

School Council & BPAC Meeting

MINUTES

March 4, 2024

Meeting called by; Brittany Fraser
Type of meeting; Monthly – Virtual this month
Note taker; Nicole Walker
Chair; Brittany Fraser
Attendees; Brittany Fraser, Nicole Walker, Meike Thomsen, Candace Gartshore, Wayne Jackson, Krystina Edwards, Therace Quest, Undine Weiler, Marlaine, Chrissinda Brewster

1. Motion to open School Council Meeting

- Time; 6:32pm

2. Principle Message & School Report – Meike Thomsen

- Land Acknowledgement – Meike
- Lots of great information about field trips, classroom sizes, 2024 kindergarten, technology, exchange students, combined earth day with TB Riley, and more
 - See attached

3. Close School Council Meeting & open BPAC Meeting

- Close; 6:50pm
- Open; 6:50pm

4. New business;

- Treasurer Update – Krystina
 - Why was math seeds payment so high, compared to previous years?
 - Continuation of budget discussions from last month
 - See attached

5. Action items from February Meeting;

- Outdoor classroom/Garden committee – Brittany/Nicole/Michelle
 - Manure – Meike to find out when it will be available
 - Seed start/garden update - Michelle
 - Nature Club update – Candace
 - Announcements going out this week. Garden Club starting on Mondays going forward
 - a. McCashin and Hauck are the lead teachers

- Grant update – Michelle (absent)
 - Friends Of The Environment Grant - submitted my Michelle
- Spring Book Fair!
 - March 20-22 (right before Spring Break)
 - Volunteer SignUp being sent out in Meikes WAG
 - Still need 4 volunteer shifts covered – Wednesday morning shift is priority right now
- Fundraising – April absent
 - Popcorn Thursday – caramel popcorn has been a big hit
 - What do you need help with for the dance?
 - May 10
 - No juice – makes a mess
 - Can sell popcorn and glue sticks!
 - a. Candace will have muffins, food, etc for the kids to have – no payment
 - Fundforward frozen fundraiser – early May, with delivery in June
 - Possible 50/50 – Nicole
 - Belvedere had a very successful raffle box 50/50
 - a. Nicole to apply for raffle license and see how we can make this happen at our school
 - Bowcroft Swag
 - Will probably wait until the fall to run our next store – not a lot of interest for the spring

6. New business;

- No new business

7. Close meeting;

- Time; 7:05pm

Admin Update

March 4, 2024 BPAC Admin update

1. \$5000 donation for psych assessment from Ms. Bonham's friend (again!)
Amazing. This will probably give us 7 assessments.
2. **\$5000 Education Matters grant** for gr 2/3 field trip to the Royal Tyrell Museum
3. Ordered **math manips** necessary for **new math curriculum for \$ 6,607.51** and filled out an **AGEC funding request**. Hopefully, they will give us all or some of this money.
4. **Our early literacy booklets are on their way (almost \$5000), paid by school**
5. We are **decommissioning \$ 28,916**, as we are over the 1:3 ration, we are only getting back \$5,860.79, which bought us 13 new Chrome books and 3 more iPads (gen 9)
6. 51 new desks and chairs are quoted to cost us \$29,000. Jikes
7. **Earth Day Joint Clean Up Day with Bowcroft on April 22 with TB Riley JH all day**
8. On Feb 22, 2024, we had Cst Randy with two fellow officers from the **Residential Traffic Safety Unit** watch the morning drop off. They were joined by 4 photo radar units from the parking authorities who did not engage with parents but simply used their photo radar to send tickets to illegally parked cars.
The school will receive
 - a. Message boards (Please don't j-walk)
 - b. In-roads pedestrian signs
 - c. Pedestrian signs will get updated (so the sign is on both sides)
 - d. Cones to prevent parking too close to the crosswalk (which makes young students impossible to be seen by drivers)
 - e. Ms. Gartshore is applying for the AMA traffic ???

9. Student teachers at Bowcroft

Hali Armbruster	Lisa Mitchell Generalist Gr. 4,5
Gracie Lodoen	Tanya Bonham Generalist K, Gr 1

- And 2 German ones with Nicole Hauck and Sebella Viljoen – Meghan Morden is meeting them too.

10. Long Service Award Recipients

- a. Taylor Plewes - 5 Years
- b. Candace Pocock - 10 Years
- c. Cynthia Ruhrmann - 5 Years
- d. Joanna Rusnak - 15 Years
- e. Amy Tetz - 15 Years
- f. Lusmaru Vargas Villasmil - 5 Years

11. Celebration: Class size update: Feb 28, 2024 : 357

- K – G Neumann: 16
- K morning Bonham: 19
- K afternoon Bonham: 13
- Grade 1 Halvorson: 19
- Grade 1 Rusnak: 15
- Grade 1 G McCashin: 17
- Grade 1 Ruhrmann: 16
- Grade2/3 G Benty: 20
- Grade2/3 G Hauck: 21
- Grade2/3 Buckner: 24
- Grade2/3 Dietrich:24
- Grade2/3 Ferzacca: 21
- Grade 4 G Viljoen: 23
- Grade 4 Isaac: 14
- Grade 4: Iseabel Jones: 13
- Grade 5 Mitchel: 28
- Grade 5/6 G Dressler: 22
- Grade 6 Tetz: 23
- Grade 5/6 Cattanach: 14

Next year: straight grades. Some classrooms will move. Please see charts.