

School Council Meeting Minutes November 30, 2016

Attendance captured on the attendee list

Started at 6:48pm

1. Review of Octobers minutes
 - Bill accepted minutes
 - Brad - confirmed
 - Voted a confirmation
2. Meeting agenda
 - No revisions or additions to the agenda
3. Reports
 - a) Isabelle – Student Council Report

Events so Far:

- School dance went well, made almost \$500, had about 200 students attend
- Santa Claus parade was a success, about 50 students came out and we had a great time
- We donated \$100 to the KGH Teddy Bear Campaign last week
- Limestone coffee house for the united way- displayed student artwork. No performers from Bayridge but lots of art!
- International Lunch today, where international students prepared foods from their countries and students could by a plate for \$6. Went very well

Upcoming Events:

- Bake off tomorrow. We will be selling making and selling beaver tails for two dollars between first and second periods. It's a competition between councils- student council, art council, Athletic council. All proceeds will go towards the united way
- On Friday we will be doing a house challenge that will consist of wrapping 1 grade rep from each grades arms with duct tape (sticky side out) and then having them go around and collect change- the one with the most money will win points for their grade!
- Next week is harry potter week- we will be having trivia daily, as well as playing harry potter music in the mornings and playing the movies in the main bearpit . There will be a colour house/ dress up day on Thursday, and a house

challenge on Friday. The intramurals will be Quidditch. There will be a Harry Potter themed lunch that Friday. We are also running a 'socks for Dobby' initiative where we will be collecting new socks

- Our next lifebus is happening on the 15th
- Will be sending candy grams (candy canes you can send to your friends) during the last week of school
- We will be putting up new energy saving stickers in classrooms
- Week or two weeks before the holidays we are considering running an environmental wrapping initiative, where students and teachers can bring their presents in and have them wrapped in newspaper or recycled material

b) Carrie Moore – Teacher Report

- Nancy O'Brien (ACW) was successful in her submission of an LLF grant for "Choices" - a girls group that will run at the school to help our female students navigate and learn more about challenging topics facing today's youth in a small forum. We are very excited to provide this opportunity for our female students. Parents who are looking for more information can contact Nancy at BSS.
- All students who are applying to post secondary should have created accounts on OUAC and/or Ontario Colleges by this point. Students can make appointments for help in applying as needed. Extra copies of the November Grade 12 newsletter are still available. December issues out this week.
- **Social Sciences Department (Brenda Scarlett)**
 - Successful grade 9 field trip - over 80 students participated and all 5 geo classes were involved - students learned about ecological footprint - direct curriculum links to Resources and Industries unit
 - Grade 10 Civics/Careers classes are doing YPI (Youth Philanthropy Initiative) presentations to determine the winning charities from semester one.
 - Grade 11 and 12 Working with Infants and Young Children and Working with Adolescents courses continue to be busy - gr 11s attend BPS kindergarten class weekly while grade 12s just finished with the Bullying Awareness week last week and developed posters etc. They continue to organize intramurals.
 - Grade 9 academic geo classes had QPID in on Thurs Nov 24th for a water workshop - 3 classes enjoyed making a water filter and learning about water issues within Canada and throughout the world - we hope to embark on fundraising for the 10th BSS water well in India in

the next few weeks to keep this tradition going in our global community

- New York City Trip – regretfully cancelled by LDSB - thanks to Greg Cusson for his efforts for hundreds of hours of planning and running a very successful trip that has been one of BSS's traditions for many years
- **Arts and Technology Department (Athena Lees)**
 - Yearbook order forms went out with midterms and yearbooks are \$45 until Jan. 1 and then go up to \$50, so they can save \$5 by ordering early.
- **Math and Business Department (Jaime Swaine)**
 - Business
 - This year Ms. McCormick and Ms. Allmendinger have started a Deca Team with our Business Students.
 - The Deca Team competes at various competitions that focus on business marketing, problem solving, thinking on your feet, communication, professionalism, and business etiquette
 - Two weekends ago, the team competed at the Regional Mock Trials at KCVI. We had one student come first in her flight and two students finish second in the group competition.
 - Last Saturday, Ms. Allmendinger took Noreast Trials in Toronto and our students did amazing. We had 4 of our Business students score in the Top 10 on the written test and 4 who scored in the Top 10 in the oral test
 - Joel Fiset, Jack Mandin, and Ammar Qureshi actually scored in the Top 10 written and oral in their competitions
 - As a result of combined score, 8 our Blazers will go on to compete provincially in February 9 – 11.

Mathletes

- Senior Math League takes place next Friday, December 9. Teams have been meeting this week to start preparing for the competition. We expect to be sending 12 teams to the competition, which will be the largest team of any school taking part.
- A reminder that Junior students are welcome to join the senior practices, which take place at lunch hour.

c) Heather Hight – Principal Report

- **PA Day:** Staff Learning focused on the 2 goals in our School Learning Plan;
- **1) Increase the reading and writing skills of all our students**
- STRATEGIES: Reading and Writing protocols and routines; using high yields strategies: accountable talk, anchor charts, graphic organizers

- **2) Increasing student achievement by enhancing student engagement in the learning process**
- **STRATEGIES:** Growth Mindset; Feedback and Clarity (LG/SC); Thinking Routines
- Learning Goal for the day: *I will tweak my instructional plans in order to apply/integrate/assimilate the big ideas about reading and writing in the front matter of my curriculum document, into my instructional practice.*
- Teachers watched the Learning Pit Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IMUA0hu078>
- Then co-created an anchor chart for the 21st Century Classroom: What does it look like, sound like and feel like. Our plan is to create a poster for each classroom.
- **Midterm Report Cards** went home Nov. 24th. That mark is a snapshot of the attainment of course expectations assessed to date and will contribute to the 70% term mark. Exam schedule is out – the 30% is based on culminating activities and/or and exam. EXAMS: Jan. 26th, 27th, 30th, 31st, and Feb. 1st.
- **Indigenous Education Month:**
 - Self-Identification FNMI (First Nations, Metis & Inuit))
- **United Way Campaign** at BSS
 - over \$2600 raised by Staff, students fundraising this week.

d) Heather Blue – Parent Report

Report on Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Meetings, LDSB
 Attended Meetings on November 17, and October 20th

BSS Parent Representatives:

- Nov. 17: Heather Blue and Bill Visser
- Oct. 20: Heather Blue and Rajan Gill

These meetings are hosted by the LSDB and all parents are welcome to attend. First 2 meetings were facilitated by Scott Gillam, Supervising Principal of Safe and Caring Schools Program, LDSB. In future they will be chaired by the PIC Chair, Robin.... This is a forum for parents to come together and discuss issues, topics that are relevant for parents across schools and the board.

Scott is new in this role. He wants to improve communications, inclusivity and engagement with parents. Ways they are planning to do this: Building an email distribution list to speak directly with parents via their personal email. A group mailing list is being built called “Parent

Involvement Committee – BDLEC”. It continues to evolve as the School board migrates away from using First Class and shifting to Office 365. If you have been receiving emails from Scott it’s because emails from the Bayridge School Council meetings were shared with him. If you want to be removed/added from this distribution group please notify him at gillams@limestone.on.ca If you have concerns, questions, ideas to bring forward you are invited to attend a future PIC meeting, share it with a member of the BSS executive or send an email to Scot Gillam personally via email above.

The BSS School Council will endeavour to have an executive member attend PIC meetings and reports will be presented at our BSS meeting. Other highlights from the PIC meeting:

- The LDSB website is developing a resource library and tool kit for School/Parent Advisory committees. They can be found on the “Parent” tab of board website.
- Lynn Sadowski of Learning Disabilities Association of Kingston (LDAK) provided a presentation on a one day parent conference they are organizing for April 2017. In collaboration with the PIC and LDSB they are developing this conference to bring together parents with children with/without learning disabilities and ADHD. This will be a free conference for parents with advance registration. They are in the early stages of developing the program, speakers, workshops etc. If you are interested in learning more, getting involved with the planning, volunteering there will be a 2nd planning meeting at 6:30 pm Dec. 8th at 817 Division Street. To learn more about the LDAK check out their website or contact Lynn Sadowski.
- The Board is reviewing their policy regarding Insurance coverage for Parent Councils and more info will be forthcoming at a later date.
- The LDSB is working with the Ontario Ministry of Education to develop a province wide Well-being initiative. Further updates to be provided as this evolves.

4. All Reports were accepted by the majority

5. Reports from Council Executive

- Kerry requested attendees to provide feedback around the following thoughts:
 - What do you want to get out of School Council
 - Ideas
 - What could BSS (specifically) do better – where are the areas of opportunity?
 - What is important to teens/parents of teens in general

- Use this to guide discussions and presentations etc. moving forward
- 6. Treasurer report
 - 2 accounts
 - 1st account regular working account (Parent engagement account) \$ 533.38
 - 2nd account (pro grant account) \$422.77
- 7. Parents Reaching Out Grant
 - Any publicly funded district school board council can apply for this. Grant is for \$500-\$1000
 - Heather mentioned there was discussion with feeder schools in the area to hold an event at BSS with a prominent speaker, she will keep us posted on these discussions
- 8. LDSB PIC Report - Scott Gillam
 - all parents are welcome to attend a PIC presentation
 - next presentation is in February
 - provides great connection opportunity for parents across the board
 - Scott Gillam added all names from first meeting that we had at parent council
 - Heather provided a document
- 9. Next meetings topics
 - Heather Blue has requested discussion item next week could be Communication
 - This was seconded and confirmed
- 10. Claudine Elvidge /Heather Stewart
 - Presented of Student Success & IEP
 - Presentation is attached