



Bayridge Secondary School
School Council Minutes
Jan 10, 2024

1. Welcome and introductions
2. No additions to the agenda
3. Minutes of the meeting in November were not available for review
4. Student Council Report - Marie & Neha
 - Teddy bear campaign ran very successfully - raised \$900 which was \$400 over our goal!
 - Winter clothing drive also went well - collected about 100 pieces and donated them to 4 different charities in Kingston: St. Vincent de Paul, Dawn house, Addiction and mental health services and Elizabeth Fry Society.
 - Hosted a movie lunch event: played the Grinch and handed out sugar cookies
5. Chair's Report- No updates
6. Teacher's report - Mrs. French
7. School Council – Teacher Report – January 10th, 2024
 - From **Shannon Niemi**: Kinesiology class went to the Queen’s Anatomy Lab before the break to see first hand, the human anatomy in their museum and with 3 cadavers! Such an amazing experiential learning opportunity for the students (and myself - there’s always more to learn)!
 - From **Greg Cusson**: Still spots open for the Greece trip. Extra incentives – free meal and a draw for \$200.
 - From **Kendra Brennan**: Highschool Musical was a resounding success. Over 80 students participated in a myriad of ways from behind the scenes, tech and musicians to on stage performers, it brought together a varied group of students from throughout the school. The show was performed for over 400 elementary school students from 5 feeder schools, and approximately 600 tickets were sold for the evening shows which ran dec. 7-9. Special thanks to our community sponsors and parent volunteers who supported the event. In other arts related updates, there is a coffee house happening next Thursday hosted by the Music Dept and Arts Council. We have a lot of talent here at BSS! Students will be sharing music, poetry and performances from the guitar class, gr 9 band and music ensemble will be featured. Admission is by donation and light refreshments will be available.
 - Principal's report: **Mrs. McDonald** included discussion about changes to Graduation requirements (the addition of a compulsory Tech credit),
 - Facilities/Physical Plant updates including Accessible washrooms and renovations for gender neutral single stall washrooms.

8. Planning for Mental Health Initiative - requesting funds through the ProGrant. School Council would like to host an event in April for families - potentially a movie night. This type of event has been successful in previous years. A Google Poll will go out to school community to see which topic is most requested. Some options include the following movies: Angst, Like, Screenagers, Under the Influence, or a documentary from the Lung Association regarding vaping.
9. New Business:
 - 1. Fundschrift is now set up for BSS. Details will be sent out to the school community. Funds raised will have oversight from School Council.
 - 2. A parent offered to organize a craft sale in the spring. All present agreed that this would be supported.

10. Next meeting: Feb 21, 2024