



## **Baden Public SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes**

Tuesday, June 23, 2023 7:00pm

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

Jacob Bretz, Ryan Day, Sarah Baxter, Jenn Harezlak, Toni Peter, Melanie Will (teacher rep), Lauren Thompson, Val Huszarik

Regrets: Sarah Scott,

### **2. Appreciations:**

- To parent council and all of our volunteers, teachers, students and staff, and the community who gave their support all the way until the end of the BBQ
- Thanks to Val and her garden crew for making the front gardens look so good
- Thanks to all the staff who took our students to the track and field meet and Jacob Hespeler SS
- Thanks to Jen Harezlak, and Lisa Huber for coordinating the BBQ, and Val Huszarik for that huge silent auction
- Thanks to all the staff organized school trips and end of year events
- Thanks to Ms McKellar and Mme Einwechter for the wonderful event for Kodaly
- Thank you to Sarah Baxter and Heather Dubrick for repping the school council at Kindergarten night
- To Melanie Will for her service with the school council over the years as her last student graduates to highschool

### **3. Review of June 2023 Minutes & Agenda**

- Minutes reviewed and passed

### **4. Principal's Report (Ryan Day):**

- 510 students projected for 2023-24 which is down by about a class, though staff retirement means no teachers had to leave
- Hiring for open roles has been completed
- Started June off by raising the school Pride flag with all students and Creative Beginnings too
- Grade 8 celebration June 27<sup>th</sup> will include dinner at EJs for our students, with family time at the school to follow and beavertails
- School assembly and Pie-in-the-face victim will be June 28<sup>th</sup> for the end of the year
- End of school play day on the last day as well for the younger students
- Request to council – can we donate the remaining freezies for all the students
- Report cards will go out on the 26<sup>th</sup>
- School trips happening for lots of classes

## 6. Teacher Staff Update

- Notes

## 6. Treasurer's update (Sarah B)

- See attached Treasurer's report
- Council decided to add together the Safety Patrol allocation (there is no longer a patrol), the Trees & Shade fund, Outdoor Shade Tree and fundraising for the outdoor playground into a single fund for Outdoor Refurbishment
- Suggest a miscellaneous staff request allocation for Sept for those (ex. Instrument repair, home reading, outdoor play equipment)
- \$4K to education support requests, \$500 to Lego Robotics, Sarah's proposed (on report), and any remaining to Outdoor Refurbishment

## 7. Committee Updates:

1. WRAPSC/PIC
2. Fundraising
  - a. We scored a 4.6/5
  - b. Staff did feel that there was quite a burden on them, and we would want to reduce this in future with a formal sign-up sheet with smaller blocks of time (like 1-1.5 hr chunks)
  - c. Ask volunteers to stay until next volunteer shows up so we're not trying to cover those between times
  - d. Council was also heavily staffed and we should consider making sure we get breaks too
  - e. Feedback notes – please email to council email address and council contacts for next year
3. Shade Tree Project
  - a. Discuss in Sept/Oct – potentially create a sub-committee to establish goals, plan, etc
  - b. Reminder – we discussed having a fall/Halloween dance with the funds raised going entirely to the play-ground
4. Good Will (Sarah Scott)
  - a. Sarah brought the signs to go in the cupboard
5. Graduation
  - a. notes
6. Staff Appreciation Meeting Committee
  - a. Teachers loved it
  - b. Don't bring bottled water, or coffee (purchased 4 coffee Tim's carriers and only 2 were used)
  - c. Only one too many trays of breakfast pizza – so reduce this next year
  - d. Parfaits were popular, and muffins (grab and go stuff), and fruit
  - e. Start a touch later, most people didn't arrive until 7:50am
  - f. Definitely interested in using the same catering from Smittsville
  - g. Using the BBQ to gather feedback for the teachers was great!!
7. School Community Events
  - a. Nothing

### **What's On Your Mind?**

- Volunteering and teacher assistance – council would like to offer assistance to any teacher/staff who needs help organizing class trips, or with any tasks in the classroom
  - o Consider for next year establishing a list of volunteers, and what they can offer, for any teacher needing a la carte assistance
- There are concerns with only having one crossing guard especially to the east side of the school with the daycare – the school actually has the budget for 2 people, but has not been able to fill the role. There is a plan for next year to have someone 5 days a week at the east crossing, but someone still needs to be hired
- It would be nice for parents to get communication if or if not classes are doing a Mother's Day / Father's Day craft (feedback was specific to primary classes especially)
- Parents would appreciate more communication of what is being done for Pride events, from small things like what colours classes are wearing, to larger things like what speakers/assembly/ceremonies are being done so they can make decisions

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm In Library!

### **Future agenda:**

- Fall dance
- Sub committee for playground