

Birch Cliff Public School

Council Meeting Minutes: June 19, 2024

Committee Attendees: Richelle Wheeler (Chair), Glenn Kremp (Co-Chair/Safety), Chris Borycheski (Treasurer), Cory Megitt (Communications), Lynsey Kowalski (Communications), Pamela Van (Secretary)

Parent Representatives: Sarah Turnbull, Julia Salerno, Megan Evans, Alyssa Lioutas, Samantha Stermac, Shannon Howanyk, Lisa Giuliani, Benn Brisland, Michelle Whetter, Madalena Morais, Natalie DaSilva, Robynne McKinlay

Staff Representatives: Michelle Lipp (Vice Principal), Ms. Secher (Kindergarten Teacher), Dr. Angelina Faraone (Principal)

Regrets: Amy Corcoran (Community Liaison)

Agenda

6:30pm- Welcome and Principals Update Mrs Angelina Farone

- EQAO finished
- Whole school except kindies went to the zoo
- Fun Fair was amazing
- Fire alarm went off (unplanned) day of one of the zoo trips. Someone bent a sprinkler in the basement and damaged the sensor setting the alarm off. Kids were all well behaved.
- Pride Parade - was successful and supportive. Dr Farone said, "The kids at Birch Cliff are so so lovely"
- 2 teachers are retiring this year and one is moving to another school. Ms. Roberts is also moving so 1 new office admin rep is joining next year. Permanent Principal being announced on Friday.
- Looking at creating a breakout/transition space "sensory room" for kids next year. For kids who need a break from class to have some downtime.
- All class numbers are over in numbers so there could be reorganization ahead.
- Thank you's shared with parents for all the support this year and look forward to working together next year.
- Tomorrow is Grade 8 Grad.
- School will moving to a two lunch/day schedule next year to ensure adequate supervision at lunch and facility cleanliness:
 - 11:30-11:45 - first group eat (eg Primary -tbc)
 - 12:15-12:30 - second group eat (eg Junior/Intermediate -tbc)
 - Extra-curriculars will be scheduled accordingly
 - Sandwich Room in the basement will be the lunch room

6:45pm - Review Of Minutes

- Minutes from last meeting approved

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6:55pm - Treasurer Update - Benn and Chris B.

- It's been a successful year.
- Approved some larger spends for multiple items (shelving, iPads, busses, sensory room)
- Last year raised \$72.5K, this year we raised \$82K. Spent \$71.9K.
- New events like parent social, movie night and bingo night pulled the community together and added to funds raised.
- Budget for next year is still to be compiled.
- Richelle and Michelle proposed adding "Jungle Sports" , a 5 day program for \$6 per student. Looking to book for the week of April 7th. Chris confirmed the budget should allow this spend.

7:10pm - Teacher update: Ms Secher

- 27 athletes went to the City Finals (Track). 5 athletes won medals, Grade 4's won a pennant
- Ultimate Frisbee did great
- Play Date Monday all afternoon. SAC supplying freezies.

7:15pm- Samantha - Silent Auction Update

- Streamlined the process, very successful, donor appreciation
- Community was amazing and supportive.
- Square payment processing was super successful and easy.
- Kids have been making cards for the donors. Michelle is mailing them to donors
- ~\$7200 raised

7:30pm - Chair Update - Richelle:

Communications:

- G-Drive has been created to store all documents, tracking, templates, minutes etc. This way future SAC's will have access.

Next year's Proposed Events:

- Curriculum Night/Book Fair and Spirit Wear Sale - October 1st
- Pumpkin Fest with a Halloween Costume Swap
- Clothing Swap - November 14th proposed.
- Holiday Market (Dec 5)- looking for a Santa for next year.
- Parent Social
- Plantables
- Fresh from the Farm
- Purdy's
- Vandermeer Poinsettias
- Fun Fair

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- Fundraising for Grade 8 Trip
- Pizza Lunch

*proposal to add food drive/charitable donations initiatives during the events

Fun Fair Update:

- ~\$10,500 Profit
- Tap payment was a huge success
- No dunk tank next year but water was a hit so something else to replace suggested.
- Tip for next year: try to have most expenses covered by sponsorships ahead of sales.
- Potential to add craft tables for community artisans/sellers
- Spends by SAC:
 - Teacher/Staff Wish Lists were all fulfilled, Sports Teams Fees, Chairs/trolley for Events, 8 iPads/Cases for ESL students, \$6k toward Busses for next year's field trips, new Library Shelving to replace rusted/broken shelving.
 - suggestion to send out communication to families to share how money raised was spent in school.

7:45pm - Chair Update - Richelle:

- Will the School have a Reading Program next year?
 - School has applied for Empower Program offered by Sick Kids, a teacher rep has been identified. Grade 2-5. We have 1.5 special ed teachers for Grade 6-8 needs.

8:00pm Meeting adjourned