

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Parent Council Meeting

1. Welcome/LA (Leah)

2. GRAD (Angie & Katie)

- Grad - Wed June 25 @ Monarch park auditorium
- Reception at Bowmore gym - food/drinks/slideshow
- Ceremony program being designed
- Clap out Tues, June 24
- Grad hoodies - kids to design/choose
- Candy grams/bake sale tbd.
- Freezies in June
- Chip days in May
- Subway lunch fundraiser TBD
- Lawn signs TBD
- Grad trip in the works - Gr 8 teachers
- Grad photos - Thursday, Feb 6th
- Looking for volunteers for grad

3. PIZZA LUNCH (Leah AV & Jess Dexter)

- Every 3 weeks for remainder of school
- Next - Jan 24th
- Always looking for volunteers - 45 mins - 1 hour
- Dates are posted in bulletin

4. CARNIVAL COMMITTEE UPDATE (Lisa Perleman and Jess Dexter)

- Looking for carnival planning committee members
- Planning kicking off in March
- Areas of need: book nook, communications, support of volunteer coordinator, info booth
- bowmorecarnival@gmail.com
- Tentative date - Thursday, Sept 25th, 2025 - pending TDSB calendar

5. ENGAGEMENT SURVEY (Andrea Maugham - moved to next week)

- 250 - 300 responses
- Take data and form an equity/engagement committee

6. LITERARY INITIATIVES (Koreena Audette)

- Empower program - 3 groups
- New curriculum K-2 English/French
- Reading assessment benchmark to be reported in report card per ministry
- Speech pathologist trained K-2 teachers on early screening
- 30 mins of structured literacy during the day mandated
- Spec Ed team doing small group intervention with at risk kids and retesting in 6 weeks
- After 6 weeks SST meeting - admin, teacher, speech, psychologist/social work
- Incorporate literacy into all subject areas
- 3 allocation of spec ed. 2 English/1 French

7. LIBRARY UPDATES (Leah Jarvis)

Leah Jarvis absent. Leah AV gave update.

- Forest of reading book clubs. Opportunity to attend forest of reading event in May.
- Grades 4-8.
- Younger students, classroom based participation
- Milk bag Mondays. Looking for volunteer to drive mattresses to Mississauga.
- Adult volunteers in library for organizing
- Shelfies are grade 5-8
- Readathon - school wide event to encourage love of reading
- June - used book sale - collecting EUC books, puzzles and games. Profits go back into library.

8. ADMIN UPDATES

- Acting principal, Georgia Chatsis remains at Bowmore for a few more weeks. Principal Bruce Taylor is away indefinitely but expected to return.
- Technology - process has changed causing delay. Kosta is attempting to resolve.
- Nutrition - applied for funding for next year. Cost of nutrition program with all menu items is \$200K our grant is \$70K. Resulting in one snack item/day. Trying to minimize waste.
- Report cards - cut off. Jan 17 PA day. Term 2 is now through June.
- Feb 11 - report cards sent electronically. Interviews are by teacher or parent request
- IEPs for term 2 will accompany report cards
- PA day/interview day 2/14
- Mr. Commendador organizing ski trips
- Bowmore Cares supports field trips like skiing
- Ms V to present on Bowmore cares at next meeting

9. OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Technology support for meetings - need someone to facilitate hybrid meetings
- Lice checks
- Community sports equipment drive
- Yearbook

10. FINAL QUESTIONS

Next meeting Tuesday, March 4th