

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OCT. 18 2022

ATTENDANCE

Alida French – **Teacher Representative**

Amy Webb

Chris Ecclestone

Anne Marie McDonald – **Principal**

Tracey Ecclestone

Eric Riddell

Maeve Cotton – **Student Council Representative**

Corrie Allingham – **Chairperson**

Michelle Savic

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

No changes or additions to the Agenda were put forward.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda –

1. Eric Riddell
2. Amy Webb

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – SEPT. 20 2022

There was a general agreement to approve the minutes from our last meeting which took place on Sept. 20 2022.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – MAEVE COTTON

Annual Community Food Drive took place on October 12 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. with all proceeds going to the Partners in Mission Food Bank. Organized by Ms. Scarlett, students who participated in the Food Drive canvassed door to door at houses in the neighbourhoods within the Bayridge community collecting donations of non-perishable food items.

Blazer News – Video Announcements by hosts Ryus, Jacob and Emberlynn, reporting the latest Bayridge news by video. The videos are available to view on our school Youtube channel. This is a great way of catching up on what is happening at Bayridge.

Movie Night – Friday October 28.

Hallowe'en and Black and Orange Spirit Day – October 31. Students are encouraged to wear a Halloween costume or alternatively to dress in black and orange for Hallowe'en.

Blazer clothing is still being sold in the Paw Shop. Order forms available in the Paw Shop and deadline for clothing orders is Monday, November 7. Completed order forms with payment in the form of cheque or cash can be given to Mr. Cusson in the Social Science Office or left in the main office Drop Box. Clothing should arrive in early December in time for the Christmas holidays. Clothing items for sale include Hoodies and sweatpants in either Blue or Grey.

Holiday Semi-Formal – A night time semi-formal event is being planned for early to mid-December. The theme of the semi-formal is going to be Winter Wonderland. More details and exact date to follow.

Teddy Bear Campaign in support of the NICU at Kingston General Hospital will be happening again this year. Once again Bayridge is helping out with this very important initiative to raise money for the NICU.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – CORRIE ALLINGHAM

We have submitted our Financial Report from last year 2021-2022 in order to access and receive our \$500.00 Parent Engagement Fund; funds not yet received but will be soon.

2022/23 School Council Executive Positions to be filled:

Secretary

Treasurer

Secretary – Amy Webb

Treasurer – Michelle Savic

Discussion regarding how to increase parent engagement and attendance at School Council meetings. We would like to get more people coming out to monthly meeting and we are looking at ways to boost attendance. Some great suggestions that were put forth were to ensure that the front door to the school is unlocked, to offer refreshments and to hold mini-presentations at the beginning or end of the meeting on topics of interest.

A good presentation topic for this time of year could be a post-secondary application information session. Many grade 11 and 12 students are exploring post-secondary options and attending university and college open houses, and many colleges and universities are visiting Bayridge to promote their schools and to answer questions.

Presentations should be approximately half an hour long. We can start thinking of ideas for guest speakers and/or topics for discussion that families might want to learn more about.

We should also be posting frequent reminders about upcoming meetings on social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook. Also in regards to Facebook, some members have been having difficulty posting updates on Facebook. Make sure meetings are accessible and make sure there is a virtual option for those who don't want to or are unable to attend in person. Information on our website needs to be easier to locate, cannot always find information about School Council on the school website.

Another idea to increase attendance at meetings was to promote School Council at evening events such as school concerts and awards nights and Parent-Teacher Conference night. We could have a table set up with promotional literature and an e-mail sign-up list for people who want to become involved.

TEACHER'S REPORT – ALIDA FRENCH

MISCELLANEOUS

Playoffs coming up soon as fall sports come to an end,

Mayoral Debate tomorrow for Grade 10's and 12's.

SCS and PAL volunteers went to LCVI to participate in Special Olympics soccer event.

Orange Shirt Day/Truth and Reconciliation Day – September 30 – various classroom and school-wide events.

Grade 10 science classes went to Queen's University Anatomy Lab on October 11 for a tour.

Picture Retake Day November 2.

Student Vote October 20.

School clothing orders – order forms on Social Science office door.

Gradwear has been launched – Grad clothing for the class of 2023 – info on the Bayridge Grad Instagram Account.

Volunteer forms outside Student Services; regular opportunities for volunteer hours on announcements e.g. scoring for volleyball or basketball.

Lots of clubs meeting daily – anyone interested in joining a club should listen to morning announcements for meeting times.

AP exams info through Student Services.

Any students who are looking for a part-time job should listen for Job information on announcements e.g. Kingsdale Chateau is looking for part-time dishwashers, also World Broomball Championships is looking for student help.

Arts Council accepting fall-themed photos until October 26th - candy prize! Fall themed photo booth last week.

Immunization letters due October 7th. Reminder of vaccination clinic at B.S.S. in December.

Staff v. Student Dodgeball game - admission to this fun event for students was a donation of non-perishable food items. Students were asked to bring in food items to be donated to the Food Bank.

Remembrance Day contest through the Legion.

Drum circle tomorrow, Wednesday, October 19 in Room 207 at lunchtime with Christina Michie. Bring your lunch, Drums will be provided.

FROM JON SWAINE

In late October and early November we will be sending more than 50 Bayridge computer students out to more than 40 elementary classrooms to volunteer and help them prepare for the Beaver Computing Challenge in mid-November. In total, we are volunteering and helping with 1095 elementary students!

We have also acquired licenses for all 65 kids in the Bayridge computer specialist program for an online coding platform called Code Avengers which normally cost \$200.00 per license, and we are starting cyber security where we managed to get five licenses that normally cost \$1400.00 U.S.

In addition, around 20 students have signed up for the ICT SHSM and about 10 for our 2nd comp sci AP course.

We bought a drone for live streaming and video capture.

FROM BRENDA SCARLETT

For Geography classes - Junior and Senior - Canadian Geography and National Geography Giant maps have been arranged to be in the school. Such a great and unique opportunity for our students - the maps are set to arrive and will be organized in late October or early November.

Grade 10 Careers and Civics classes have guest speakers coming in for lectures and discussion about financial literacy.

World Issues Class planned, organized and ran the Water Bottle Awareness Workshop in September for all Grade 9 students. 4 sessions to 30 students each.

FROM SHANNON NIEMI

\$900 raised from the Terry Fox walk/run. Students walked or ran to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - ANNE MARIE MCDONALD

December 13 Immunization Clinic - this is a catch-up clinic for students who need HPV or their booster shot. Communication regarding this clinic will come directly from K.F.L.A. Health Unit directly to parents of students who are not up to date with their immunizations. This Immunization Clinic is not a CoVid or Flu Vaccination Clinic.

Early Reports for Grade 9 and 10 students. Teachers will be submitting early reports for Grade 9 and 10 students; teachers will provide feedback as to who is doing fine and who is having difficulty and showing some concern with their progress. These reports will be sent home with students in their backpacks. Early reports will only be completed for Grade 11 students if a student is struggling and might require some extra supports. These reports will be mailed to home addresses.

Parent-Teacher Conference Night October 26. Parents can sign up for five minute long appointments with teachers using School Day. Appointments are booked in five minute intervals. Parents who need more than the allotted five minutes can go directly through their child's teacher and request a longer appointment.

Academic Awards Ceremony - October 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. to be held in the Cafeteria.

P.A. Day October 24th.

Human Rights Reporting tool - LDSB has developed a new Student Human Rights Incident and Complaint procedure with a form that students/families can use to report discrimination such as racial slurs that the school should be addressing. This form will be available to students and families as of November 1. Teachers can access a new tool to assess texts and other literature that they are using in class to ensure that they do not promote racist language. All texts used in classrooms must pass a “checklist” test in order to meet the newly developed Human Rights criteria. Example - Harper Lee’s *To Kill A Mockingbird*. This novel would not pass screening criteria on the discrimination checklist.

There will not be an outright ban of books, rather teachers can take and use excerpts and analyze certain parts of texts that are appropriate for group discussion but just not read a book in its entirety. Potential for discussion around why, in 2022, a certain text or piece of literature could be harmful or have a negative impact on students of colour. Information on how to submit a student human rights incident or complaint and frequently asked questions will be available on the LDSB website.

This reporting tool will provide students and parents with an avenue to report if they have experienced or witnessed racism involving a student within the LDSB. It will also allow the Board to monitor, track and respond to human rights incidents in a timely and consistent manner. More details to follow in November, but the form can be found on the home page of all school websites and students will be able to report anonymously starting in November.

Booklet “A Guide To Navigating Your Child’s Mental Health Services in KFL & A” distributed by the KFL&A Family Advisory Committee. The pamphlet was developed as a tool for parents to document their child’s mental health challenges and to help raise awareness of children’s mental health services and programs throughout KFL&A. The booklet is divided into two sections, with Section 1 being Questions families should be prepared to answer and Section 2 outlines Key questions parents/caregivers should ask service providers.

POST-SECONDARY UPDATE

Grade 12 students are starting the university and college application process. Grade 11 is a good time to start looking at post-secondary options including scholarships and visiting university and college campuses so that they are not so overwhelmed with the process when they are in Grade 12. Ms. Sharpe in Student Services will be holding a lunchtime drop-in to help students with online university and college applications, or students can book an appointment if they have questions or concerns about the application process. Applications need to be completed in early December prior to the holiday break for students who are applying to Ontario universities.

Students who are applying to universities in Ontario need to apply through OUAC and they will need a PIN to apply through OUAC. Students' PIN are available now through Student Services and students can see Ms. Sharpe to get their PIN. Application fee is \$150.00 for three program choices and \$50.00 for each additional program choice. Maximum three choices per university.

Students who are applying to colleges in Ontario need to apply through OCAS. Application fee \$110.00 for five program choices. Application deadline is February 1 2023.

UPCOMING COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY VISITS

St. Lawrence College - Oct. 17 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Ontario Tech University - Oct. 19 2022 at 9:45 a.m.

Toronto Metro University - Oct. 25 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

GRAD PHOTOS

November 21 - December 2 2022. Graduation Portraits by appointment only and appointments must be booked online. Students should listen to daily announcements for instructions on how to book their appointment.

Order forms for school clothing - School clothing makes great Christmas gifts! Parents can order clothing such as embroidered hoodies and sweatpants for Christmas gifts discreetly through Holly in Student Services. Payment can be made directly to Holly so that students are not aware of or involved in the purchase if the items are Christmas gifts; some items were on display for viewing during the meeting.

Social Worker Tiff will be having office hours on Mondays and Wednesdays.

ACW Maggie Farmer will be having office hours daily from Monday to Thursday.

There will be a Polling Station in the gym for the Municipal Election October 24th. October 24th is also a P.A. day so that there will be no disruption to classes if voters come into the school to vote and make use of the polling station.

OLD BUSINESS

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Graduation Award

NEW BUSINESS

Dates for next meetings - Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.?

Discussion of dates for future meetings. Should we start meetings earlier if we are going to have guest speakers? Normal start time for meetings has been 6:30 p.m. and most people do not want to have or cannot commit to an earlier start time due to getting home from work and needing to get to the meeting.

DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

November 15 at 6:30 p.m. Student Services to be invited to talk about and give a presentation on the college and university application process.

December 13 at 6:30 p.m. Newly elected LDSB Trustee from the October 24 municipal election to be invited to this meeting for the purposes of introductions and getting to know the new LDSB Trustee. If School Board Trustee not available to attend the December meeting then we can extend an invitation to attend the January meeting.

January 17 at 6:30 p.m.

February 28 at 6:30 p.m.

April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

June 6 at 6:30 p.m.

We want to be able to have minutes up on the school website, can we ask Holly to add our meeting minutes to the website for greater accessibility?

We have been using a LDSB Microsoft Teams account for people who want to participate in meetings virtually. Some members have been having difficulty creating a Teams account. Are we keeping Teams or should we explore other options such as Zoom for virtual participants?

Chris suggested creating a mailing list for people who want to find out more about school council but we cannot create a mailing list on the school Board's server. Parents do not have limestone email accounts and Anne Marie will have difficulty adding members to a school Board mailing list if they do not have a LDSB email

account. When Anne Marie was Principal at L.C.V.I. the administration created gmail accounts for school council members.

Can't send school related emails from non-school Board email addresses. Anne Marie to enquire as to the possibility of a mailing list, we can put in a request however it is Anne Marie's understanding that the school Board does not want anything other than a school board email address to be an official contact for anything related to the school.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.