

Birch Cliff Public School

Council Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2024

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

Parent Representatives: Sarah Turnbull, Julia Salerno, Megan Evans, Alyssa Lioutas

Staff Representatives: Michelle Lip (Vice Principal), Ms. Secher (Kindergarten Teacher), Tim Sullivan (Acting Principal)

Agenda

6:30pm -Welcome & Introductions

- Some staffing challenges in the French program. In the process of looking for staff. In the meantime, Michelle Lip (VP) has been providing classroom support and will enter report cards.

6:38pm - Review & Approval of Minutes

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6:40pm - Vice Principals Report () & Athletics update (Ms. Secher)

- Michelle will review staffing model in April. We will be getting half a teacher less than last year.
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6:50pm - Treasurer Report (Chris)

- Holiday market was a great community event and very profitable
- So far estimating to raise 49k (44k raised to date) against 41.6k projected spend with projected profits still to come from upcoming events.

6:55pm - Safety Update (Glenn)

- Telus presentations on safe online practices and human trafficking awareness - Feb 13 presentation for junior and intermediate classes; parent information session at 6 pm.
- Updating school logo - Michelle Lip (VP) will connect with student leadership team or student council to have students vote on whether they want to modernise our logo before we order our new canopy with logo

7:05pm - Community Update (Amy)

Kids Activities

- Main Street Library - Fun with Robotics (ages 6-12)**
 - Thu, Jan 18, 2024 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, Dash and Dot and Sphero robots!

Commented [1]: Suggestion by Tim for next meeting: ask Michelle to print copies of the minutes so SAC can look through them and suggest changes, if any, and then approve, rather than read through minutes aloud.

Commented [2R1]: Great idea. And/or maybe digital copy can be attached to the agenda email?

Commented [3R1]: Love this!!!!

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- Dash and Dot: Jan 11, Feb 1, Feb 22
- Snap Circuits: Jan 18, Feb 8, Feb 29
- Sphero: Jan 25, Feb 15, Mar 7
- 2. **Scarborough models railroaders train show**
 - Feb 25 and March 3, 11 am to 4 pm
 - \$10 for adults \$5 for kids, 17 Jeavons Ave
- 3. **Live For Ball (LFB)** - register for basketball, volleyball or multisport
 - <https://liveforball.com/> or 417-707-7033
- 4. **Girl empowHER with Alia - for ages 8-13**
 - Winter Session Jan 16th – Mar 5th | 8 weeks | Tuesdays 6 – 7:30pm | \$335
 - Spots for 2 or 3 more girls in winter session or join waitlist for spring session (April 2 to May 21).
- 5. **Children's Choir at Beach United Church** Thursdays 5:45-6:30 p.m.
 - Started Jan 11 at 140 Wineva Ave. New members are welcome! Choir is led by Sheila Brand, former Williamson P.S. music teacher - sheilabb@rogers.com. Info: www.beachunitedchurch.com

Community Events

1. **Saturday, Jan 20:** Acoustic Harvest presents Shawna Caspi and Isabel Fryszberg & The Uncommons at St. Paul's United Church, 200 McIntosh St., 8 p.m. Tickets \$35 advance at <https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/45718/>, \$40 at door. Info: www.acousticharvest.ca
2. **Saturday, Feb 3:** Jazz & Reflection at Beach United Church, 140 Wineva Ave., 4:30 p.m. Join celebrated Canadian jazz bassist Paul Novotny & friends for an afternoon of jazz originals & favourites! Tickets are pay-what-you-can, and support Beach United's year-round community programs. Info: www.beachunitedchurch.com
3. **Tuesday, Feb 13:** Pancake Supper at St. Nicholas. Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a feast of pancakes and sausages! Tickets available at the door: \$5 for adults and teens, \$3 for kids under 13. 1512 Kingston Rd
4. **Thursday, Feb 1: Taylor Memorial Library - Food for Thought: A Recipe Book Club (for adults)**
 - 7:00 PM, 60 min. Food is universal. Come join us on the first Thursday of the month for a book club about food in all of its glory. We will explore fiction and non-fiction tasty reads. Learn how to make new dishes via video, meet new friends and discover some new recipes to take home and enjoy.
5. **Yoga Class with Alia (Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:45 am)**
 - 60 min classes. 1666 Kingston Rd. \$25 drop-in classes or \$80 for 4 class membership
 - alia@manifestwithalia.ca or 416-616-9936

March Break and PA Day Camps

1. 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
2. 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
3. Creative Art Studio
 - <https://createartstudio.ca/march-break-camp/> <https://createartstudio.ca/pa-days/>
 - 1801 & 1803 Danforth Ave, 416-855-2360
4. 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
5. Skateloft <https://skateloft.com/camps/>
 - 763 Warden Ave Unit #5
6. DeSantos Premier Martial Arts <https://www.desantos.ca/camps>
 - 210 Main Street

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7. Jay9 Dance <https://www.jay9dance.com/dance-camp>
 - o 2351 Kingston Rd, 416-261-9312
8. So Dance Studio <https://www.sodancestudios.com/camps>
 - o St. Paul's United Church, 200 McIntosh St, 416-264-9481
9. East York Gymnastics <https://eastyorkgym.com/camps/march-break-camp/>
 - o 6 Dohme Avenue, 416-759-6823
10. Variety Village <https://www.varietylvillage.ca/camps/>
 - o 3701 Danforth Avenue
11. City Scouts <https://cityscouts.ca/march-break/> 647-938-2515

Summer camp registration begins

1. Variety Village online registration opens Feb 6 at 11 am for yearly members, Feb 23 at 11 am for 4 month members and March 5 for non-members. <https://www.varietylvillage.ca/camps/>
2. CampTO registration opens on Feb 7 at 7 am <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/recreation/camp/to/>
3. Scarborough Tennis Club - email info@sbtennis.org to request a personal link for ONLINE REGISTRATION

Local Food Banks

1. **Scarborough Food Security Initiative** (info@feedsScarborough.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

7:15pm - Co-Chair Update and New Business (Richelle)

- Help for the Holidays (donations for families in need)
 - o "Dads of Birch Cliff" raised over \$3k used to buy gift cards for 10 families
 - o Donation of 10 turkey dinners from Corbin's Catering for Christmas and pizza lunches for the rest of the year
 - o Mr. Adam's Toy Drive provided toys
 - o Discussing the possibility of forming a sub-committee to collect donations throughout the year to be able to provide for families as needed
- Family Movie Night (grades JK to 3) - Wednesday, February 28

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- Tim will arrange permit and check for licence to show a movie
 - Pre-sale of pizza and popcorn through Munchalunch
 - Richelle to connect with Tech club to help set up at 4:30 pm
 - Doors open at 5pm, movie to start 5:30 pm
- Bingo Night (possibly for older grades)
 - A summer camp has offered to run a free bingo night for students as an opportunity to promote their camp
 - Fundraising opportunity for SAC to sell pizza or change an entrance
 - Richelle to confirm which camp and Tim/Michelle and check with other schools
- Liz Holder Superintendent is still searching for a Principal
- Chris will need to step down from Treasurer next year and will train a parent interested in taking over
- Donor thank you cards (Kim and Samantha to coordinate)
- Richelle will talk to Samantha about taking this on
 - Mail thank you cards to businesses and individuals who donate to us
 - Tim/Michelle to have cards printed; Michelle will follow up with teachers about having students design cards or provide artwork for the cards
- Registered for Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser to kickoff in February
 - Order deadline is March 18; include hardcopy order forms in addition to online ordering option
- SAC voted in favour of providing funds for Bruce Mills field trip for two grade 2 classes
- Fun Fair will be Saturday, June 1
 - Inflatables will need to be ordered right away
 - Include free activities and cover cost for students needing financial assistance

7:45 pm Q & A

- Can we bring back music concerts? Talent show will be happening. Michelle to talk to teachers about the possibility of a music concert with all grades split into 2 shows due to spacing and time.

7:55 pm - Meeting complete

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm.