

# Birch Cliff Public School

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## Council Meeting Minutes: September 20, 2023

**Previous Year Committee Attendees:** Glenn Kremp (Co-Chair/Safety), Chris Borycheski (Treasurer), Pamela Van (Secretary), Richelle Wheeler (Chair), Kim Martin (Communications), Amy Corcoran (Community Liaison), Michelle Whetter (EDP liaison)

**Parent Representatives:** Lisa Guiliani, Robynne McKinlay

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

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**Meeting start: 6:00pm**

### **Agenda**

#### **6:00 - 6:15 Welcome and Introductions**

Attendees: K. Secher, M. Lipp, K. Giles, Richelle Wheeler, Glenn Kremp, Pamela Van, Lisa Giuliani, Robynne McKinley, Kim Martin, Rachel Boutet, Andria Hughes, Lyndsey Kowalski, Alyssa Lioutas, Amy Corcoran, Shannon Howanyk, Sarah Turnbull, Julia Salerno, Ellie Vitello, Heather Geiger, Megan Evans, Oleh Stets, Anatasia Pidhorodetska, Corry Megitt, Michelle Whetter, Corey Borycheski, Benn Brisland, Chris Borycheski, Mark Bailey, Beth Miller, J. Wood, Jelena Dee, Madelena Morais, Melissa Hestick, Michelle Badali, Miko Schechter, Mulugeta Melka, Natalie, Paula, Robyn, Samantha, Yisu Li, Joseph Wa

#### **6:15 - 6:20 Review and approval of May 2023 minutes (last meeting of last year)**

Pam reviewed minutes - approved by Glenn, seconded by Kim.

- Staffing
- Fund raising
- Projected enrollment
- Special activities
- Safety report – Glenn (bike bus)
- Community nights
- Volunteers required at local food banks
- Clubs and teams
- budget update
- minutes approved

#### **6:20 - 6:25 Principal Report**

- Kathy Giles here until November
- -loves the school
- -special place
- -no major reorganization
- -engaging staff

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- -no teacher has to everything extra
- -please remind your children to thank their teachers for the extras they do
- -lots of fun things happening (Terry Fox, Cross Country, Basketball, Grade 8 Leadership Team, Recognition assemblies)
- -Picture Day – October 20
- -Pizza Day – September 29
- -Grade 8-9 Transitions Information Evening – October 17
- Teacher's wish list - \$3k budget currently. Some teachers have sent lists.
  - Elmo
  - Scientist in the Schools (1 per class)
  - Subsidize bus transportation for field trips
- Proposed to do meetings on either Zoom or In Person as experience for Zoom attendees is not very inclusive

### **6:25 - 6:30 Athletics Report Ms Secher**

- Cross country started last week, over 100 kids joined. Tomorrow is the last day to join. Running up to 8 mins now. Chine Drive is next Wed - letter going home next week. Parking is very challenging there.
  - Oct 10th first east qualifier 1-8
  - Oct 18 eastern conference final Grades 3-8
  - Oct 25 city finals
- Mr Butler running basketball Grade 4-6 team and a Grade 7-8 team
- Mr Barlow running soccer team
- Volleyball boys will start Oct. Grades 4-6 team and Grades 7-8 team

### **6:30 - 7:00 SAC Election**

- 15 voting members allowed, 8 for quorum.
- Kathy advised we could add additional members eg fundraising rep., community initiative rep., etc.
- Re-Elected Committee Members: Richelle (Chair), Glenn (CoChair/Safety Rep), Chris (Treasurer), Pam (Secretary), Amy (Community), Kim (Communications),
- Potential new positions: French Liaison, Volunteer Coordinator,
- Potential sub committees: Fundraising Committee, Fun Fair Committee, Pizza Lunch Committee
- Plan to do monthly SAC meetings this year.

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### **7:00 - 7:10 Budget Report Chris Borycheski**

- Initial budget has been put together but spending to be done by vote.
- Non curricular activities weren't usually spent but open to discussion
- Last year we raised \$72,000.
- Evening with santa raised \$5k (expenses of \$660)
- Vandemere poinsettias \$1381 (expenses \$1000)
- Fun Fair \$21,200 (expenses \$11k)
- Kid's Kitchen 5%
- Munchalunch Pizza \$38k (18k expenses)
- Fresh From the Farm \$1700 (expense 1k)
- Purdys \$3000
- Spirit Wear doesn't make much of a profit. - run a spirit wear fundraiser through

Expenses Budgeted for this year:

- \$200 best student award
- Budget for kids who need support for pizza lunch
- Grade 8 grad - provide
- Greening and grounds
- Fitness programs
- Field trip support
- Maintenance
- Nutrition budget \$900 - apples, freezies, hot chocolate
- Electronics - not budgeted this year
- Quebec Trip/Kearny \$1500
- Track and Field
- Teacher appreciation lunch
- Wish list - Birch Cliff Training Suits \$1000
- BrainPop \$200
- Manga online \$300
- Teacher Wish List \$3000
- Family Support \$500

Projected to Raise 47k this year

Projected Expenses 38k this year

- Need a new slide in the playground - Kathy has asked for a quote.

### **7:10 - 7:20 Fundraising + Proposed New Initiatives**

- Spirit Wear discussion had
- Pumpkin Fest this year?

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- Maddy suggested Costume donation/sale
- Book Fair - sponsored by Ella Minnow
- Curriculum Night Oct 4 - sell spirit wear, promote SAC volunteers needed (glenn volunteered)
- Halloween Event - DJ Mike becoming a TDSB approved vendor
  - Dance-a-thon suggested, popcorn
  - Halloween committee:
    - Julia Salerno
    - Ellie Vitello
    - Alyssa Lioutas
    - Andria Hughes
    - Amy Corcoran offered to run Kernels fundraiser. need 2 weeks advance notice.
- Parent Social Committee - proposed by Sarah Turnbull - hold at the legion.
- Telus - Social Media Literacy Workshop - Kathy and Michelle will look into
- Robotics - Engineer in Residence coming - Ms Kokolakis will be running in Library.
  - Robotics club - needs a teacher and a parent rep (after school program)

Continue with:

- Pizza Lunch - will reach out for volunteers
- Evening with Santa
- Vandemere
- Fun Fair
- Kid's Kitchen
- Fresh From the Farm - order by Oct 12. BOGO and donate to Youthlink. 3-4 volunteers needed on drop off/pick up day.
- Spirit Wear + Spirit wear swap.
  
- email will come out to families to sign up for committees

### **7:20 - 7:30 Q&A**

- Corey suggested adding a menu item to pizza lunch for "donate a slice"
- Link for snack program donation is in the school newsletters that are now posted online
- Question about Portable: no update
- Glenn thanked Kerry and Stacey for all of their hard work - they went above and beyond. Thanked them for setting this up for us to run with.
- Parent thanked last year's SAC and Staff for all their hard work

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## Council Meeting Minutes: September 20, 2023

Next meetings: In Person - every 3rd Wednesday of every month 6:30-8

Oct 18

Nov 15

January 17

February 21

March 20

April 17

May 15

June 19 (Parent Social)

**Meeting adjourned: 7:40pm**