

BIRCHVIEW DUNES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 2018 - 6:00 pm
MINUTES

Present: Jennifer Ballard, Brett Bartle (Co Chair), Tanya Bradley, Donna Caissie (Staff Representative), Louise Coker, April Gennings (Voting Member), Michael Giffen (Principal), Amy Huestis (Voting Member), Melissa Mortimer (Vice Principal), Hrvoje Pavlovic (Voting Member), Joanne Pavlovic (Voting Member), Darlene Schwan (Co Chair), Jennifer Smallwood, Christy Strodthoff (Treasurer), Jodi Baldwin, Karen Jakubos, Dave Strudwick (Voting Member), Kelly Cox

Regrets: Carrie Pyatt (Secretary)
Cheryl McNally (Voting Member)
Barbara Anne Smith
Lyenne Dunlop (Voting Member)
Tiina Keetch
Teresa Lawrence (Voting Member)

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to approve Hrvoje, seconded by Christy

Principal Report

- Update: Hrvoje previously asked about changing the direction of the buses; Safety officer came out and assessed the situation to see if it could be changed. No, they must be door to door. Mr. Giffen will be looking in the spring to get parking signage i.e. stop signs etc. to aid in the direction and the flow of traffic. Some parents are still coming too early to drop off and not able to get to the pylon; parents are being encouraged to wait a little longer. Daycare parking signage to go up as a reminder to parents that parking is for daycare parents and daycare staff.
- Board's priorities: How do we celebrate community connections. Cathy Turrie spoke to staff at their staff meeting in regards to Snowman Mania. We will look at having Cathy come in and speak to school council at a later date. We will continue to support the Wasaga Beach community.
- New school for Wasaga Beach - limit on number of portables each school can have, Worsley has the French immersion program, each can put stress on the numbers. Wasaga Beach has approximately 406 students slated for the new school.
- Brier Baldwin and Jayden McNally were the recipients of the Optimist Youth Leadership award. The students were nominated by teachers and principal. Looked at how they volunteer within their classroom and the school as a whole.
- Sweet Charity Foundation, Canine Ambassador Program - 2 dogs are matched to 2 teachers within the school. Jens Sims and Jessica Czaikowski.
- Mr. Giffen asked staff what they would like to see in the beautification of the school: Library, outside learning space, and the road sign. Staff was receptive to all the initiatives. Left to council to set as priority.

Vice Principal Report

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

- 1) high standards of achievement for all students
 - 2) innovative and engaging teaching practices and learning environments
 - 3) literacy and numeracy competencies embedded in all curriculum areas
 - 4) skills needed to thrive in a technologically-driven global society
- Next steps that we are working on as a staff:

Birchview Dunes Cares About ... LEARNING GOALS and SUCCESS CRITERIA

- Clear, concise, consistent use of learning goals and specific success criteria
- Increased use of open and parallel tasks to engage diverse learning abilities and needs
- Making connections to relevant, meaningful, functional numeracy with cross curricular connections
- Increased use of manipulatives and technology that help students make their learning visible
- Continued use of outdoor learning spaces at our school

Treasurer Report

- Nothing new to report

Teacher Report

- Nothing new to report

Updates to Old Business

- **Boston Pizza Hot Lunch Day (Tanya)**
 - Boston Pizza does not want to do lunches on Fridays, busy day with customers. BP would prefer to do it on Monday or Wednesdays. It was scheduled for February 16th; BP changed it to February 12th. However, we felt there was not enough time for us to arrange it.
 - Dominos was approached to have a lunch day at school. Boneless chicken bites and carrots buy for \$4.00 and sell for \$5.00. They would require \$250 minimum order.
 - Boston Pizza: We are looking to offer it March 5th. Tanya will contact BP to see if it is a go. Orders would need to be back by February 26th.
 - Joanne mentioned looking at a catering company coming in. Health and Safety would need to be involved and possible revamp of the kitchen. Joanne mentioned it would also add to the breakfast program. Tabled for next meeting.
 - Mr. Giffen is going to talk to the health unit in regards to a catering company coming in.
 - Kelly mentioned the Lunch Lady, board approved. Parents ordered online, amazing food. Price point was around \$10.00. Joanne is going to look into the Lunch Lady.

- **Headsets for AV/Play**

-Recommendation from Mr. Giffen is to rent for the amount of time they are used versus us buying them. Hrvose requested info on current system to compare and look to get them at a more affordable cost.

- **School Mascot (Brett)**

-Mascot has been decided on, \$588.00 Canadian, large logo \$70 vs small \$40. Mascot will be ordered in adult medium and funded by Mom's Pantry fundraiser; March 1st, turnaround time is 3 weeks from when the order is placed.

New Business

- **Fundraising Plan** - coupon book; \$10.00 per book and school would keep \$5.00 per book. Fundraiser is set for May, books arrive in June. Babs is spearheading the committee with help from Joanne.

- **Fun Fair** - Change of date to June 14. Teachers were very receptive to volunteering time, grade eight students, and volunteer list of people who have signed up for school events.

-Kelly's suggestion is to do the fun fair during the school day. Mundy's Bay has done this in previous years and has had huge success giving back to the school community. Mr. Giffen is going to take it back to the staff to see interest. Possible Dunes Pac event.

- **Volunteer social event**

Looking for a volunteer social event after family day. Looking to contact the volunteer list, update and inform them of upcoming events.

- **"You're the Chef"**

-Mrs. Major is looking for volunteers for "You're the Chef" program. Every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 in the staff room starting April 4th to May 9th. Joanne, Darlene and Louise are interested in volunteering.

- **Spirit Wear**

-Donna presented spirit wear from CW and Company out of Collingwood. Sports t-shirts \$18.00 comes logo and \$3 extra for student's name. Long sleeve T \$28, Hoody \$40, Golf shirt \$28. Jodi has motion to go ahead with this company. Seconded by Darlene. Brett and Donna will head up the orders.

- **Beautification of Birchview**

-Options: Finish the library, front road sign and the natural playscapes. Brett has asked council for input on what our priority is. Darlene has received quotes for a road sign, between \$14,000 and \$29,000. There would also be the cost of running the hydro and installation costs.

-Christy recommended talking to Worsley school about potential grants re: natural play scape.

-Currently we have \$7,000.25 left over from the sound system fundraising, \$3,001.92 from ladies night, \$4,199.00 general needs, and \$1,738.10 from Little Caesars.

-Mr. Giffen is going to touch base with operations facility and have them come and talk to a committee that way they can come back to council and present an informed decision.

Open Discussion

-Brett asked if there are any funds going towards the grade eight trip. Mr. Giffen stated that if there is a student in need then the school will help out through the general school needs through pizza.

-Brett asked about DPA bags getting shared with the YMCA daycare. Mr. Giffen stated that yes; we do have a shared partnership. If there is damage then the school will communicate back to the Y.

-Rocks and Rings, no date set. Funding has been approved.

-DPA bags ready to waiting on order from Mr. Carson

Adjournment at 7:40pm - motioned by Dave and seconded by Christy

Next meeting: March 5th, 2018