



Baden Public SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes

Tuesday, September, 2023 7:00pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

Jacob Bretz, Ryan Day (Principal), Sarah Baxter, Jenn Harezlak, Toni Peter, Moira Whitell, Caitlyn Jenkins, Sarah Scott, Michelle McDonnell, Chris Holland, Mary Holland, Casey Gautreau, Tina Bodendistle (Teacher Rep), Stacey Fletcher

Regrets: Val,

Guest Speaker: Lacey (Programming for Wilmot Township)

- looking for community feedback on programming from both a parent and youth perspective
- what would you like to see, what do you wish was here, and what gaps do we have?
- Lacey is happy if we want to reach out to her to promote school events too

Guest Speaker: Michelle McDonnell with a proposal for the Lego League

- EV3 Mindstorms is discontinued and this kit is a more current update to that kit
- the experienced team would use the new kit, and the less experienced student team would use the EV3s (we have 6 of those)
- last year one team was funded by council and one team by the Optimists
- Looking to purchase a Spike Robotics robot expansion kit

If the Optimists fund, then asking for \$639.92 for one kit (incl taxes and delivery)

If no funding from the Optimists, then looking for coverage of the team cost \$340 reg, \$145 kit, \$175 event reg (looking for two of each, includes US exchange)

2. Appreciations:

- Michelle and the Lego League team really appreciate council's funding of the team last year
- To Michelle and the other staff involved in the Lego teams
- To everyone who has come to council for the first time – thanks for showing up!
- To Tina for volunteering as our teacher rep for the year

- To the staff and teachers for getting meet the teacher set up so quickly and welcoming us into the school

3. Review of September 2023 Minutes & Agenda

- Minutes reviewed and passed

Voting for Council roles:

1. Chair: Jacob
2. Secretary: Toni, Caitlyn as back-up
3. Treasurer: Sarah Baxter
4. Fundraising:
5. Good Will Sarah Scott
6. Graduation:
7. Staff Appreciation:

4. Principal's Report (Ryan Day):

- 24 classes, 505 students, no more portables! (3 kindy, 1 is 15 students, 2 grade 1 no FI), 45 staff
- New Staff
 - o Amanda Colquhoun
 - o Becky Presley
 - o Gajen Sivakumar
 - o Brittany Reibeling
- Judith Ouellet has returned from leave for this year
- Welcome assemblies happened on the first day to say hi and set basic expectations
- Spirit Club for all grades – monthly character ed assemblies with class buddy activities (ex setting goals for the year)
- Class buddies are starting up which worked out really well last year
- Terry Fox Run Sept 28th at the end of the day, K-3 on the field, gr 4-8 will leave the property and require a permission form
- Sept 29th will wear Orange Shirts for Truth and Reconciliation day
- School learning plan is continuing to focus on the new language program K-3, Math for 4-6, and Student Engagement for Gr 7-8
- On report cards will see English as a single grad now instead of 4 categories
- French Immersion program will now have Grade 2 entry instead of Grade 1 (apply in Dec), increased French instruction for grades 2-6 to 58%, grades 7-8 remain at 50%
 - o Math, Science and English will be in English
- The Bulldog Bulletin will continue to go out Monthly
- Pizza day has gone out on School Day with a new Pizza provider (Twice the Deal in NH)
- Contract negotiations between the government and unions continue for staff

Important Dates:

- Oct 5 World Teachers Day
- Oct 6 PD Day
- Oct 24 Fall Photo Day
- Nov 3 Book Fair

- Nov 13 PD Day (Monday)

5. Teacher Staff Update (Tina Bodendistle)

- No updated, but welcome Tina!

6. Treasurer's update (Sarah B)

- Most of our funds are sitting in Outdoor Development, about \$15K, but Sarah needs to confirm that none of the funds in WEFI are for anything else
- Decision: re-allocate the rest of the required funds to cover one lego team or Spike Robotics kit for the lego league (\$500 currently allocated), \$4000 in a misc fund

7. Committee Updates:

8. WRAPSC/PIC – Caitlyn and Moira are happy to go!! Tuesday Oct 3 at Forest Heights CI in the Library
9. Fundraising
 - a. Usually something in the Fall and Spring
 - b. November Dance? – could be winter theme, pledges, groups of classes, sell glow sticks etc- also inform of WEFI option
 - c. Ideas? Can discuss next week, but we won't focus on selling any products
10. Good Will (Sarah Scott)
 - a. Sarah will continue in this role
 - b. Action Item: Sarah will create a welcome email to the new teachers
11. Garden and Outdoors (Val)
12. Staff Appreciation Meeting Committee
 - a. Usually held in the Spring
13. School Community Events
 - a. Usually in the Spring, maybe the school BBQ, discuss later but do want to do
14. School Playground Sub-Committee
 - a. Looking to have a separate group for that work, so it doesn't take over council meetings
 - b. Agree on a design
 - c. Get an associated cost to target fundraising
 - d. Get marketing material from the companies
 - e. Fundraise for the playground (including grants)

Interest so far: Jacob, Ryan, Toni, Sarah B, Moira

Action item: Jacob will send a feeler email in early October for interest

What's On Your Mind?

- Grade 7/8 can leave school grounds for first period, attendance is taken after that break, they must check out at the office, if they are late they will lose the privilege, the majority of students do get permission
- How many assemblies per month? 1-2, we try to limit it
- Halloween is a sprit day

- Feedback – it would be great to get a communication from teachers with what door students should arrive to for the first day of school, and what supplies students will need
- There is also concern with trying to get multiple students to different doors
 - The school did not send out a supply list for the year so that parents do not feel like they need to purchase a lot of supplies, but instead needed items will be supplied by the school or teachers will parents know during the school year
- Why is the school time so early and no busses for French Immersion students?
 - We share bussing with the Catholic board and some schools are earlier, with busses doing multiple routes. This is a board decision, not a school level decision.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm In the Library!