

Birch Cliff Public School

Council Meeting Minutes: November 15, 2023

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

Parent Representatives: Heather Geiger, Lynsey Kowalski, Sarah Turnbull, Julia Salerno, Megan Evans, Alyssa Lioutas, Samantha Stermac, Michelle Whetter, Ellie Vitello

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

Agenda

6:30pm-Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome introduction to Tim Sullivan, acting principal starting next week

6:35pm- Review & Approval of Minutes-Pam

- Pam reviewed the minutes and minutes were approved by the council.

6:50pm-Principals Report & School Budget-Mrs. Giles

- Remembrance Day ceremony - beautiful, very well attended by families. Our thanks go out to Ms. Ribble for the hard work she did to support the children in that amazing series of presentations as well as Ms. Calce for her students' contributions.
- Great excitement for Halloween dance and pumpkin fest (Michelle)
 - DJ mike and slime station were a hit.
- Some good field trips out to Royal Winter Fair (K) and Hillside
- Quote for outdoor shed will be about \$5000 to consider
- Purchased walkie talkies so that we can be more able to communicate with one another in the event of need
- Budget (Michelle) 77,158 fully allocated (based on # of students)
 - SAC has \$603 budget from the Board
 - \$22,000 photocopier services, phone systems, cell phones
 - \$15/student given to teachers for consumables
 - \$ in Spring for teachers to set up classroom for next year
 - \$300 for French, music
 - \$ for library
 - Budget for teams and transportation
 - \$4000 Professional development
 - 10 days of supply teachers for when we release teachers for sports, trips etc...
 - Learning supplies 20k
- Parent concerns raised to Mrs Giles that families are dropping off kids through the lot. Consider a supervised bike or walk program supported by parent volunteers.
- Thank you - So valued my time here, and am very sad to let this place go, the children, team and families, and my amazing VP, Michelle. You will be in great hands with her,

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and to support her will be Tim Sullivan, an experienced and highly respected retired Principal. I hope to be able to return sometime in the future to stay connected with the school.

7:00pm-Treasurer Report-Chris

- Very successful Pumpkin Fest – raised over \$1000 in profit
- Upcoming fundraising events: Holiday Market, Vandermeer
- Pizza Lunch very successful profits
 - Volunteers who want to help to email Pam
- So far 41k raised against 49k projected spend with projected profits still to come from upcoming events.

7:15pm-Athletics Update-Ms Secher

- Jr. and Sr. Basketball practicing for tournaments Nov 24 mason rd 5/6 team, Dec 1 Blantyre 7/8 team
- Boys volleyball tournament Nov 23 hosted at BCPS Grade 8s.
- 4 new Red Pennants to be added to Gym walls for Cross Country
- Ms Secher requested new volleyballs (4-6) from SAC - TDSB vendor Canuck Sports – Richelle to send vote by email to SAC.

Community Update – Amy Corcoran

- Santa Claus Parade – CC 55 – Nov 19, Kingston Rd
- St Nicholas Anglican Church – Cookie Crawl Dec 2.
- Dec 2 Holiday Community Singalong – Bluffs United – Free
- Dec 9 – Scarborough Bluffs United – concert, bake sale, crafts - \$20
- Variety Village – holiday and pa day camps, Christmas Party.
- Skate Loft
- Swap meet at Cliffside PS – Nov 16/23 3-6 and Nov 17/23 9-12.

7:30pm-SAC Update: Fresh From The Farm, Pumpkin Fest, Holiday Market, Vandermeer

- Nov 22 12-3pm Fresh from the Farm Delivery
- Pumpkin Fest was a success with many learnings
- Vandermeer – slow sales start, Dec 5th delivery date.
- Winter Clothing Swap Bin at the front door sign in.
- Spiritwear being delivered soon.
- No update yet on the canopy.
- Snack program left overs are donated to YouthLink.
- Kernels Popcorn was donated to YouthLink
- Holiday Market Dec 7th 3:15-7:15pm

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- Ms Ribble, ukulele group would like to use the stage.
- Market Sellers sign up in office with \$ envelope
- Santa – clear images free – print onsite
- Lioutas Realty – Hot Chocolate Bar.
- Coat check to be run by High School Volunteers
- Raffle Baskets to be sent to teachers.
- First Day of Hannukah – consider celebration ideas

7:40pm- Student Council Input

- No updates

7:55pm Q & A

- Volunteer request to be sent out by Michelle
- SAC email sign up link to be added to newsletter
- Crossing lines at Freeman and Phenix still to come, people not stopping at stop sign.

8:00pm-Meeting complete

Meeting adjourned: 8:03pm.