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Bayridge Secondary School
School Council Meeting
January 20, 2026

Welcome and Introductions -

In attendance: Corrie (Chair), Alida French (Teacher Rep), Belle (Student Council Rep), Don (Treasurer), Sheri Jones (Principal), Judy (Secretary), Betty, Cathy, Nemanja (on-line). Regrets: Meg (PIC Rep), Michelle

Additions / Changes to Agenda - none. Agenda approved. All in favour.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - approved.

Student Council Report -

- Teddy bear campaign - raised \$1000 for the hospital. Presented cheque to hospital at holiday show.
- Candy grams - success prior to holiday break. Not sure on final number for funds raised yet.
- Holiday show - talent show, choirs, bands, concert bands, teachers did a small show too :), spirit team did a house challenge (ginger bread houses - Grade 10 won!)
- Dodgeball game - students vs teachers; fundraiser for the United Way. Belle and Josh went on a UW tour. To play, had to pay.
- Feb new semester: clubs carousel will happen again
- Will have spirit week 2nd week of Feb - assembly at the end of Feb.
- Night-time spirit event: games and karaoke night. Booked the library. Mostly an activity night for fun!
- Valentine candy-grams: chocolates to send to friends, sold \$1-2, delivered to the students during class wk
- Grade-rep walk in March (likely); reps will talk to their grades to encourage the students to go to evening events, like the Games night
- Planning for a semi-formal; April 10 (proposed)

Teacher's Report - Ms. Alida French

- Study sessions to support exams
- Pauses on sports and extracurriculars for exam period
- Athena: creative kids - photo gallery Feb 10
- Limestone skills Competition upcoming Feb 26. See poster.

Principal's Report - Sheri Jones

- Inclement weather adjustments - all good
- Feb 2 start of new semester. Staffing vacancies still working on. 2 history, math, english (all jr grade)
- International students - plan unknown for start of semester orientation. Sheri will ask Sevena.
- Have booked Health Canada for an Opioid Awareness presentation for February classes
- Level-Up skills event in fall very successful. Filled 3 buses!
- Applied for a new Specialist High Skills Major program at Bayridge - focus on construction (electrical)
- Art showcase last week - went very well from performing arts students.
- Coffee house in December very well done too!
- Human rights and athletics training completed again for those who missed at the beginning of Term 1
- Community outreach:
 - Holiday lunch at Bayridge learning centre hosted by staff - parents/caregivers invited too.
 - Equity team did a lot for local charities
 - Holiday hampers - 33 hampers filled. About \$100 each in value. Comes from staff and athletic council (did 5 hampers). Some parent donations as well.
 - Food-sharing Program Project awards - four student BSS student hosts awarded (they start at 6:15 every school day to prepare food for the program)! Also the students were the focus of a documentary. Was filmed last week. There will be a gala to share documentary. Two other local schools also involved from the district. Likely the documentary will be available on some public forum.
 - Grade 8 night - well attended. More of an open-door visit vs. grouped areas. Will have Snowball dance Jan 29 for Grade 8 students that

would like to come. Connection Crew and student council helping the current Dance Class to host.

- Feeder school visits also happened in December

Chair Report - Corrie Allingham - says thanks for the invite to grade 8 night. She thought it was great!

Treasurer Report - Don Polk: Balances in Council accounts are unchanged: \$200 and \$384

PIC Rep Report - Meg Redmond (not in attendance), no update

SLAP! Initiative update - deferred. Query if there is an option for them to apply via BINGO fundraising.

Indigenous Rep - open position, no report.

Next Meetings booked:

Tuesday February 24th at 6:00-7

Tuesday April 21st at 6:30

Tuesday May 19th at 6:00

Meeting adjourned