

Present: Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon, Yota Skederidis, Nick Karkas, Nina Lipsi, George Myrtos, Georgia Lazaridis, Antonia Markos, Gina Myrtos, Faye Chasiotis, Julie Weiss, Diane Jones, Franca Esposito, Sharif Qoraishi, Dimitra Zissopoulos-Tsipis, Aline Maleganovski

Approval of Minutes

Georgia Lazaridis moved to approve the minutes from the September 12th, 2018 SAC meeting. Nina Lipsi seconded the motion.

Principal’s Update

- Our new superintendent is Ian Allison.
- School t-shirt sales were lower than expected at Meet the Teacher Night. Most orders were for the smaller sizes. The school will order additional shirts to fill in gaps in sizing.
- Bridlewood is in the process of moving to online payments over the coming months.
- Principal Cohen-Pierobon presented a number of potential speaker options for community parents:
 - a. Toronto Public Health: Free Parenting Workshop
 - b. Randolph Sealy: Single parent families, blended families, divorce
 - c. Leo Barbe: parent presentation – highly recommended from other schools
- Principal Cohen-Pierobon would like to raise awareness of the deaf and hard of hearing programs through a school-wide presentation.
- Going forward, any SAC communications sent home with students in paper form will go home on yellow paper.
- The school applied for the “Swim to Survive” program for grade 4 students (winter or spring term). There is no cost to students and busing is included.
- EQAO results have been released. Overall, math scores are down across the province and within the TDSB. This is also the case at Bridlewood. There is concern with both math scores, but in particular the grade 6 score. The results will be further analyzed and steps taken to improve results this year.

Grade 3				Grade 6			
Number of Students	Reading Levels 3/4	Writing Levels 3/4	Math Levels 3/4	Number of Students	Reading Levels 3/4	Writing Levels 3/4	Math Levels 3/4
36	83%	83%	75%	25	72%	80%	52%

- A school wish list was also shared:
 - A speaker/performance for the whole school with a focus on the hard of hearing students
 - School Carpet with logo – 8’ x 8’ WaterHog Eco Inlay (\$1,832)
 - Raz Kids levelled reading program for each teacher at the school (\$990).
 - New sound system for assemblies/gym (amount TBD)
 - JungleSport (\$4500 for 5 days or \$4000 for 4 days)
 - New art idea with Sharon – each class will decorate garden stones. Families can bid for a family name garden stone (say \$50 or other amount) to have their name in our garden
 - Living wall (see Osler)
 - Big screen TV for foyer
 - 15 Chromebooks (\$285.45 x 15 = \$4,281.75)
 - Grade 1 & 2 Pearson Mathology Kit (\$4,500)
 - Horseshoe activity table for grade 3/4 class (48x72) from School Specialty Canada. (\$390)
 - Language Resource – LanguageKids, Levelled Readers, etc.

- A parent concern was raised about heavy use of technology in certain classrooms causing stress at home (students that don't know how to type, students monopolizing family computers when other siblings/parents need access, parents spending time typing students' work or otherwise assisting). A balance between technology and textbooks is needed. Principal Cohen-Pierobon has requested that when there is heavy technology use for homework in any class that there be more time permitted to complete the assignment (i.e. 3 days as opposed to 1 day).

Treasurer's Report

- Bank account balance is currently \$4,032.32
- Deposits for Meet the Teacher pizza dinner (net \$147.71) and Friday lunches (net \$13,611.94) not yet reflected.
- Estimated lunch expenses of \$5,500 are anticipated, leaving approx. \$12,300 available to be allocated.

Spending Update

- Council discussed potential spending allocations and decided that one of the main priorities for the year will be on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Council asked Principal Cohen-Pierobon to compile a teacher wish list for classroom support in this area before the next meeting.

Fundraising Update

- Donation program will be launched within the next 2 weeks with a focus on technology and math (STEM).
- Other fundraising programs being considered include Laura Secord chocolates, boxed cards, movie nights, bingo, dance-a-thon and Boston Pizza night

PRO Grant

- Application approval is still pending.
- All grants are currently frozen until completion of the Ontario Government spending review. The earliest we will hear back appears to be early 2019.

Volunteers

- Currently very short on volunteers for Friday lunches. Volunteers are critical for the success of this program. A follow up email will be sent to reach out for additional volunteers.
- Will consider using student council volunteers to fill gaps when necessary, but the focus is on increasing parent volunteers.
- Additional communications will be coming from the school with respect to police checks for volunteers. It is a TDSB policy that all volunteers have a completed police check. The school's goal is to start monitoring the requirement starting January 1, 2019. Council intends to follow the school's lead in this area.

Next Meeting: Monday November 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Parents are reminded that they can voice their concerns to council at any time by speaking to any member of council or through the bridlewoodchair@gmail.com email address.