BAG** - Purchase your blank bag for **\$8** and get ready to create! Bags available on **SchoolCashonline** on **April 30**.

CREATE YOUR DESIGN

- Use any materials: paint, markers, fabric & more
 - Make it unique and show your creativity
 - Design only one side
 - Please label your bag (inside only)
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SUBMIT YOUR BAG

Hand in your creation to your teacher! **Deadline: May 21**

GALLERY & VOTING STATION

All bags will be displayed at Community Night in one exciting space, organized in 4 grade group: JK / SK | Grades 1-3 | Grades 4-5 | Grades 6-8.

Each participant receives 1 sticker per grade group (4 votes total):

HOW VOTING WORKS

- Stickers are provided at the voting station
- Use **one sticker per group** to vote for your favourite bag in that section
- Each bag has a **number displayed beside it**
- Place your sticker on the **matching number on the voting board for that group**
- **Do not place stickers on the bags**
- Bags are displayed **without names** for fair & anonymous voting



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WINNERS

Winners are based on **MOST VOTES** in each group. Exciting prizes to be won!

IMPORTANT

- All participants will receive their bags back
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SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Don't miss your chance to be part of this school-wide showcase! All funds raised from Bag Bonanza will go directly to support school programs and initiatives.