

Birch Cliff Public School

Council Meeting Minutes: October 18, 2023

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

Parent Representatives: Lisa Guiliani, Robynne McKinlay, Heather Geiger, Lynsey Kowalski, Corey Borycheski, Cory Megit, Sarah Turnbull, Julia Salerno, Megan Evans, Alyssa Lioutas, Samantha Stermac

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

Agenda

6:30 Welcome & Introduction-Richelle

6:35 Approval of minutes -Pam

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

6:50 Principal Update-Mrs Giles

- Student council reps will join SAC meetings starting next month
1. Book fair: raise over 1500\$ worth of credit that has gone towards classroom libraries and reading instruction as well as the library itself
 2. Student council elections led to excitement in the school from grades 6-8. Children in grades 1 and up attended an assembly where candidates presented their platforms, and voted. It will be fun to see what happens this year with this enthusiastic group. Thank you to Ms. Scott-Lindsay for working so hard with the students.
 3. The immunization clinic for grade 7s occurred this week and children were stoic . It went well.
 4. Thank you to our Council members for yet another very successful pizza lunch.
 5. A lot of sports continue – will let Ms. Secher talk about that – many thanks to her, Ms. Calce and Mr. Butler for giving up so much of their personal time to facilitate these activities.
 6. Leadership group facilitated our first recognition ceremony last month thanks to Mr. Barlow's efforts with the leadership team. They were amazing
 7. All grade 3 classes will be heading to Hillside in November for some excellent outdoor education programming
 8. There will be a school spirit Halloween dance on Friday, October 28 in the afternoon for our grade 6-8 students.
 9. Picture day will be held this Friday
 10. Some traffic concerns have been raised by members of the community. We have some families who are stopping illegally on Birchcliff and even blocking driveways so that the owner can't leave to go to work. We are going to remind families to please drop their children off on Pheonix or Freeman, not Birchcliff, and to be sure never to block anyone's driveways.

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11. getting quotes for outdoor classroom/ natural playground as well as line painting. And for the shed + installation.

7:00 Treasurer Update-Chris

- Successful start of the year.
- Sold more spirit wear this year than last year already.
- Kids kitchen, pizza lunch 12k sales for first term so far.
- \$3400 wish list for teachers
- Family support \$
- New goal posts/nets
- Come January we can have a better idea about where we can spend

7:15 Safety Update-Glenn

- 41 Div meeting – got 8 new officers and are starting a new traffic division. PC Michael Cutting is our contact and he has been here patrolling

7:30 Sports Update-Mrs Secher

- Cross country conference final tomorrow. We finished top three for grade 1-6.
- Xcountry city finals next week.
- Soccer done
- Girls basketball and boys volleyball 5-8 starting
- Mrs Barlow and Mr Barlow doing intramural volleyball and soccer.
- Glenn brought up a motion to purchase a Birch Cliff branded canopy for sporting events. Quoted \$850. Julia will be getting another quote. Motion passed.
- Mrs. Giles is getting quotes for a shed for kindergarten class supplies + repainting the lines on the pavement outside + outdoor school supplies.

7:40 SAC Update -Pumpkin Fest, Teachers Wish List, Holiday Bazar-Richelle

- Fresh from the Farm – 55 vegetable bundles, 28 fruit bundles, 6 apple bundles donated and 12 veggie bundles donated to YouthLink. Delivery date TBD, end of nov/dec
- Teacher's Wish List – most teachers received most of what was requested. We did spend a little bit over budget. New method to be proposed next year.
- Spirit Wear – huge success and new online store through Eagle Beaver will reopen after each 2 week order period closing date.
- Kids Kitchen – 50 people participating.
- Pumpkin Fest – Oct 31st – Pizza orders are PRE ORDER ONLY. Posters to be posted, advertise on the announcements. Volunteers to help clean up would be great.

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- Pumpkin Auction – pumpkins designed/decorated by classes starting Monday.
 - Raffles – Grayson's Gift Card, Crayola Basket
- Babysitters for SAC meetings - Richelle brought a motion to increase pay \$20/meeting. Motion passed.
- Holiday Bazar/Market – Thursday Dec 7
 - Suggestions: new name: Birch Cliff Student Holiday Market
 - Student Vendors in the basement rooms
 - Better the flow of the event needed
 - Make the event go later
 - Ms. Lip booked the permit for the event
- Reminder to advise families that SAC is able to support families who may be in financial need who want to participate in any of the SAC events but cannot at this time. Feel free to reach out to Richelle or Mrs. Giles, confidentially.

7:55 Q & A

- Zoom issues today, minutes will be posted tomorrow morning.

8:00 Meeting complete

Meeting adjourned: 7:50pm