

## Birch Cliff Public School

### Council Meeting Minutes: February 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

Committee Attendees: Richelle Wheeler (Chair), Glenn Kremp (Co-Chair/Safety Rep) , Chris Borycheski (Treasurer), Kim Martin (Communications), Shannon Howanyk (FI Liasion)

Parent Representatives: Robynne McKinlay, Benn Brisland, Lynsey Kowalski, Samantha Stermac, Megan Evans, Corey Megitt

Staff Representatives: Tim Sullivan (Principal) Ms. Secher (Kindergarten Teacher)

Regrets: Michelle Lipp (Vice Principal) Pamela Van (Secretary), Amy Cocoran (Community Liasion)

#### 6:37pm – Welcome & Introductions

- Minutes for January emailed out. No objections.
- Principal & VP not here yet

#### 6:40 Chris – Treasurer

- Great spot. Started with 10K now at 17K and spent 31K (generated 39K)
- Very good spot
- Be prepared for fun fair – rain impacts funding by 10K
- No questions

#### 6:42 – Secher Sports update

- Most sports are coming to an end
- Grade 7 boys basketball winning their games
- Grade 5-6 Girls Volleyball onto semis
- Chess club Kokalakis
- Lip Sync Ristuccia
- Folk DANCE - Lipp
- Co-ed Volleyball grades 5-8 starts after March Break

#### 6:43 Principal Update

- Kindie registration
  - o 26 FI students, there are kids on a waitlist (offered somewhere else but want birch cliff or missed the deadline)
  - o 22 English registrations
- Enrollment projections given, principal review now. Final numbers after March Break. Determines staffing.
- Report cards went out
- IEPs updated and sent out electronically.
- TELUS Wise presentation on online behaviour and best practices was a success.
- Staff continues continuous learning regarding Special Ed and Math and STEM

- Facilities
  - o Back hall painted (where the intermediates come in)
  - o Storage container/shed in the playground arrived
- Performance showcase in Spring – Extra curricular clubs. Choir, ukulele, band, lip sync. Around the first week of June. Date to be finalized.
- Trips – Kindies to Bruces Mills, Kortwright Center, Hillside
- Next week (Feb 29) is the last day for the principal. New principal still unknown

6:53 Richelle

- Feb 28. Movies night. Elemental DVD bought. Raffle for the movie at the end. Popcorn and Pizza. So far 24 kids have responded.
  - o ACTION ITEM Kim to send poster to Richelle to be sent out by the impacted teachers
  - o Volunteers needed
- Purdys \$1,133 orders made. \$320 profit. Earlier deadline.
- Bingo night March 27 3:15 – 5:00PM . Dreamwood camp runs it (they run and do prizes). Pizza and popcorn fundraiser.
  - o Volunteers needed.
- ACTION ITEM Lynsey to send out request for volunteers
- ACTION ITEM Lynsey to get volunteer FB group going
- PIAC conference update
  - o PIAC is liaison between parent committee and TDSB
  - o Strategies on effective parent engagement, provide education and support with interacting with TDSB, how council works, governed by Ontario Education Act
  - o Looking into all the responsibilities of the SAC outside of fundraising
  - o \$125 per student, \$500 per school for parent outreach. Grants are available to apply – looking out for next year. Use funds or lose them.
  - o Further questions on PIAC contact Richelle.
- Fun Fair
  - o June 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00 – 3:00pm
  - o Inflatables booked
  - o Looking for sponsors – current have 2 \$500 sponsors. Custom sign.
  - o DJ Mike is TBD
  - o Fun fair planning in early days – committee is on it. On track
- Family financial help
  - o Teacher asked to help family with food insecurity, free pizza, more snacks, grocery gift card.
  - o Text from a family that received help over Christmas, grocery gift card , resources provided through to foodbanks and grants from the principal
  - o Dads for Birch Cliff approached, reached out to Suman Roy (feed Scarborough)
  - o Possible idea is for the SAC to provide a hygiene basket

- Clothing drive, toiletry drive, toonies at the events to add on.
  - Create a Birch Cliff pantry for families in need (stored in SAC office)

#### 7:17 (Pam) Pizza Lunch

- Kids in need provided for
- Freezer stocked for extras
- Reminder to teachers for kids who don't have a pizza and supposed to come down

#### 7:22 pm ( Amy ) Community Events

- Voted on if okay to post events on FB. All in agreement to post.
- ACTION ITEM – Kim to post events on the Facebook group.
- Cory and Lynsey to help Kim with Facebook and Social Media

Feb 21, 2024 SAC Community Update

#### Kids Activities

##### 1. Taylor Memorial Library - After School Club

- Wed, Feb 28 at 4:00 PM
- 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. Main Street Library - Fun with Robotics (ages 6-12)

- Thurs, Feb 29 and Thurs, March 7 at 4:00 PM, 45 min <https://events.tpics.ca/4458>
- Come to our Robotics Club! Meet our robots and explore the technology available for use including Snap Circuits and Sphero robots! Snap Circuits: Feb 29, Sphero: Mar 7

##### 3. Main Street Library - Snap Circuits for Kids (ages 9-12)

- Sat, Mar 2 at 1:30 PM
- Turn on a light, spin a motor, activate a speaker and choose from hundreds of different projects. Or try making your own circuits!
- \*To register, please call the Taylor Memorial branch at 416-396-8939 or speak with a staff member in person.

##### 4. Taylor Memorial Library - Introduction to 3D Printing (teens/adults)

- Tue, Mar 5 at 6:00 PM, 60 min [Click here to register](#)
- Class instruction includes:
  - How to prepare a 3D design file for print
  - How to use the equipment properly and safely
  - A review of the rules and guidelines for using the 3D printer

##### 5. Taylor Memorial Library - Dot and Dash Robotics (ages 8 and up)

- Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 4:00 PM, 60 min
- In this program, kids will learn the basic concepts of coding by inputting and controlling the movement of Dash and Dot robotics.
- \*To register, please call the Taylor Memorial branch at 416-396-8939 or speak with a staff member in person.

##### 6. City of Toronto Spring Recreation Registration

- Spring 2024 general, skate and swim recreation programs
- Registration opens at 7 a.m. on:
  - Tuesday, March 5, 2024 for facilities in Toronto East York
  - Wednesday, March 6, 2024 for facilities in Scarborough
- Programs start in April 2024. <https://efun.toronto.ca/torontofun/Start/Start.asp>

##### 7. Live For Ball (LFB) - register for basketball, volleyball or multisport

- <https://liveforball.com/> or 417-707-7033

## Community Events

1. Feb. 25: **Sunday FunDay at RCL Branch 11**, 9 Dawes Rd., 1-7 p.m.
  - Featuring entertainment by Teddy Hawkins & Guests, 2-6 p.m. Meal served at 4 p.m. – peameal bacon on a bun, coleslaw, potato salad, and dessert. \$15 p/p. Limited tickets (cutoff date Feb. 23). Tickets sold at bar or call Susan Squires 647-657-8817
2. Feb. 25: Toronto Beach Chorale presents **Vivaldi & J S Bach at Beaches** Presbyterian Church
  - 65 Glen Manor Drive, 2 p.m. Music director Mervin W. Fick with Chamber Orchestra and Soloists. Tickets: General \$30, Youth \$15. Tickets and info: [www.torontobeachchorale.com](http://www.torontobeachchorale.com)
3. March 2: Kingston Road Village Concert Series presents **Back TWO Bach** at Kingston Road United Church
  - 975 Kingston Rd., 7:30 p.m., featuring TSO musicians, Mark Fewer, violin, Sarah Jeffrey, oboe, and Steven Woomert, trumpet, and Monica Whicher, soprano. Tickets: [www.kingstonroadvillageconcerts.eventbrite.com](http://www.kingstonroadvillageconcerts.eventbrite.com)
4. March 3, 10: **Scarborough Model Railroaders Train Show**, 17 Jeavons Ave., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
  - Two floors of HO and N scale scenic layouts. Watch miniature trains that are as long as the real ones! Fun for all ages. Tickets: adults \$10, children \$5. Cash only.
5. April 6: **Annual Spring Sprint** - 2km and 5km run/walk, organized by the Beaches Recreation Centre Advisory Council. Volunteers will be needed the day of the event as well as leading up to the event. Please send your contact information to: [springsprint@hotmail.ca](mailto:springsprint@hotmail.ca)

## March Break and PA Day Camps

1. Taylor Memorial Library - Lego Mindstorm Robotics Camp (ages 9-13)
  - Tue, Mar 12 to Fri, Mar 15 at 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, 90 min
  - Over four days, build and program your own LEGO Mindstorm robots! Kids will work in teams to build, code and program their bots to solve various challenges.
  - \*To register, please call the Taylor Memorial branch at 416-396-8939 or speak with a staff member in person.
2. Bob Acton Sports <https://www.bobactonsports.com/pa-day-hockey-camps/>
  - <https://www.bobactonsports.com/march-break-hockey-camp-in-toronto/>
  - Hockey campBeaches and Scarborough locations, 647-628-7748
3. The Cube School (STEM)
  - <https://clementine-icosahedron-8zya.squarespace.com/stemcamps>
  - Beaches Presbyterian Church 65 Glen Manor Drive, just south of Queen St E, 647-528-7557
4. Creative Art Studio
  - <https://createartstudio.ca/march-break-camp/> <https://createartstudio.ca/pa-days/>
  - 1801 & 1803 Danforth Ave, 416-855-2360
5. The Beaches Art Studio <https://4catsthebeaches.com/collections/kids-camps>
  - Full week by the day or half-day 2138 Queen St E, 647-345-4300
6. Skateloft <https://skateloft.com/camps/>
  - 763 Warden Ave Unit #5
7. DeSantos Premier Martial Arts <https://www.desantos.ca/camps>
  - 210 Main Street
8. Jay9 Dance <https://www.jay9dance.com/dance-camp>
  - 2351 Kingston Rd, 416-261-9312
9. So Dance Studio <https://www.sodancestudios.com/camps>
  - St. Paul's United Church, 200 McIntosh St, 416-264-9481
10. East York Gymnastics <https://eastyorkgym.com/camps/march-break-camp/>
  - 6 Dohme Avenue, 416-759-6823
11. Variety Village <https://www.varietylvillage.ca/camps/>
  - 3701 Danforth Avenue
12. City Scouts <https://cityscouts.ca/march-break/> 647-938-2515

## Local Food Banks

1. **Scarborough Food Security Initiative** ([info@feedscarborough.ca](mailto:info@feedscarborough.ca) 416-936-3975)
  - **Free Online Grocery Store:** <https://scarboroughfoodsecurityinitiative.myshopify.com>
  - 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

- **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
- 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](mailto:bluffsfood@gmail.com); <https://bluffsfoodbank.com/donate>)
  - 33 East Road - Open Thursdays 12:30-2:30 pm
  - 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](mailto:info@youthlink.ca) 416-967-1773 ext. 200
  - Parenting and family support, education financial aid, shelter and housing, counselling & psychotherapy, including walk-in counselling
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#### 7:36 Sarah/Lynsey Parent Social

- Date Friday May 3, 7-11pm ish
- Fun, socialize and raise money for school
- Cash bar
- Ticket Price TBD
- Food ideas – Committee will make a final call
- Speakers – Richelle can provide

#### 7:39 Closing

- Subcommittees working well
- Lots of new ideas
- Great year so far

#### Open forum

- Kindie playground storage – line of sight issue could be a safety issue as staff cannot see the entire play area. Storage container likely will be moved, waiting for the pad
- ACTION ITEM Cory to meet with principal on Friday to discuss location
- How to stop dog usage of playground? Locks not ideal as it stops community use of the playground
- Donor thank you committee to create customized cards to thank donor
  - ACTION ITEM: Kim and Samantha to finalize plan
  - Fun fair drawing contest idea
  - Donor recognition on the Birch Cliff Community FB Group
- Student Council have not been presenting at SAC meeting
  - ACTION ITEM Principal to check with teacher running student council
- Student Council decided to be inclusive and not do the valentines-a-gram, but did the Valentines dance
- Ben transitioning to treasurer – Chris to finish the year and train Ben

