

Birch Cliff Public School

Council Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2024

Committee Attendees: Richelle Wheeler (Chair), Glenn Kremp (Co-Chair/Safety), Chris Borycheski (Treasurer), Kim Martin (Communications), Amy Corcoran (Community Liaison), Pamela Van (Secretary) Lisa Giuliani

Parent Representatives: Robynne McKinlay, Sarah Turnbull, Megan Evans, Alyssa Lioutas, Samantha Stermac

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

Agenda

6:30pm-Welcome & introductions

- Welcome to parents Dave and Kayla who have been sup

6:35pm- Introduction Principal Mrs Angelina Faraone

- Kindie trip took place. Was so impressed with the kids and community.
- 7/8 Coed Vball were awarded a banner
- Staffing update will be given by Michelle
- Kindie Team meeting will take place tomorrow prepping for SK graduation

6:40pm- Vice Principal Michelle Lipp

- Classroom org approved by Superintendent
- Mme Ristuccia Union Rep this year
- Allocated 25 teachers for next year which means we are surplussing ½ a teacher next year.
- JK/Sk 2 teachers, FI Jksk 2 teachers, Gr.1-3EN 3t, Gr. 1-3FR 3, Gr 4-8 EN 5, Gr 4-8 FR 3 teachers, .51 library, -.15 Guidance, 1.5 SpecEd.
- EN 2 jk/sk, 1, 2 x 2/3, ¾, 4/5, 5/6, 6/7, 2x7/8
- FR 2 jk.sk, 2x1/2, 2/3, 4/5, 5/6, 78
- 466 students in total
- School Improvement Plan:
 - o Achievement Goal – staff and student need ways to introduce more strategies in the classroom. Adapt to the learners with differentiated instruction. Tasks assigned to be evaluated in May
 - o Indigenous Education Goal – new multi year strategic plan to be announced by the Board very soon. Looking for meaningful connections to the curriculum. Adding Indigenous themes to learning.

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Eg Curio via CBC. Contest for students to create videos about how the land is being harmed. 6 winners in the country, 2 groups from our school were winners (Ms Scott Lindsey's class)! They will be published on Curio.

- Belonging Goal – census results returned that only 51% of the student population here feels valued. Need to learn how to increase feelings of value for the 49%.

6:45pm - Review Of Minutes

- Minutes from last meeting approved

7:00pm - Chris Borcheski -Treasurer Update

- 41k Munchalunch sales.
- Budget updated to 42k sales, projecting 70k total.
- 54k in budgeted spends.
- Looking really good regardless of Fun Fair fundraising.

7:05pm - Amy Cocoran -Community Rep Update

Kids Activities and Community Events

1. Wed, Apr 24 at 4:00 PM 60 min: **After School Club @ Taylor Memorial Library (school-aged children)**
 - Come and join us each Wednesday as we help with homework, learn STEM programs, build LEGO challenges, card games, riddles and snacks!
 - No Registration necessary.
2. Thu, Apr 18 and 25 at 4:00 PM 45 min: **Fun With Robotics @ Main Street Library (ages 6-12)**
 - Come to our Robotics Club! Meet our robots and explore the technology available for use including Snap Circuits and Sphero robots!
 - Drop-in, no registration required. Space is limited.
 - Access and use of equipment will be on a first come, first serve basis.
Snap Circuits: April 18
Sphero: 25
3. Thu, Apr 18 at 6:00 PM 90 min: **Wall-E @ Beaches Library (all ages)**
 - Join us for a screening of WALL-E, a film about a little robot's mission to save a big planet. Bring your family and friends! Refreshments will be served. This movie will be screened with open captions.
4. Saturday, April 20, 1-3 p.m.: **Earth Day Celebration at St. Aidan's in the Beach,**
 - 2423 Queen St. E Stories, crafts, and activities for children and all ages.
5. Saturday, April 27 at 7pm: **Spring Fling with special guest JUNO-nominated Barbra Lica,**
 - 140 Wineva Ave.
 - The Beach United Church Choir presents an evening of music, refreshments and community fellowship to welcome in the spring season.
 - \$40/Adult, \$15/Child. Info: www.beachunitedchurch.com
6. Sunday, April 28, 10 am to 12 noon: **Glen Stewart Ravine Clean Up**
 - Meet at the Beech Ave. entrance. Please bring gloves and dress to get dirty. Bags and treats will be supplied. Info: friendsofglenstewartravine@gmail.com

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7. Friday, May 3 at 7pm: **Birch Cliff Public School Parent's Night Out 2024 (fundraising event)**
 - o Royal Canadian Legion Branch 13 at 1577 Kingston Rd
 - o Tickets \$40 cash bar
8. Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.: **EcoFair at Beach United Church**
 - o 140 Wineva Ave. Featuring eco-friendly vendors, games and activities for all ages, tasty food and drinks, and informative speakers! Free entry. Info: www.beachunitedchurch.com
9. Saturday, May 4 at 4:30 p.m.: **Jazz & Reflection with Beachside Brass at Beach United Church**
 - o 140 Wineva Ave. Featuring local band Beachside Brass as they present a fun show filled with jazz, pop, funk, soul and more. Get ready to clap your hands, move your feet, and head on down to Bourbon Street! Pay-what-you-can. Info: www.beachunitedchurch.com
10. Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m. start: **Kids Help Phone's BMO Walk so Kids Can Talk at Ashbridges Bay Park**
 - o 1561 Lakeshore Blvd. E., 8 a.m. registration opens.
 - o This 5 km family-friendly event is stroller and wheelchair accessible and pet-friendly.
11. Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: **Artists & Artisans Spring Market at Beaches Presbyterian Church**
 - o 65 Glen Manor Drive, Vendors wishing to participate please contact Debbie Murray by email at debmurray@rogers.com. Tables available to rent starting at \$50.
12. Now until May 28th (World Menstrual Health Day): **Collecting Period Products Donations**
 - o The Period Purse charity is doing an east end collection of donated period products (pads and tampons) that will be delivered to local shelters and food banks
 - o Collection bin at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 13 at 243 Coxwell Ave and Gerrard St. E
 - o Local parent is doing porch collection at 31 Lynn Road (Warden Ave & Kingston Rd)
 - o **Save-the-Date:** Sunday, June 9, time TBD: **Packing Party**. Join us to sort, count and pack all collected donations! Volunteer hours available for high school students. All ages welcome!
 - o Contact amy.corcoran@gmail.com or text 647-519-8256 for more information

Local Food Banks

1. **Scarborough Food Security Initiative** (info@feedscarborough.ca 416-936-3975)
 - o **Free Online Grocery Store:** <https://scarboroughfoodsecurityinitiative.myshopify.com>
 - o Pickup locations:
 - Wednesdays from 11:00AM - 2:00PM at 3330 Danforth Avenue
 - Saturdays from 10:00AM - 1:00PM at 2259 Kingston Road
 - Saturdays from 12:00PM - 3:00PM at 741 Kennedy Road
 - o **Food Banks:** <https://scarboroughfoodsecurityinitiative.com/food-bank>
 - **Clairlea:** Saturdays 11am-2pm at 772 Warden Ave (by appointment only)
 - **Cliffside:** Thursdays and Fridays 11am-3pm (by appointment only); Saturdays 10am-1pm at 2229 Kingston Road
 - o Drop-in Healthy Meal Programme: Mon - Wed - Fri, 11:30 am-1 pm
 - St Paul's United Church (Cliffside), 200 McIntosh Street
2. **Bluffs Food Bank** (bluffsfood@gmail.com; <https://bluffsfoodbank.com/donate>)
 - o 33 East Road - Open Thursdays 12:30-2:30 pm
 - o If you require assistance outside of our service hours, please call 211 or go to <https://211central.ca>
3. **YouthLink** 636 Kennedy Road info@youthlink.ca 416-967-1773 ext. 200
 - o Parenting and family support, education financial aid, shelter and housing, counselling & psychotherapy, including walk-in counselling

7:10pm - Teacher update: Ms Secher

- Volleyball done, Congrats to 7/8s!
- 5/6 team played today – they had a good year.

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- Track and Field – 4-8s April 26 school day, rain date April 29. Requesting Freezies from SAC.
- May 13 is 1st Birchmount Conference.
- Ultimate Frisbee 7/8s in may
- Lipsync team coming up.
- JK Grad June 21 – requesting SAC support for cake and juice boxes. SAC voted to support
- Gr 8 Grade June 20

7:15pm - Glenn - Co-Chair & Safety Rep-Update

- Sends his regrets
- Spirit wear will be coming soon.
- SAC requesting shorts in the next order window.

7:20pm Sarah Turnbull - Parent Social Update

- May 3rd at the Legion
- Cash Bar
- Early Bird ticket \$30 until April 5
- Reg ticket \$40 after April 5.
- Food “Tour of Birch Cliff”
- Vibe “House Party”
- Sales open on Munchalunch
- Friends welcome
- 5 sponsors for food ~\$2k
- ~100 tickets sold so far
- Song requests will be taken

7:25pm - Alyssa Lioutis-Funfair Update

- Lemonade Stand – hoping the Student council might want to run it?
- Parent Volunteer will lead Face Paint. Need about 5 more volunteers.
- Spirit Wear table
- Dunk Tank – need teacher volunteer
- 5 inflatables
- DJ Clem
- Volunteer Recruiting to begin!
- Kayla offered her machines for concessions will coordinate with Amy and Richelle.

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7:30pm - Richelle Wheeler - Chair Update

- Communication Rep tasks this year has been a lot
- Fun Fair Meeting April 24, 4pm-6pm in the Staff room. All are welcome.
- School leadership team wish list: iPads, chromebooks and sound fields for classes, sensory items, chalk, trykes, bubbles, hula hoops etc.
 - o SAC will table big ticket items after the fun fair, requested pricing and priority. iPads are #1 priority.
 - o SAC voted to support smaller priced consumable items.
- TDSB Vice Principal Interviews:
 - o Teachers who want to become VP's will be interviewed by a panel, composed of Principals, VPs and a parent.
 - o May 15 and May 17 8am-3:30pm – if interested in attending/participating contact Richelle for details.
 - o Interviews are virtual.
- Bingo Night went well

8:01pm Meeting adjourned