



SAB School Council Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 17, 2022

Attendance:

Voting Members: Melissa Churchill-Smith, Lindsay Apollinaro, Purvi Acharya, Meagan Lau, Corinne Frey, Saiqa Hazari (online?) Sara Chow, Christie Carson Ginger

Christine Sheehan, Sara Durbano, Julie Monpierre, Japmeen Johal, Michael Kanalec, Bev Myhal, Stacey Lortz, Corinna Harper Jones, Colin D'Mello, Pallavi M

Approval of Agenda: Christie, Meagan, Purvi, Bev, Sara, Mel

Approval of Minutes (September) Christie, Megan, Purvi, Mel, Paul, Michael, Sara

14 people online, 12 in person

New Council Voting:

- Formalities coming back this year, that were more relaxed during COVID (12 voting members, must be in attendance in monthly meetings, can miss up to 2 meetings)
- Due to technical issues, cannot see self nomination form, speak up when it is time to speak
- Question from Christie – can people pivot their role after they have self nominated? Yes, they can pivot to another position if two people put their hand up to self-nominate for a position.
- 1st position (Co-Chair position) – Bev and Cori. Bev and Cori will be co-Chairs together.
- 2nd position (Secretary) – Japmeen will be secretary
- 3rd position (treasurer) – Lindsay (wants to recruit someone so they can start learning the role)
- 4th position (Communications – Purvi and Sara)
- 5th position (Fundraising – no one for role)
- 6th position (Equity – Christie)
- 7th position (6 positions for general voting members Tracey, Corinne Harper Jones, Isabel, Meaghan, Brooke, Jessie)
- New position called 'member at large' – Melissa Churchill-Smith + a few that came through email, these will be added to the email communications. Purvi to give Melissa Macks names of people who put their names forth online.
- Shadow for Chair – More outreach about this role to be prepared for later. Add to agenda for next month.

Lindsay – Budget:

- Opening budget is \$9300. BBQ raised over \$1500, still need to get receipts in, to determine final number.
- Added in couple items that were supported in past, added as budget line items, need to be voted on by council.
- Need to start thinking about fundraising opportunities going into this council year.
 - o Bev has question about when we decide on fundraising items now or can this be done adhoc throughout the year?
 - o Best to have a plan on this, best to run this earlier in the year to allocate the money throughout the year. For November meeting, we should start planning the fundraising plan.
 - o Fundraising items haven't been decided on yet as the council needed to be formed first.
- Bazaar – raises lots of money, but is a lot of work.
- Japmeen has asked if we are able to plan a bazaar in a month
 - o Bazaar takes months and months of planning. Start talking about planning for next year during this council year.
- Fundraising opportunity – Birthday cards. Was a big hit during 2018.
- Bazaar is fun and raises lots of money, but is a lot to organize.

Cori (Jungle Sport)

- March 27-31st, still needs final approval
- Once they are approved, they will be paid.

Cori/Lindsay (Lunch update):

- Pizza lunches – successful first pizza lunch day. Some families missed opportunity to sign up, so communication went out one more time to parents so they have a chance to sign up.
- October 23 – need to have all finalized by then.
- Hotdog lunch refunds – parents who purchased the hotdogs with error, they will be refunded
- Pizza Lunches:
 - o Purvi question – one parent wrote in that there is no dairy free option – can we do something about this? Can council look into different dietary restrictions? What is the demand for a non dairy option? Is this enough of a demand to move to a new vendor?
 - o Can we add this to a survey that goes out to parents, to understand what the dietary restrictions are for next year?
 - o Melissa Bangma wants to know where the pizza and hotdog lunches are located? Can we put on website? Purvi will post to website.

- Accessibility for pizza lunches/hotdog lunches – If families can't afford this, how do we go about identifying the families that need this?
- Christie asked "do the families have to email council or go through Michael? Depends on families and whether they are comfortable going through council, teacher or council. Consider adding a line to pizza form that families can contact administration to get help.
- Can council consider a free lunch for all students – maybe we can bring this back after it was paused during COVID
- Pizza Pizza does all dietary restrictions, but we cannot change vendor at this year – but maybe for next year.
- Meagan – some families signed up for pizza but their child did not receive pizza. Parents should contact parent council.

Christie (Diversity): *Christie to share presentation as part of minutes.*

- SAB Equity Parent Sub-Committee presentation by Christie
- Jessi question – Can we include dates of Monthly Identity Day in Classrooms on calendar that comes home from classes?
- Julie wants council to know that Sarah (library) has prepared resources for students on this particular topic.
- Opportunity for council sub-committee and staff align resources.
- April – resources from outside sources – ask what teachers need, see if council could create a choice board for teachers to help take work off of teachers.
- Japmeen – Asking what is available for teachers already
 - Michael says there are a lot of resources, but takes time to vet it and making sure it's appropriate for grade level.
 - Michael says that school admin already look through options available through system, but it is up to the teacher if they share it in classroom.
 - Julie – lacking French books about celebration – holidays etc.
 - Bev – Wants to make sure that students in class are learning about all cultures regardless of whether there is a student in the class of that culture. Council wants to make the resources easier for teachers to navigate through.
 - Jessie – wants to ensure material is up to date and relevant for teachers. Opportunity for sub-committee to make sure information that they create is relevant and up to date for teachers.
 - Christie - There are a lot of resources that already exist, but sub-committee can identify gaps.
- Is SAB teachers open to having to assemblies based on ages on the topic of EDI?
 - Michael – looking at how we can deliver this in a classroom or an assembly. Council equity committee aligning with SAB teacher equity team.
- Cori – What is the cost of the series? *Budget asks in sub-committee presentation* – total ask \$5880 minus \$1500.

- Bev – Would be nice for council EDI subcommittee and teacher EDI team to align before next meeting.
- Jessie – Is there a way to engage parents/community and identify their knowledge base. Partner with daycare as well – offset cost.
- April – empower kids to empower parents. Opportunity to work on activities as a family so their child is entered to win a prize.
- Cori – can this subcommittee create a tag to use on all fundraising opportunities (angel fund) to be inclusive to all families who are unable to pay for pizza etc.

April- SAB Clothing:

- Fundraiser opportunity for SAB school clothing (students and parents)
- Michael used to run it. April is willing to run it again.
- Michael has all the logos and list of appropriate vendors
- Purvi – What kind of profit is likely from this fundraising?
- April will pull together more information about clothing options
- Michael – look at what the mark up should be on items, what is appropriate for community? What should the up-sell cost be?
- Jessie- is there something that can be ordered that can be given to all students?

Michael Presentation

- BBQ went very well, big thank you to everyone who helped out.
- Special thank you for Purvi and Japmeen for Diwali presentation to students.
- Staffing
 - Couple of recalls due to reorganizations of other schools.
 - Michael and Lauren asking questions about the new positions
 - October 21st – last day of current ECE's that are recalled.
 - Michael hoping that staffing department that oversees ECE's have a long term plan for ECE departures.
 - Michael and Lauren will cover as they can until plan is in place.
 - Bev – can this information be shared with parents – Michael doesn't want to have parents panic before he knows final plan. Michael will send an email to superintendent to see if there is someone that school can advocate to.
 - Jessie – Is it normal process to pull two ECE without backfilling. Michael says this is not normal, but hoping that the pool of ECE's that can fill this role.
 - New head caretaker has been recalled and still waiting to hear who new role is
 - SAB still needs lunchroom supervisors.
 - Bev – can daycare staff be a lunchroom supervisors, Michael says this has they have reached out to these staff, but the staff aren't interested.
 - Jessie – have you advertised this to a senior centre? Michael will look into this
- Safe and caring schools – fire drills, school lockdown drills planned
- Michael reached out to school nurse about doing school presentations on head lice, HFM etc. Nurses are too busy as they have been redeployed for grade 7 vaccination.

- School camera applications are still in the works, Michael has completed his part for school cameras, waiting to hear back.
- Communications – monthly newsletters are going out.
- Photo day postponed
 - o Vendor missed the email for the second vetting for the of school check – Michael will send a list of vendors to council and council will select one.
- Costume day – Costumes and parade will be back
- Teaching and Learning – Topics include, reading, EDI.
 - o Centre for Black Excellence and SAB teacher equity team to co-construct, building capacity among staff to address racism among school. Michael reached out to them to see if parent council equity subcommittee can join this team.
- Soccer teams continue winning – Wednesday October 19th,
- Diwali presentation on the 24th, author presentation on the 28th.
- Michael to send key dates to be part of minutes.
- Purvi – Can we send email to parents about key dates. Also can we communicate to parents on how things work in school because some parents are new to the school since COVID changed things.
- Grade 4/5 – coding club
- Grade 1/2 – sing and dance club
- Eco Club as well
- Cori – Can we get a compostable bin? Michael will talk to new caretaker about opportunity?
- Bev – There are bugs in the lockers? Michael says if there is an issue that they call in Orkin to take care of bugs.
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Daycare (Shannon) – no daycare updates:

- Is there a daycare liaison? Not tonight as daycare has their own meeting tonight.

Meagan – Grade 5 Moving on Committee/Lunch Program:

- Subcommittee forming about the grade 5 moving students.
- Celebrations for students, bbq, picnic, play day
- Committee will do fundraising for these celebrations.
- Meagan and committee will do a fundraising for this
- Sara wants to know if we can reuse supplies for kindergarten graduation? Michael says to approach this with jk/sk teachers to see interest.

Cori/Sarah- Scholastic bookfair:

- November 14-18th which falls during parent teacher interview week
- Sarah to connect with Mel and Melissa about organizing bookfair.

- Students will be invited to fair to make wishlist on the Monday.
- Students will be able to come to the fair during the day to purchase items.
- How many volunteers will be needed? Sarah will get back to council about how many volunteers will be needed.
- Cori says TL came and there were two parent volunteers there at a time. 2-3 needed at a time.
- Cori would like schedule early so that they can recruit – Sarah will have schedule to council by end of week.

Questions/New Business:

Skip this for tonight as meeting is running late.

Fundraising – When new opportunities are brought forward, have an outline with specifics.

Dates:

November 21st next meeting

Jan 16th, 2023

Every second Monday of the month, no meeting in March