



BSS School Council Meeting Minutes

Feb 11th 2025

Attendance

In-person Attendees: Anne Marie McDonald, Principal; Alida French, Teacher Rep; Andrew, Student Council Rep; Cassidy and Tina (EA's); Corrie, Michelle, Don and Jennifer, Council Members; Chris Scott, Trustee.

Online: Melanie, Nemanja, Council Members.

Regrets: Judy (Secretary), Abby (Student Rep)

Minutes:

1. Welcome and Introductions - Special Guest Trustee Chris Scott welcomed.
2. Additions / Changes to Agenda – EA's Tina and Cassidy (Golf Tournament fundraiser) added following Student Council report. (item #6.)
3. Approval of Agenda – Jen and Michelle
4. Approval of Nov 28th Meeting Minutes – minutes circulated and will be posted to the website.
5. Student Council Report - Andrew Koss reported events held since last meeting: Winter Movie night, raised money for the Teddy Bear Campaign (over \$1000). Holiday Spirit week with themes each day. Candy Cane grams before winter break, house challenge. Upcoming events – assembly Feb 28th (tv show theme), Blorange day same day. Club carrousel this week. Valentine's Day will be white, pink and red day, will also have candy grams for purchase. Semi formal is being planning for late March, possibly a Hollywood theme.
6. Tina and Cassidy, EA's are organizing a golf tournament to support the Bayridge Breakfast Food Sharing Program (goal is to purchase a new industrial dishwasher that is required). May 31 2025 at Amherstview Golf Course. See Flyer below for details (QR code included). They are seeking prize donations. Hoping for 30 Teams to run a shot gun start.

Ms. McDonald thanked Tina and Cassidy for their passion and hard work. She also expressed her appreciation to Cassidy and her family at Amherstview Golf Course for helping to support this event.

7. Teacher's Report - Ms. Alida French:
 - Canadian Military Band and Strings Ensemble performance today for music students
 - Success at KASSAA skiing

- Club Carousel Thursday at lunch
- Pizza lunch (Tuesdays) and hot lunch (Fridays) is back
- The Limestone Skills Competition takes places February 26 & 27.

There are lots of things that you can compete in such as coding, graphic design, photography, baking, culinary, prepared speech, carpentry, construction - the list goes on. See the posters with the QR code around the school for further information. You can also see Mr. Swaine or Ms. Lees if you have any questions.

- Upcoming NYC and Greece school trips getting organized
- The University of Waterloo's Canadian Computing Competition will be held at the end of February! If you know a bit about coding and want to participate, see Mr. Swaine before the end of the week to sign up.
- A huge congratulations to the BSS Alpine Ski Team. Way to go Vittoria Fusta for an excellent performance, earning herself a first-place finish in the Open Girls category. She will be moving on to EOSSAA. Congratulations to the High School Boys Team of Colton Griffin, Matthew Edmunds, AJ Falconer, and Wesley Brennan. They skied hard and came in 4th overall. Congratulations to Wesley Brennan, who won the Slalom, the Grand Slalom and came in first place overall. Wesley is the #1 KASSAA high school boy's skier!!!! He is fast and fearless and off to EOSSAA!!!

From Meg Donald:

- We will have 3 teams competing in Special Olympics Bocce at Alliance Sportsplex on Feb 14 th with 2 teams having the potential to go on to Championships; then again 3 teams competing in a Limestone District Ice Stock tournament on Feb 27 th hosted at Frontenac Secondary School

8. Principal's Report - Ms. Anne Marie McDonald

Information Updates

Food Sharing @ BSS

- Possible partnership with FSP and local chef
- Prepare healthy meals for free or below cost; distribute to BSS and feeder schools
- Could get Federal funding for 'big ticket' items needed in the servery (commercial dishwasher, oven, commercial refrigerator)

Capital Project proposal

- Proposal created for 'arts enhancements', including new sound, lighting and stage resurfacing
- Hope to hear soon if we have been successful

Student Awards audit

- All schools have been asked to submit names and descriptors of awards
- Committee will look at criteria through an equity lens and provide schools with feedback
- End-of-day parking concerns – Parents have raised concerns that the front driveway is becoming congested at end of day. It would be helpful if parents and guardians could park in the parking lot or near to church and have your student meet you there.
- 8 Teacher Candidates have joined us for 4 weeks; some will be back in March
- Don't forget the School Year Survey is available for feedback!

- See posters following minutes regarding Limestone Skills Competition and Mental Health Supports in school (QR codes included for more information)

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 14th
Grade Forums and Course Selection Launch

Monday, February 17th
Family Day–no school

Friday, February 21st
Semester 1 Report Cards

Thursday, March 6th
Vaccination Clinic (tentative)

Wednesday, March 26th 6-8 pm.
Parent Teacher Conferences

Questions/Feedback: Question about some teachers sending out emails, some sending paper info- parent wondering about standardized approach to reaching out to parents/students

Teachers were recently taught how to send out mass emails in Aspen. It's a learning curve. Teachers are not mandated to reach out via email; however it is encouraged. At times, teachers will reach out to both students and parents for Grades 9-10, however they often connect directly with the students in the senior grades. This encourages student autonomy and responsibility.

Feedback from parents that they appreciate the initial contact from teachers via email and/or paper format. It was noted that the new website does not have teacher's email addresses any longer. Ms. McDonald will follow up with the Board.

9. Chair's Report - Corrie Allingham: Parent email Distribution list updated.

10. Treasurer's Report - Don Polk: nothing new to report.

11. PIC Rep Report - Jennifer King – PIC meeting was postponed, will share updates at next meeting.

12. Old Business:

- Food Sharing, Holiday Baskets: baskets plus care packages delivered before the holiday break. Supporting 42 families in total. Lion Hearts had more spots available for their biweekly food box delivery – we were able to add 12 households/families to this program.

13. New Business:

- Tour of special program areas: The Pond.

Next Meeting/Adjournment - Tuesday April 8th 6:30-7:30pm



A poster for a golf tournament. The background is a light grey sky with stylized white and orange-tinted clouds. At the bottom is a green grassy mound. On the mound, there is a white golf ball with orange dimples and a silver golf club head. The club's shaft extends diagonally upwards towards the right. In the top right corner is the Bayridge Secondary School logo, which features a blue circle with a white torch and the text 'BAYRIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL' and 'SUCCESS, COMMUNITY, TRADITION'.

BSS CHARITY

**GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

IN SUPPORT OF THE BAYRIDGE BREAKFAST AND FOOD
PROGRAM

**SAT, MAY 31 • 12PM SHOTGUN
AMHERSTVIEW GOLF CLUB**

\$125/PERSON

18 HOLES, CART, & DINNER

**TO REGISTER & PAY FOR YOUR TEAM EMAIL CASSIDY:
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2025 LIMESTONE SKILLS COMPETITION

SUCCESS HAS NO LIMITS

Events Include:

- Auto Collision Repair
- Auto Painting
- Auto Service Technology
- Baking
- Brick Masonry
- Cabinet Making
- Carpentry
- Coding
- Construction Challenge
- CAM
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Installations
- Floristry
- Graphic Design
- Green Energy
- Hairstyling
- Home Building
- Job Interview
- Landscaping
- LEGO Mechanical Engineering
- Lego Robotics
- Outdoor Powered Equipment
- Plumbing
- Photography
- Precision Machining
- Prepared Speech
- Sheet Metal HVAC
- TV and Video Production
- VEX IQ
- Welding
- Workplace Safety
- And More!

For more information or to register, visit the LDSB
Expanded Opportunities Website:



JOIN US!
FEB 26-27



Bayridge Secondary School

Mental Health Support Self-Referral

If you want to talk to **Maggie Farmer** (the Adolescent Care Worker) or **Josh Hulley-Carroll** (the Social Worker) scan this QR code and fill out the confidential form.



This is not a crisis service. If you need help right away call Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868 or text CONNECT to 686868 or call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room.

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