

**Bendale BTI School Council**

**MINUTES**

**May 8, 2018, 6 pm**

**Present:** *Tammy Price (Bendale BTI Council Chair), Rick MacDonald, Ms. Dunlop (Bendale BTI Staff Rep), Colin Dye (Principal/Bendale BTI), Lynn Bellinger, Val Lusted (Bendale BTI Council Secretary), Novlet Taylor, Mimi Bakombo, Teisha Mullings, Thinus Thavakumar, Aysha Khan, Michelle Wylie, Jayda; (The Council welcomed guests from the School's Student Council)*

**1.0 Welcome/Introductions**

**2.0 Minutes of Last Meeting(s)**- January 8, 2018 & March 22, 2018-*Accepted as read*

**3.0 Business Arising**-are there any further questions/comments about Superintendent's visit(s) to Council over this past academic school year? *Nil*

**4.0 Old Business**-what tasks for follow up should Council have on its 'radar' going forward into the next academic school year?

4.1 **School statement of needs**-form to be completed by two Council reps (a past sample re content is available upon request); who would like to volunteer to complete this task? What is the timeline for its completion? *This task has been completed by Tammy (current Chair).*

4.2 **ProGrant**-seeking two volunteers to liaise with Thomson Council Chair around making a joint school council submission for some event funding (\$1000) to support parent engagement during the 2018/19 school year; who would like to volunteer to complete this task? What is the timeline for its completion? Visit <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.HTML> From the Ministry of Education website: "The application period for the 2018-2019 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants program is now open. The deadline to submit applications is June 5, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EST". Two ideas were generated: we could hire a community developer to facilitate a parent-to-parent Meet & Greet for parents of both schools; we could use the funds (as we did this year) to pay for refreshments for each School Council meeting.

**ACTION:** *There were no volunteers who stepped forward. Colin agreed to forward the application when it is available to the Council (see above link); Val is available to consult volunteer(s) who wish to complete the application; there are sample submissions and additional ideas of Pro Grants on the website.*

4.3 **New School Project Lead**-who wants to contact this rep to invite him/her to a joint school Council meeting in the fall? **ACTION:** *Tammy agreed to extend an invitation.*

4.4 **Elections for Executive Council Positions (2018/19)**-Chair & Secretary positions will be open and available at the first Fall meeting of the new Council-anyone interested in being considered? *Doug Wylie expressed an interest in the Chair position; Tammy indicated her willingness to sit as Secretary. Elections deferred until the first meeting of the new school year. Others are invited to consider getting involved.*

4.5 **Principal's Report** -Colin Dye

*Prom-June 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-11:30 pm, Buffet dinner, dancing, prizes, \$25 (until May 18<sup>th</sup>) or \$40 (after May 18<sup>th</sup>) @ the Queen Palace Plate Banquet Hall, 1173 Brimley Road (@ Brimorton)*

*Commencement-October 12<sup>th</sup>, details to follow at a later date*

*Trades Skills Competition-held today; approx. 50 teams from across the province participated*

*Science Rap Competition-recently held; a Bendale student participated alongside 'mainstream' peers from across the TDSB*

*Summer sports activities have started*

*Staffing for next year-decreased to 32.5 teachers based on enrollment of 340; projection is 350 for September*

*Construction of the New Building-on track*

*Specialties High Schools Major (SHSM)-There will be 5 SHSMs at the new school; Bendale has been approved for Landscaping & Horticulture; there will also be Carpentry; Hospitality; Health & Wellness; Information/Communication/Technology*

*Bendale's Website-a team is now helping to keep it more up-to-date, adding photos of recent events, etc; all School Council business can be referenced there*

*TDSB student survey results are being rolled out June 7th*

4.6 **Chair's Report** - Nil

4.7 **Round Table**-What was helpful about this year's school Council meetings? What would make next year's School Council meaningful to you? What are you most proud of in your child(ren)'s success this past year? Is there a 'memorable moment' when staff/students/administration came together to ensure success?

*-suggestions/comments included:*

- *good turnout at meetings this year*
- *appreciate the presence of a consistent staff rep along with Colin's ongoing support*
- *continuing practice of having Council rep at Gr. 9 Curriculum Night (Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm—Michelle agreed to do this) and all Parent/Teacher Interview Nights (dates TBD) as a means to use word-of-mouth around the benefits of joining the School Council, continuing to build the email distribution list*
- *a tighter agenda, with 'round table' opportunities at each meeting*
- *Council Welcome Flyer to be revised and included with package sent out to all school parents at the beginning of the school year (Tammy agreed to do this)*
- *Hosting 'community luncheons' (2 held this year—Thanksgiving & Holiday) were a good way for parents to meet and mingle with staff and students*
- *Consider inviting Student Council rep(s) at the beginning of each Parent Council meeting to share updates, answer questions, give ideas*
- *Consider inviting Guidance to a Council meeting for a Q& A (eg. review post secondary funding options; additional post secondary alternatives (including Community Integration through Cooperative Education (CICE) program, Frontier College); Pathways to Education*

5.0 **Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:30 pm**