



## **Baden Public SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes**

Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 7:00pm

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

Jacob Bretz, Ryan Day, Sarah Baxter, Jenn Harezlak, Toni Peter, Tina Bodendistle (Teacher Rep), Mary Holland, Katie Nietsch, Caitlin Jenkins

### **2. Appreciations:**

- To everyone involved with the Remembrance Day ceremony – it was well received and students loved it
- To everyone involved in the Book Fair – what a success
- To the organizer of the community run Kid-preneur sale on Nov 27th– we wish you luck, what a great idea

### **3. Review of October 2023 Minutes & Agenda**

- Minutes reviewed and passed

### **4. Principal's Report (Ryan Day):**

- Staffing Updates: Various staff on medical leaves with all teachers being covered, still need to cover Child Youth Worker
- Remembrance Day Assemblies: Two assemblies - one for 1st floor; one for 2nd
- Corporal Smith (CAF) came to 2nd assembly to speak with students about importance of remembering (grandfather served in WWII)
- Waterloo-Oxford Band/Choir assembly - Nov. 24th
- Progress Reports - went home yesterday (Nov. 20th)
- BPS staff attended first Dismantling Anti-Black Racism session on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, where they earned about the history of anti-black racism in Ontario, specifically Ontario schools
- Primary Literacy Night - Nov. 30th from 6-7pm; Representatives from WRDSB to speak about the changes in reading instruction and why
- BPS teachers will be on site to share what this looks like in the classroom, and ways families can support their students at home
- House Volleyball Program - up and running with approximately 70% of Intermediate students involved. Includes 4 v. 4 & 6 v. 6 games - including tournament against SAB
- Parent Involvement Funding Grant - 2023/2024

#### Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 27 - Grade 7 & Grade 8 Catch-Up - Hep B, HPV, and Meningitis Vaccinations

- Nov. 30 - Primary Literacy Night
- Nov 30 - Sprit Day - Students Dress as a Staff/Staff Dress as a Student Day
- Dec. 1 - Winter Dance-A-Thon
- Dec. 12 - Sources of Strength Presentations (Gr. 7 & 8 only)
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 7 - Winter Break

## 6. Teacher Staff Update

- Primary division has been working hard to learn and implement the new reading program – they are excited to share this with our families at Literacy night
- Grades 1-3 had a great trip to Centre on the Square to see the bilingual show “Will’s Jams”

## 6. Treasurer’s update (Sarah B)

- Funds in WEFI that were not council funds has been addressed now
- Spike Robotics Kits and Headphone splitters need to be updated on the sheet
- Jacob has receipts to submit for dance glow sticks and bracelets
- Judith Oulette will pass the estimates for outdoor/gym equipment to Ryan

## 7. Committee Updates:

1. WRAPSC/PIC – Caitlyn
  - a. January meeting will be focused on the PRO Grant including successful past initiatives
  - b. February – literacy program and right to read
  - c. November topic was Safe Schools:
    - i. This had 2 speakers from the board – Special Education head, and
    - ii. Classroom evacuation – based on a student behaviour-initiated reason to evac
    - iii. Vaping, cannabis use, and educational kits available at the board
    - iv. Bathroom privacy and rule enforcement
    - v. Cellphone use during school hours
2. Fundraising – Winter Dance
  - a. BLT will be involved for Dance – Dj-ing
  - b. Volunteers to put on glow bracelets at the door would be great
    - i. Sarah B time TBD
    - ii. Jacob 11am-3pm
  - c. K-2 for 30min from 11:30-12, Grades 3-5 from 12:15 – 1, Grades 6-8 from 1:40-2:40pm
  - d. Custodial thinks we may have some fun lighting already, they will let us know if we do, and if they function – if not Jacob will purchase a non-strobe light for up to \$250
  - e. In house school amplifier is currently in for service, but we can use large Bluetooth speakers as a back-up system
3. Playground Committee Update - Jacob
  - a. Toni, Ryan, Val, Jenn, and Jacob met Nov 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss
  - b. Would like to split the funding 30% for the younger students, and 70% for aged over 5
  - c. Would remove older existing equipment, grade the site, and install new equipment and ground cover
  - d. Laid out scope, assumptions and constraints

- e. Assuming so far that the budget will be up to \$400K, with 20% to be raised by the school
- f. Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Amber Martz from Wilmot Township can come to speak with us
- g. Creative Beginnings has received funding for two large shade gazebos – locations are being confirmed, likely where the picnic benches are close to the playground now, which is also far enough away to not interfere with construction
- h. Amber was able to confirm that we would not be limited by a footprint, as long as we don't go into backyards
- i. Aiming to go to contractors for updated quotes in February, with construction hopefully in 2025
- j. Next meeting Jan 16<sup>th</sup> (Council meeting with Amber)
- 4. Bylaws and Council Handbook – Ryan
  - a. Ryan was able to review and propose an updated draft to the BPS Bylaws removing all information that was already in the Regions school council handbook – instead the bylaws reference the Region handbook
  - b. Toni has motioned that we review the Bylaws with any proposed changes to be discussed in January, and confirmation to be done in February
  - c. Ryan to send out a copy of the proposed changes to Jacob to get to Council
- 5. Goodwill (Sarah Scott)
  - a. Sarah Baxter to check in with Sarah Scott on if she has had any asks
- 6. Graduation
  - a. notes
- 7. Gardens
  - a. River Rocks are starting to come in for students to paint for the gardens
- 8. Staff Appreciation Meeting Committee
  - a. TBD
- 9. School Community Events
  - a. Val is interested in helping out again, but would like help with Thank You notes
  - b. Asking Optimists about Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> (Cruisin' on the Pond begins June)

**Additional Matters:**

- NH Fair (Stephanie Szusz) is looking for parent and school feedback on the fair's involvement with the school and will join one of our meetings in Jan, Feb or March
- Santa Parades are looking for volunteers and WRDSB floats – NH 6pm Sun Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - o FYI – the school board borrowed the Buddy the Baden Bulldog mascot for the KW parade last weekend
  - o In future Christmas parades will be discussed in September

**What's On Your Mind?**

- Toni to work with Ryan to get a school day message looking for a volunteer with design skills to help with sponsorship asks for the playground

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 pm In Library!