Beverly Glen Junior PS- School Council Meeting Minutes January 25, 2024

Members Present: Blair Keetch (Chair), Vaishna Sathananthan (Treasurer), Nicole Kozaris (Secretary), Paola Monacco (Member at Large), Ms. S. Borselli (Principal), Ms. Huebel (Librarian), Mary (staff)

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
Greetings and Opening	Call to order: 5:10pm EST	Blair (Chair)
Remarks		
	Welcome and introduction of School	
	Council members- Blair, Nicole,	
	Vaishna	
Land Acknowledgement	Reading of the Land	Vaishna (Treasurer)
	Acknowledgement statement	
Review and approval of	approved and	
agenda	seconded approval of agenda.	
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meting minutes	seconded approval of meeting	
	minutes from January 25, 2024.	
Declaration of conflict of	None.	N/A
interest		
Business arising from the	Located 2022-23 School Council	
minutes	meeting minutes that will be	
	available on school council	
	board once completed, and	
	school website once technical	
	aspect resolved.	
	Bylaws last created for BGJPS	
	was in June 2021 and need to be	
	renewed. In the process of	
	completing, and bylaw template	
	was sent to TDSB for approval	
	on January 23, 2024. Prior to	
	receiving approval from TDSB on	
	newly updated bylaw template,	
	will use bylaws from June 2021	
	in place for now. Blair approved	
	motion and Nicole seconded.	
Old business/Updates	Professor Jamz- Launch	
	assembly confirmed for	
	February 8 th , 2024. Pre-recorded	
	announcements will be	
	provided by Professor Jamz,	
	which will be played in the	
	school. As well a flyer for the	

Regret(s): Ajay Douglas (Parent representative), Paola Balmaceda (?)

	 fundraiser will be sent out through school messenger along with weekly updates. Big Box Cards- Thank you to Mary for presenting the idea during last school council meeting. Contact has been made and information on fundraiser was received. The recommended window for this fundraising event is three weeks. From other school experiences, which was highlighted from Mary and Big Box Cards themselves, school does get good fundraising results. It is self-sufficient and does not require much organizing. No volunteers required. We are wanting to avoid overlap with Professor Jamz fundraiser. Aim to launch fundraiser last week of March, or first week of April. Potentially with the date in mind of March 25th. Coffee chats- Due to unforeseen circumstances within each of our families, we were unable to proceed with scheduled event on February 8th, 2024 with Manna Wong to discuss survey results. Please stay tuned for a future date. Snirit Wear. Contarted
	 Coffee chats- Due to unforeseen circumstances within each of our families, we were unable to proceed with scheduled event on February 8th, 2024 with Manna Wong to discuss survey results. Please stay tuned for a
	approved TDSB vendor, Entripy, for further information. This fundraiser does appear to be more time consuming, for example, need to develop school logo. This will require volunteers. Stay tuned for further updates at future school council meetings.
New Business	Survey results- reviewed results of survey in its entirety. Provided number of

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	respondents were 33.	
	Highlighted top main areas from	
	survey results for support:	
	reading, writing, math and	
	homework. Highlighted top	
	areas of other interest:	
	behaviour and discipline	
	procedure, social relationships,	
	creating a life-long learner, The	
	Education System, and	
	preparing for EQAO tests. Will	
	be sharing results with school to	
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	gather insight. Will also look to	
	schedule workshops for parents	
	to come out to school, like	
	coffee chats, on such topics and	
	as well, bring in personnel from	
	TDSB experts within each of	
	these areas. Will be posted on	
	school council board once	
	completed.	
	• Teacher 'wish list'- will be	
	reviewing survey results to be	
	tied to items purchased for	
	school from teacher 'wish list'.	
Principal's Update	 January 8th, 2024- first day back 	Ms. Borselli (principal)
	to school from winter break and	
	been really good.	
	Teachers currently working on	
	report cards and will be sent	
	home to all students on	
	February 14 th , 2024 with parent-	
	teacher interviews scheduled	
	over February 15 (PM) and	
	February 16 (AM).	
	• February 16, 2024- PA Day for	
	parent-teacher interviews.	
	 Report cards sent on February 	
	14, 2024- Different from	
	progress report.	
	Month of January- African and	
	Chinese heritage month.	
	 Demographics of school- 345 	
	students; 167 in French	
	Immersion; 178 in English	
	stream; allocation of teachers to	

	number of students registering
	and currently registered for
	upcoming school year. There are
	8 French immersion classes
	from K- Gr. 6 and 8 English
	classes from K- Gr. 6. School has
	20.5 teaching staff. Ms. Huebel
	our spec ed coordinator but also
	librarian, and coding expert,
	which is part of math and
	science. Remainder of staff: one
	staff for .5 primary to junior
	spec. needs. Three preparatory
	staff: Ms. Sarantakos, Ms.
	Davies (Eng), and Ms. Dubrovic
	(Fr.). Ms. Davies (STEM staff
	member). Support staff:
	administrator, staff secretary,
	Ms. Susanne (evening
	caretaker); three lunchroom
	supervisor for Kindergarten;
	three lunchroom supervisor for
	older grades. Half staff member
	for spec needs assistant and half
	staff for EA.
	TDSB Protocol for discipline:
	progressive discipline.
	Restorative practice where
	allows the opportunity for
	student to reflect on behaviors
	and parties to reflect on
	behaviours.
Other reports	[Treasurer report]: There is a Vaishna (Treasurer)
	cash balance of \$15,280 to
	confirm from last school council
	meeting on November 30, 2023.
	Here are some of observations
	of our review of the current
	available financial documents
	provided.
	There are a total of seven
	accounts that include School
	Council, Pizza Lunch, Pita Lunch,
	Popcorn Day, Dance-a-thon,
	Movie Night, and Lunch
	Program. These are all the
	different funds and funding
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	raising events that have

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	occurred, or been available, to	
	school councils for BGJPS in the	
	past. And a separate category	
	has been created for each, for	
	easy tracking purposes of the	
	funds raised and used from each	
	account.	
•	There has been a cash balance	
	to carry forward every year from	
	previous school councils from	
	each of these accounts. We	
	were able to go back as far as	
	September 7, 2021 to June 30,	
	2022 report at the moment, for	
	example, and there was a cash	
	balance remaining from this	
	school council year of	
	\$7,975.32. And prior to that,	
	there was an opening balance of	
	\$6,470.36.	
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•	We, as a school council, will be	
	looking to purchase items for	
	the school this year from the	
	funds available towards the	
	teachers' wish list. The total ask	
	amount from the teachers' wish	
	list is \$14,670. As we have	
	already purchased one of these	
	items from the teachers' wish	
	list, which is the movie license	
	(\$570.65), that benefits the	
	whole school. One of the major	
	items noted at this time, that	
	will help to serve the whole	
	school, is the purchase of 10	
	new computers (\$3,590) and the	
	replacement of iPads used	
	within the school, which we	
	need to determine the number	
	of replacement iPads needed by	
	the school. This technology is	
	required to help with student	
	learning and enhancement, as	
	the world around us is becoming	
	increasingly based around	
	technology, such as AI. And will	
	help students become set up for	
	success in the use of updated	

	 technology resources within the school. Considering the survey results and following our coffee chat discussion that we have upcoming planned for February 8th. We will look to decide where resources/tools need to be purchased next. For the students to be set up for success at BGJPS. We will provide such an update at our next school council meeting on any purchases made between now and then. Please know that refreshments and snacks provided by School Council meeting and provide such an update at provide such an update at council meeting on any purchases made between now and then.
	Council members, Blair and Nicole, were reimbursed for their purchases of coffee, Timbits, and pizza, totaling \$65.40 (=\$32.58 + \$32.82) since last report provided of the money spent from School Council account. This money spent represents all transactions that have occurred between November 30, 2023 and January 8, 2024.
Public Comments	 Need to have access to coffee chats both in-person and virtual. Able to send communication to school council email. Redirection provided to EQAO website for result breakdown and guideline to help student(s) prepare for test. Provide paper notice reminder for school council events/surveys.
Next Meeting Date	April 25, 2024, Staff Room at BGJPS, 5:10pm EST
Agenda items for next meeting	•
Adjournment	6:10 pm EST