



Baden Public School SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes Tuesday, September 20, 2022 7:00pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

Angela Woodley, Jacob Bretz, Ryan Day, Sarah Baxter, Jenn Harezlak, Toni Peter, Sarah Scott, Lisa Huber, Rebecca Reiter, Lauren Thompson

2. Appreciations:

- To Angela , our out-going chair, for arranging this meeting and chairing last year
- To Toni for being secretary for this meeting
- To Jacob for volunteering to chair this year

3. Review of June 2022 Minutes & Agenda

- Minutes reviewed and passed

4. Voting for Council positions:

Chair – Jacob
Secretary – Toni
Treasurer – Sarah Baxter

5. Principal's Report (Ryan Day):

- Excited to have first day of school assemblies
- 24 classes, down by 2 this year
- Terry Fox run this Friday Sept 25
- Orange Shirt day September 30th
- Learning buddies starting up again! Older class paired with a younger class for 1 hr per day twice a day for fun and learning activities. This will support the school community, allow role modelling for the older kids, and resource updates for teachers
- IT department is working hard to get systems up and running after the cyber incident this year, there is a separate issue for communication via School Day
- Meet the Teacher night was a success, and it was nice to meet people for the first time I several years

6. Teacher Staff Update

- Lego Robotics Club! 40 kids came to the first information day and 25 showed up for the first session
- Build and program a LEGO robot to complete tasks and solve a real-world problem related to this year's theme (Energy)
- Runs Sept to Dec
- Thank you to the Optimist Club of New Hamburg for donating \$650 toward the registration fee for the club supplies
- Nov meet at St David's high school, where BPS can send a 10 student team
- Looking to still fun \$175 toward the competition fees, and possibly team t-shirts (estimate for \$176 from Stitch Graphix)

6. Treasurer's update (Sarah B)

- The financial system has been impacted by the cyber-attack, so Sarah's update is limited to what had been allocated

Request – from Lego team, see image below, Council will re-visit the discussion on if an additional kit should be purchased

Angela motioned to support package B purchase of competition fees and team shirts – seconded by Jacob, thirded by Toni

7. Committee Update:

1. Fundraising:

Ideas – Glow in the Dark Dance/ Dance-a-thon, request letter, popcorn or food sales, fund-a-need (donation of X buys X)

2. Shade Tree Project

Raising funds for large mature tree(s), and an outdoor area – Jacob has the information from past years and will bring it in to show council

3. Good Will (Sarah Scott):

Sarah is happy to continue in this role – Thanks Sarah!

Generally welcome message for teachers, cards/recognition for life events from council

4. Graduation:

Past years – organize a dance, DJ, food, and chaperone. 2022 looked different, and council supported by paying for cupcakes for the students, and payment for yearbooks in 2021, 2020 when there were no events. – we'll see what this year looks like!

5. Staff Appreciation Meeting Committee:

Breakfast with decorations and appreciation notes from the students, usually in June

6. School Community Events:

Examples: Art/Science fair, or any other events that welcome the community into the school

What's On Your Mind?

- A Community member will be handling the gardening at the school, and funds have been allocated for mulch and soil (previous year)
- School Playground – start exploring initial questions around cost, Township involvement, etc, Ryan will see what he can find out from the school board and other schools that recently
- Snacks – feel free to bring them, we like snacks!

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm In Library!

School Council Funds Proposal – Fall 2022

Request:

This is a request for school council funds to cover the cost of our Lego Robotics Club. Mme McDonnell leads a FIRST Lego League (FLL) Team at Baden PS. This STEM learning opportunity is unrivalled and gives students the opportunity to build a Lego robot, program the robot and create and present a project that solves a real world problem. The season lasts for 4 months from September to December and is extremely engaging for students in grades 4-8. Her own experience started when her two children joined a local team five years ago and both have moved onto FIRST Robotics Competitions (FRC). In FRC students build large scale robots to compete with over 170 robots at competitions all over Ontario. Her daughter is graduating high school and she is pursuing a post secondary Engineering degree due to her FIRST experience. Mme McDonnell is passionate about the program and knows first hand how life changing being on a robotics team can be. Please feel free to watch the following video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1QyM9WTF18> to learn more about FIRST.

Cost Breakdown

Registration: \$450

Cost of Lego Kit: \$172.78

Competition at St. Davids in early December: \$175

*The Optimist Club of New Hamburg has supported us by donating a cheque for \$650! We are so grateful! A few students will be attending their October 3rd meeting to present their work and say thank you.

That leaves \$147.78 uncovered - if covered by school council this would allow us to attend the competition in December

Team t-shirts: Quote from Stitch Graphix, 13\$ per shirt (X 10 team members) with 1 colour logo created by students. \$176.28 with taxes.

Proposal package A: Base fees covered \$147.78

Proposal Package B: Base fees plus team shirts \$324.06

Proposed by:

Michelle McDonnell, Jill Pollock and Rebecca Reiter

Rationale:

- Children learn best with real world applicable knowledge, presented with hands on activities and presented by experts in the field!

Thank-you so much for considering this request. We are excited about the possibility of this rich learning experience. Your financial assistance would be a very generous and meaningful support of student learning at Baden P.S.