

Birch Cliff Public School

Council Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2019

Committee Attendees: Principal Vine, Ms. Secher (kindergarten teacher), Kerry Cotton (Chair), Stacey McDonald (Co-Chair), Chris Borycheski (Treasurer), Meghan Price (Secretary) Kim Martin (Communications), Julia Salerno (Wellness Coordinator), Michelle Whetter (Parent Classroom Rep),

Committee Attendees:

NOTE: With respect to Committee members, voting occurred in September 2018 and those positions have carried over for our first meeting, when elections were held.

Meeting started at 6:30 pm

Welcome

Principal Ted Vine

Staffing – great news as BC will not be forced to re-organize as our enrollment numbers are just under projection of 450. Great news for all!

2. Budgets will be reduced. We are still waiting for confirmation from the TDSB but it will be less. Once again the SAC's continued support of so many wonderful programs and initiatives will be extremely important and very much appreciated by staff and students!

3. EQAO – again some great news and some encouraging news!

Grade 3

Reading 77%

Writing 84%

Math 68%

Grade 6

Reading 85%

Writing 97%

Math 46% (52%)*

Attitudes and Behaviour Data

Grade 3

I like to read –sometimes or most of the time – 96%

I like math – sometimes or most of the time – 89%

Grade 6

I like to read –sometimes or most of the time – 89%

I like math – sometimes or most of the time – 81%

4. School Improvement Plan – will continue to focus on 3 pillars – Academic

Achievement (early reading, and math); Mental Health and Well Being; and Equity.

We no longer have a reading coach or a K-12 coach due to cutbacks but we have a talented and committed staff so we will tap our teacher leaders and reach out to specific people in the TDSB to support us. If you have input in those areas please let me know.

5. Business as usual for now – teams, clubs and activities

Q&A

EQAO individual results to come home mid to late October in a sealed envelope for any students who wrote last year.

Watch for an announcement about math supportive resources coming soon to the BCPS website so that parents can support math learning at home.

Early Years Centre progress is at a standstill. If direction is not established by end of October, the project will be cancelled and postponed indefinitely.

Discussion and fulfillment of 2019-2020 positions

Kerry Cotton & Stacey MacDonald to continue to Chair

Meghan Price for Secretary

Chris Borycheski for Treasurer

Kim Martin for Communications

Julia Salerno for Wellness and Continued Education

April White Greening and Grounds

Amy Corcoran Community Liaison

Glenn Kremp Safety and Security

Chair Update

“If it’s not broken, don’t fix it”

Pizza alternating Fridays will continue

Sub sandwiches will be coming on non-pizza Fridays. Watch for those SAC emails. You can register for SAC emails on the BCPS website linked under the SAC section

Hot lunch Mondays are only ordered by 70 students at this time. Hopefully with an increase in Kids Kitchen hot lunch Monday we could add a 2nd day each week. It does raise a few hundred dollars for the school annually, so any increase to that fundraising is welcome! We encourage you to try a few meals with your kids to see what they love best from the extensive Kids Kitchen menu

"Fresh from the Farm" fundraiser coming to Munch A Lunch soon! Order your produce and help the school at the same time

Curriculum Night is September 26, 6:30-7:30pm. Grade 7's and 8's are running a meeting at 7pm about the Quebec trip

Budget Update

Attached:

Ms. Secher Update

Country Race Today, mornings at 8:15am in the school yard. Thompson Oct 8 and 18th, City Finals Oct 24th

Girls Bordenball Oct 3

Basketball practices in the mornings

Sr Boys Soccer starts next week

Sticker Club starts Oct 3rd and will occur on alternating Thursdays at lunch

Terry Fox Sept 27th

Grade 7 immunizations Oct 1

Picture Day Oct 3

Open Forum

Will there be Choir? Music budgets have been cut and programming is TBD at this time.

Musically-inclined parents who wish to volunteer to run a club or program are welcome and encouraged. Please contact Mr. Vine to start the process!

Will there be a nutrition program? Yes, it will be 5 days weekly beginning in October.

Safety Concerns with respect to traffic and parking around the school. Concerning and illegal driving behaviour can be reported under "Neighborhood Driving Complaints" here:

https://torontopolice.on.ca/core/neighbourhood_traffic_concern.php

Adjournment

8:18pm
