Baden Public SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 7:00pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: Ryan Day, Toni Peter, Caitlin Jenkins, Judith Oullet (Teacher Rep), Val Huszarik, Jenn Harezlak

Regrets: Moira MacIver, Mary Holland, Jacob Bretz, Lauren Thompson, Lisa Huber, Sarah Baxter, Sarah Scott

2. Appreciations:

- To WRDSB and Monica Domingos for the Black Excellence session on Thursday what a great opportunity
- To Ashley Schuett and Monica Domingos for the extra hot lunch options to try out this year

3. Review of January 2024 Minutes & Agenda

- Minutes reviewed and passed

Guest: Stephanie Szusz - Wilmot Ag Society

- The fair considers schools to be a key partner to the fair (free educational field trip for grade 4, free tickets, etc)
- Stephanie wants to make sure schools are aware of the fair, what they do and to thank schools for their partnership
- Focuses: Awareness and education, bringing the community together
- Ambassador program starts in Aug (public speaking, resume workshops)

4. Principal's Report (Ryan Day):

- Notes

6. Teacher Staff Update

- Report cards went out Feb 16th
- Junior student writing contest one of our students was accepted to the contest
- Junior classes are also participating in a Habitat for Humanity poetry writing contents on what Home means to them (poems will be showcased in the hall)
- Lots of field trips upcoming Centre on the Square, Engineering Science Quest etc

6. Treasurer's update (Sarah B)

- To be discussed next month
- Teacher request: Badminton nets (Judith Oullet to follow up with cost for 3 nets), and other gym equipment to discuss next month

7. Committee Updates:

- 1. WRAPSC/PIC
 - a. Feb topic was the new literacy program, the science behind it and why it changed
 - b. Caitlyn to send some interesting slides
 - c. No meeting in March
- 2. Fundraising
 - a. Backyard BBQ is the next event
- 3. Pro-Grant
 - a. Sarah Scott sent an update on joining in with the other elementary schools in our Township
 - b. The idea has become several speakers, which has been approved; \$500 per school: Al safety speaker (Kory Jeffery), and several others
 - c. May 7th is the possible date
- 4. New Playground Design
 - a. Got follow up from Amber with an example SOW
 - b. Toni to work on SOW document
 - c. Ryan met with someone at the township re: the kindergarten area; the township would like to be appraised when we have an idea and is supportive
 - d. Met after the March break (after the next council meeting) to pick elements we definitely want in our playground design, and Toni to have a draft SOW doc
- 5. Good Will (Sarah Scott)
 - a. Nothing to update Sarah on
- 6. Graduation
 - a. Date June 26th (last Wed of the school year)
 - b. Students will be surveyed about what they would like to do to celebrate
 - i. Last year's EJs dinner celebration was a hit with the students; they walked to the school after and met families in the gym
 - ii. Beavertails is coming for grad night
- 7. Staff Appreciation Meeting Committee
 - a. Beverage Bar Coffee/Tea/Smoothie?/Orange juice bar (Val will look into what a friend did for her wedding)
 - b. Looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the gathering of appreciations both for classroom teachers and other staff
 - i. Ex. Each class gets a set of hearts/flowers etc in an envelope for any staff and their teacher – these get returned to council and we can sort and put with the beverage bar for staff to pick up
- 8. School Community Events
 - a. Looking for someone to organize in Spring/Fall
 - b. Stephanie says that The Ag society would love to come out and do something fun for the Backyard BBQ (pet a cow?)
 - c. May 29th for Optimists they would like to attend one of our meetings; Ryan has not heard back yet, but will invite them for March
 - d. Beavertails confirmed for the BBQ; Ms Schuett waiting to hear from Moreish

- e. Can we ask Funnel cloud (Ryan)? Judith will look into NH Crisp truck (parks near Tims?) Apple Fritter options (Ryan)
- f. Ideas:
 - i. Move the safety/big vehicles closer to the school so its clear they're available to explore
 - ii. Petting zoo by Ag society?
 - iii. Don't do vendors
 - iv. Some other type of participatory activities -not the Cake Creations
 - v. Art/Drawings shared by students in the hall ways
 - vi. Pie toss for staff or pie eating (no hands)
 - vii. Food eating competition for adults
 - viii. Auction classroom baskets, need volunteers for day of and basket day
 - ix. BBQ sub-committee to meet on non-Tuesdays? Val will call the first meeting for all interested to come, choose a chair, Ryan can send in School day
 - x. Lisa can help with coordinating volunteers again

What's On Your Mind?

- Has there in the past been a discussion on a school garden – Caitlin would like to donate some apple trees

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm In Library!

Principal's Report - Feb. 20, 2024

Staff/Organization

- CYW, Michal Pastik has returned for half-days currently working up to full-days
- Kindergarten registration continues to be
- Grade 2 French Immersion application closed Jan. 31st; now waiting for Board to complete data verification, then they will let us know about the class

Assemblies/Character Ed

- BPS Spirit Crew Responsibility assembly on Jan. 26th
- BPS Spirit Crew Trust assembly on Feb. 23
- Currently looking at booking guest speakers in preparation of Pride Month
- Ideally looking at speaker geared towards Grades 1 to 3; and Grades 4 to 8
- Once booked and confirmed, communication would be sent out via School Day for parents to make informed decisions for their families

Learning

- Continuing focus on structured literacy and the science of reading
- Previously focus has been on K-2/3, now beginning to shift focus to Junior grades and beyond
- Targeted focus for remainder of this year and into next school year effective tier 2 interventions (small group instruction), ie.What does that look like? How do we structure it? etc

Misc

- Black Brilliance Conference Elementary Feb. 22, 8:30am to 12:00pm; Monica Domingos taking 4 of our ACBi-identifying (Grades 6 to 8) to Wilfrid Laurier University
- Keynote speaker and breakout sessions for students to learn and celebrate what it means to be Black in the WRDSB

Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 22 Elementary Black Brilliance Conference (WLU)
- Feb. 27 Grade 8 Celebration Photos
- March 5 Intermediate Panzerotti Day
- March 11-15 March Break
- March 26 Junior Turmeric Lunch Day
- March 29 Good Friday
- April 1 Easter Monday
- April 8 Primary Panzerotti Day
- April 23 Kernels Popcorn Day (whole school)
- May 6 Junior Panzerotti Day
- May 14 Primary/Kindergarten Turmeric Lunch Day
- June 5 TCBY Frozen Yogurt Day (whole school)