

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

13 December 2022

ATTENDANCE

Anne Marie McDonald – **Principal**

Alida French – **Teacher Representative**

Maeve Cotton – **Student Council Representative**

Emily Abassi - **Student Council Representative** (unavailable)

Corrie Allingham – **Chairperson**

Amy Webb – **Secretary**

Michelle Savic – **Treasurer**

Online: Melanie D, Nameja Savic

WELCOME

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes or additions to the Agenda were put forward.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was a general agreement to approve the agenda

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 15 NOV 2022

There was a general agreement to approve the minutes from our last meeting which took place on November 15, 2022.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – MAEVE COTTON

Semi Formal: Last Friday Evening was the Winter Wonderland Semi-Formal. It was very successful about 140 students in attendance.

Holiday Show: Student Council and Arts Council present the Frosty The Snow Man Holiday Show. It will take place on December 23rd. It showcases student talents.

Teddy Bear Campaign: Last Day to donate tomorrow. All proceeds go to the paediatric patients at KGH. About \$500 raised as of Monday.

EcoTeam & Blazer Boutique: Tomorrow, Thursday, next Tuesday and Wednesday, gift wrap and bag are being sold by donation. As well, metal straws are being sold for \$1. In addition, free gifts for students from the Blazer Boutique.

Sprit Week Next Week: Uniform day (Monday), Throwback Tuesday (Tuesday), Festive sweater day (Wednesday), PJ day (Thursday)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – CORRIE ALLINGHAM

No report filed.

Emailed Trustee and have not had a response. Will follow up in the new year.

TEACHER'S REPORT – ALIDA FRENCH

Blazer merch can be purchased on SchoolDaze

Coffee House on Thursday night 7-9 all parents and students welcome. All performers are students. Main Bear Pit.

Ontario Skilled Trades presentation Dec 15 at 12:10 pm. Students went to a skilled trades fair in November in Ottawa. Students had the opportunity to ask questions of skilled trades, industry leaders and workers. It is important to learn the intricacies of different trades and how educators can support students to find their path. Students will have a follow up from the day, come together and build a plan and start researching options. A one-pager on the specifics will be created to help guide students.

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Basketball team who brought home the B-Championship from the Thousand Islands Invitational tournament this weekend!

Thank you for all the contributions to the Blazers Giving Back Event - our Annual Teddy Bear

Campaign and Home Form challenge!! Collecting will continue until Wednesday December 14th.

Frosty the Snowman Holiday Show! Friday December 22nd

Semi-formal was a success!

Still ongoing free tutoring sessions from Queens Students, specifically with math, additional subjects are available in the Library. Bayridge Learning Commons tonight from 2:45-3:45pm (Wednesdays) and after school for the remainder of the year.

Free, drop-in math tutoring sessions with tutors from Queens University are happening in the

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - ANNE MARIE MCDONALD

Information update items:

Holiday draw and food baskets. Ballot box in the office, students can add family names. A draw will take place. Staff are donating and assembling gift baskets. They will be delivered or handed out Tuesday or Wednesday

Covid & Flu Clinic – Friday December 16, 2022 11 am -1 pm in the Library or call the office at 613-389-8932 Sign up list will be in the main office.

Catch up vaccinations occurred today, 30 on the list and 20 successfully updated

Equity Team students who represent different facets of the school, they were invited to a pizza lunch and asked to participate. Students of various races, religions, learning disabilities have been chosen to work together to make the school better. Students have opened up and were sharing challenges that they face on a daily basis. It will be student driven, they will decide if there are activities that they want to create or act on. Quite a bit of the feedback so far is to celebrate more. There are 11 students and 3 staff.

Salt of the Earth certificates will be handed out shortly. Teachers nominate students who quietly preserve, show admirable qualities and may not always get recognized. These will be presented in classrooms or at the office, starting this week and going into the next.

Exam period, end of semesters have return to normal proceedings. There may be a summative or an exam. Some will be held in the cafeteria and proctored, some will be in classrooms, others may come in for an exit conference/interview one on one. A draft schedule is in place and will be finalized and posted shortly. We need to train ourselves to get back into the habit of what exam cycling is. Vacations are typically not a satisfactory reason to have an exam moved or changed.

Semester 2 has seen a hiring frenzy 25-30 teachers across the board, Bayridge will have 6 new fulltime staff. 212 additional students have been added to secondary schools (families who have moved here) and require more support.

The school has been slotted for a new roof and window replaces. Windows are original to the opening of the building in 1974.

The Grade 8-9 transition is starting in January. Bayridge will be going to feeder schools in January. John Swain is hosting an open house (also live streamed – will be posted on YouTube) for the computer specialist program on Dec 14th. This will also allow current grade 9's who attended online to participate also. Anyone can participate online.

School cafeteria will not be opened this school year, the catering company does not have enough staff. We have started slowly on Friday's hot lunch \$6. Toonie Tuesday pizza slices. Food sharing club makes sandwiches, salads, etc... for free. Pop up events occur often, students are notified the week of and are on the daily announcements. Looking to increase these services gradually.

OLD BUSINESS

See Chair notes.

NEW BUSINESS

The school is interested in hosting a family documentary night funded by School Council. There is an opportunity to invite other secondary or feeder schools. Indie Flix series (<https://www.impactful.co/schools/film-programs> - 4 available), the Cyber Bullying documentary is of most interest. Potential opportunity for the spring. Approximately \$1000 cost. Potential to have a panel to help address any questions that students may have. Pose this to the Equity Team for feedback. Reach out to the Frontenac School Council (Anne Marie has contacted the principal)

Already hosted: Angst raises awareness and opens up the conversation about anxiety, helping people understand and manage their symptoms and learn when and how to ask for help.

LIKE explores the addictiveness of social media and the role and impact of technology in our lives.

The Upstanders teaches about the power of connection and resilience to end bullying behavior, both online and in person.

RACE to Be Human explores the impact of race and racism on our mental health.

NEXT MEETING: January 17, 2023 at 6:30pm (BSS Library and via MS Teams)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.