



# BEDFORD PARK

## BEDFORD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL

~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

7:30 p.m. - School Council Meeting (Virtual)

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### Attendees

<u>Executive</u>	<u>School Council Members</u>	<u>Other Attendees</u>
James Bae (Co-Chair)	Asal Kazemi	Candice Masci
Kathryn Rochette (Co-Chair)	Michelle Peng Greenberg	Naimat Moiz
Heidi Valkenburg (Treasurer)	Renee Perri	Cynthia Quejada
Bryony Livingston (Secretary)		Elissa Wenger
	<u>Regrets</u>	Mind-Hien Le
<u>Administration</u>	Andrea Reid	Sheryyl Woodward
Adam Somer, Principal	Jason Bourgeois	Jennifer Boers
Jacqui Goldberg, Vice-Principal	Jeannette Holder	Gillian Marr
	Renee Kates	Jessica Shamesh
	Tricia Madill	

### 1. Opening Matters

- Ms. Livingston welcomed attendees to the third School Council meeting of the year, the first to be held virtually over Teams. Mr. Somer proceeded to read the traditional land acknowledgement. Ms. Livingston then reviewed the evening's agenda.
- Ms. Rochette moved to approve the minutes of November 27, 2025, seconded by Mr. Bae.

### 2. Administrative Updates

- Facilities Update
  - Mr. Somer provided an update regarding the ongoing efforts to keep the school walkways and outdoor spaces clear and safe during the winter weather. Information was also provided regarding reduced outdoor time during extreme cold.
  - Requests have also been made to update some tiles throughout the building and to refresh some paint outside.
  - The Council-funded Smartboards have been ordered and are expected at the school by the end of February.



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- Academics Update
  - Mr. Somer outlined the timelines regarding the February report cards, which are going home the week of February 9th. The online booking tool for interviews will be open on February 6th, with interviews being held on February 12th and 13th.
  - Ms. Goldberg indicated that all early reading screenings are complete and will be included with the kindergarten through grade 2 report cards. These reports work towards the school goal of having all students reading by the end of grade 1.
  - The school will be running assemblies in the coming months regarding character trait education. Upcoming student-led presentations will focus on teamwork.
  - Talks are also underway with Mr. Coady to start a music club for the primary students. To this end, Mr. Coady is working on a funding proposal to purchase some new instruments.

### 3. Student Council Update

- Ms. Moiz and Mme. Masci presented an update regarding the planned student mental health and wellness day, "Feel Good Friday," scheduled for January 30th. The day will include activities such as yoga, arts and crafts, team building and mindfulness exercises.
- A summary of the very successful winter food drive was also provided.

### 4. Treasury Report

- Ms. Valkenburg reviewed the 2025/2026 Budget as passed at the last Council meeting, highlighting the amounts yet to be specifically allocated and the academic enrichment allocations.
- The teachers were asked to submit funding proposals for the remaining unallocated School Council funds. The following proposals were submitted for consideration:
  - [Wellness Hub](#)
  - K - Grade 2 - Scientist in the School
  - Grade 3 - School Bus
  - [Grades 4, 5 & 6 - Dance Workshop](#)
  - [Grade 7 - Dance Workshop](#)
  - Various Reusable Banners - Event Committee
- A question was raised regarding having money available for additional funding opportunities that could arise. Ms. Valkenburg noted that there are still some unallocated funds available, in addition to the class allocations. It is a priority for the Council to allocate the remaining funds, as there is concern surrounding carrying unspent funds into the next fiscal year.
- Ms. Rochette moved to pass the proposed expenditures as tabled, seconded by Ms. Valkenburg.



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## 5. Grade 8 Grad Committee Update

- Ms. Rochette read into the minutes a report from the Committee outlining the five fundraisers to date: Freezy Fridays, Popcorn Sales, Grade 8 Hoodies, Poinsettia Campaign, and the Holiday Hop. The Committee has raised \$3,366.75, which is in line with last year's fundraising efforts. The next scheduled fundraiser is Weekly Cookie sales. Raised funds will be used to cover the approximate \$17,000 needed for the graduation party, which includes: Dinner at the Cricket Club, a DJ, a photo booth, decor, staff gifts, as well as transportation by bus to and from the Cricket Club.

## 6. Event Committee

- Ms. Kazemi provided an update on the skating event scheduled for January 24, which has 350 registered attendees. Other events are being scheduled, including a possible Mother's Day sip and paint night and a spring movie night. Community night planning is also well underway, with \$5000 in sponsorship already raised.

## 7. Fundraising

- Thank you to all the parents who made the Purdy's campaign a huge success! Almost \$5000 was raised for STEAM, most of which remains unallocated to date. Proposals are currently being accepted, and updates will follow.

## 8. Additional Items

- Parent Survey Results
  - Mr. Bae shared the top ten themes identified from the 92 parent responses received:
    - Clubs
    - Arts Programming
    - Technology/Screen Time
    - Air Conditioning/Ventilation
    - Communication
    - Academic Support
    - Hands-On Learning Experiences
    - Swimming
    - Lunch Options
    - After Hours Yard Safety
  - Mr. Bae noted that many areas have already seen progress, as outlined during School Council meetings. Council will continue to work with the Administration to provide future updates.
- School Statement of Needs
  - Ms. Rochette highlighted the priorities included in the annual School Statement of Needs, which were informed by the responses collected through the parent survey. The SSON was submitted to the board in



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mid-November. Anyone interested in seeing a full copy of the document can email the Council.

On a motion duly held, the meeting was then closed at 8:34.