



Bessborough School Council and Home & School Enrichment Budget Proposals and Voting Process 2018/ 2019

We are very lucky to have our children attend Bessborough EMS. A key element to its success is the effort of the superb group of teachers devoted to enhancing our children’s learning environment. We are also very thankful for the support of our parent community who contribute to this excellence in education in many ways: volunteering in the classroom and in school activities, assisting with homework, and providing financial support for enrichment programming, activities and events.

Financial support to the school is provided through a series of activities the Home & School hosts during the year. H&S members decide annually how to invest these fundraising dollars to enrich the school learning environment. This letter provides a summary of proposed expenditures for the 2018/ 2019 year, as well as the voting process.

Enrichment Proposals

The ideas submitted by parents, teachers and the administration are outlined below.

Idea	Details	Grade	Amount
Classroom Allocation	\$350 is allocated to each of the 26 teachers (including Phys Ed and French) to cover in-class supplies that stay in the classroom, for hands-on projects, field-trips, classroom libraries, materials.	All	\$6,600
Discretionary Student Support	Funds for the Administration to support students in need; ensuring equal student access to all school activities regardless of financial ability. Examples are programming, field trips, lunch meal programs, and sometime living basics (hats, gloves, shoes).	All	\$5,000
Curriculum Support			
Science, Technology, Math	Materials and supplies to support the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math curriculum activities. Includes tablets and Chromebooks for 40 new students, Ozobots, x-rays, lighted mirror tables	All	\$20,000
Art (Musical Instruments)	Replace the very old and irreparable pieces that we've had for a long time. The goal is every student has a working, decent sounding instrument. May include: 2 alto saxophones (\$900 each), clarinet (\$400), flute (\$400), trumpet (\$600), and materials and resources (drum sticks, drums, and mouthpieces)	Grades 7 and 8	\$6,000

Art (Music Program)	Music enrichment program for all grades that culminates into our Holiday Concert	All	\$10,000
Indigenous Curriculum	At the request of the students from their initial learning in 2017, reach deeper into the history, culture and contributions of Indigenous people and their communities. Includes reading material, guest speakers, art appreciation, and storytelling.	All	\$3,000
Reading Material	Annual purchase of Forest of Reading books; graphic novels; First Nations books; Non Fiction. This is to augment \$4,000 purchase already made by the school	All	\$4,000
Events and Activities			
Clubs and Guidance	To provide supplies related to school wide clubs, including mentoring (Girls Club, Student Engagement, Me to We, Eco Club, Garden Club, Gay Straight Alliance and Creative Writing)	All	\$3,000
Grade 6 Transition	A day of activities hosted by Bessborough for grade 6 students from Bessborough, Rolph and Bennington in preparation for them being together in the grade 7 school year. Funds will cover activities and food.	Gr 6	\$500
Grade 8 Graduation	H&S will allocate \$23.50 per 116 students to assist in providing a memorable community enrichment event to celebrate the time these families spent at Bessborough.	Gr 8	\$2,726
Safe and Caring Schools			
Crosswalk Flags	Orange crosswalk flags to be placed at key intersections within proximity to the school to aid in child visibility and safety when crossing the street.	All	\$500
Community Giving, Empower Reading Program Allocated to a School in Need	A Sick Kids program that helps struggling readers reach grade level. We have seen the positive impact in our school and are excited to share the gift of literacy with other children in this way. This allocation will be taken from money raised at the 2019 Men With Bats event.	Pemlo Park School	\$5,000

Enrichment Voting Process

To make it most convenient for our parents, we are providing two voting methods.

In Person

The vote will be conducted at the H&S General Meeting on Tuesday, November 13th from 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm in the Library. Babysitting is provided in the Mini Gym. Please bring your phone as voting will be conducted anonymously through your device. The presentation of proposals will include a Q&A period to clarify the items' details.

Remotely

For those not able to attend in person, they can participate in an online vote. It is important to note your results will not be anonymous but identification of the voter will be limited to the Chair and Secretary.

On Tuesday, November 13th after 7.30 pm, [Click Here to Vote](#)

Thank you very much for your participation.