

**BIRCHVIEW DUNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 5, 2018 @ 6:00PM
MINUTES**

Present: Jennifer Ballard, Jodi Baldwin, Brett Bartle (VM), Tanya Bradley, Helena Broad, Louise Coker, April Gennings (VM), Michael Giffen P, Cheryl McNally (VM), Melissa Mortimer VP, Carrie Pyatt (VM), Darlene Schwan (VM), Jennifer Smallwood, Barbara Anne Smith, Christy Strodthoff (VM), Donna Caissie
Regrets: Amy Huestis (VM), Teresa Lawrence (VM), Hrve and Joanne Pavlovic (VM's), Dave Strudwick (VM), Lyenne Dunlop (VM)

Meeting start time: 1807hrs

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

- Review and approval of last meetings minutes motioned by Christy and seconded by Cheryl

Principal's Report

- Lyenne Dunlop has decided not to continue with school council. She has tendered her resignation as of this meeting. Thank you to Lyenne for all of her dedication and hard work over the past years
- Move to Give – Birchview will participate in this event once again for the second year. It is put on by the YMCA. Helen Inkpen is our staff rep. This event will take place on April 7. Birchview has extended the invitation to St. Noel (who has accepted) as well as to Worsley. Helena from school council will join the Birchview team
- Pink Shirt Day – a success. They rolled this into the 'integrity' assembly and coupled the two topics. James Carson is continuing his athlete excellence program
- DPA equipment is here. Mr. Carson is hoping for some volunteers to help inflate balls and get packs together. He has send an email out to all staff to explain how to use these kits as well as provided video resources for the teachers
- 'A week at a glance' – this is a program where a calendar is given to staff with a reflective piece to look at the week ahead. The focus this week was 'keeping routines' which helps staff to be mindful that the March break is coming up and it is not necessarily a joyous time for all students. Students like routine. This is sometimes hard for some children to transition to.

Updates to Old Business

- Thank you to Tanya Bradley for organizing the Boston Pizza (BP) hot lunches. We had a total of 333 orders for first lunch day, and for the most recent one, the cost increased by \$1 and we sold

237 lunches. It went very smoothly – a couple of comments of soggy burger buns and large portions. An amazing amount of work for one lunch break. Was a lot of work and Tanya has sent an email to Krista at BP awaiting their feedback to decide if this is something we will continue

- Other hot lunch ideas : Dominos – they sent 20 sample packs of chicken pieces x 4, carrots and dip for us to try. These would sell for approx.. \$5 each - \$1 coming back to the school.
- Could we send out a survey monkey to parents asking what type of lunches they would like to see at our school and asking for any feedback on past lunches
- Lunch Lady – Joanne – they are opening a new location in Barrie and will not be available for anything until at least May
- Don Cherry's – Barbara suggested this – she will ask them to put a menu together to present to council

Fundraising Plan

- Coupon Books – Tanya Snell (not present) – We sold a total of 76 books which gives us a profit of \$456. All coupons have an expiry date of May 2018
- Mom's Pantry – will roll out next week and run until the end of March – Helena suggested we meet with the other school councils in the future to see what fundraising projects they are doing. Can order and pay online – all funds from this will go towards a Birchview mascot
- Mascot costs \$598 + \$70 to put our logo on his tummy – dragon with wings
- 'Beautification of Birchview' – Darlene and Brett
 - quote to finish library - \$3763 – Mrs. Kaufman has given input – a work order has to be put into the school board and the vendor (Ink my Ride/Eminent) is already on the approved list for the school board but Michael will check if that still stands. Approval to go ahead with this motioned by Darlene and seconded by Carrie. Unanimous vote.
 - quote for school sign - \$9048 – approval requested to be >\$10,000. Trillium is the company (and is already board approved) that will provide the sign – they will also take the old sign down and take it away. The sign measures 4'x8' and made out of metal. It comes with 2 sets of letters (200 letters each set) and has 3 lines on each side of the sign. Each line can hold 18 letters. There was also a quote for an electric sign which was \$14,000 plus installation which would be ++ costly – we also understand that other schools have had ++ trouble with electronic signs and software downloads etc. We currently have approx. \$16,529 in our budget from past fundraisers (\$4199 in general school needs, \$7000 in technology, \$1738 Little Caesars fundraiser, \$3192 ladies night and \$400 from coupon books) that can be used for this sign. Motion to go ahead with the purchase of this sign motioned by Cheryl and seconded by April. Unanimous vote.
- School playground equipment repairs : \$3000. This will hopefully be done before the end of this year and will come out of the school budget, not council

New Business

- PRO grant (Parents Reaching Out) – We will apply. Brett had two different ideas for the use of this grant. 1) Jump to Math night – life size games for the entire family grades K-8 and 2) Find your Magic – this empowers students to believe in themselves – the goal is to inspire students and to encourage them to create a safe environment. They use magic to illustrate these points. Brett will look into the price points and bring costs to the next meeting. Melissa added that food also brings people to the school so to maybe try to fit that into the budget as well – 20% of the grant can be used towards food
- Breakfast Club – Barbara – needs volunteers for Wed and Thursday at 0815. A synervice was sent out and we have 1 new volunteer from that message
- Grade 8 Grad – Mrs. Weiss is very eager to get grad plans going. Was wondering about the budget for the grad. We have \$225 from Movie night, \$266.71 from Candygrams, \$391.80 from the bake sale, \$690 from popcorn sales and an unknown amount from the café at ladies night. This (without the café \$) equals approx.. \$1400.
Perhaps the grade 8 teachers could partner with one of the high schools (SCI) to see if they would make us a pergola or trellis for the front of the school to decorate it and encourage the relationship between schools
- Spirit Wear – Donna Caissie – 37 pieces have been ordered – she will extend the due date to this Wednesday – still unsure of # of orders done online

Open Discussion

- Cheryl told us that an anonymous donor has approached her to volunteer planting a tree and providing a plaque for said tree for each graduating kindergarten class. This would be great for them to take a pic with also at grade 8 grad. Michael will talk to Rick to see if this is doable

Next Meeting: Monday April 2, 2018

Adjournment at 7:32pm. Motioned by Brett and seconded by Darlene