



## **Baden Public SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes**

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 7:00pm

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

Jacob Bretz, Ryan Day (Principal), Sarah Baxter, Jenn Harezlak, Toni Peter, Caitlyn Jenkins, Sarah Scott, Katie Nietsch, Mary Holland, Shane Gautreau

Regrets: Val Hazarak, Moira Whitell, Lauren, Chris Holland, Casey Gautreau, Stacey Fletcher

### **2. Appreciations:**

- Kids say thanks for the massive pizza slices
- Thanks to the organizers fo the Terry Fox run
- Thanks to Val for keeping our gardens looking good
- Thanks to Best Choice Maintenance for their help with the garden edging and River Stone

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

- Minutes reviewed and passed

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

#### **Staff/Organization**

- Various staff on Leaves of Absence
  - M. Close (teacher) → Rachel Steckley covering
  - T. Bodendistle (teacher) → Jelena Dubroja covering
  - B. McKellar (teacher) → Nicole Letto covering
  - S. Nuessler (secretary) →
- Emergency Drills - Conducted our fall fire drills and lockdown drill

#### **Assemblies/Character Ed**

- Terry Fox Run - Sept. 28th
  - Brief assembly about Terry and why we run
  - Since 2006, BPS has raised over \$64,000 for cancer research - THANK YOU!
- Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Sept. 30
  - Two meaningful assemblies - really worked hard at making the change from a "spirit assembly" to a reflection assembly
    - K-3 - organized by 6B-FI
    - 4-8 - organized by 7/8 FI students
- October Spirit Assembly (Spirit Club) - Oct. 27th

- Compassion focus
- Buddy classes will complete Compassion Bingo activity afterwards

### **Learning**

- IEPs being written as we speak - have had some technical difficulties with the program so there may be a small delay - will be out as soon as possible
  - Important to note: does not mean accommodations and/or modifications are not in place
- Progress Reports - teachers beginning to work on Progress Reports (due to go home on Nov. 20th)
- BPS has been selected to participate in targeted professional development - dismantling anti-black racism - will begin in November
  - Principal, plus representative from each division (Primary, Junior, & Intermediate)
  - Attend various sessions at Board office and share learning with wider staff
- Primary Staff (Grades 1 to 3) - planning a Literacy Night to share information about the changes in Literacy instruction (end of November)
  - Be on the lookout for more information, once finalized

### **Misc**

- Pizza Days - started beginning of October
  - Former Grade 8 student and his mother again able to take leftover/unclaimed pizza to donate to A Better Tent City
- Call for School Council help!
  - Place stickers on the levelled stickers on our home reading collection - in preparation for our *Reading at Home* program to begin

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Oct. 24 - Fall Photo Day
  - Not able to do sibling photos - sorry! (company decision, not school)
- Nov. 1 - Dress Like a Book Character Spirit Day!
- Nov. 3 - Book Fair (Fri 8am-8pm)
- Nov. 13 - PD Day (Monday)
- Nov. 27 - Grade 7 & Grade 8 Catch-Up - Hep B, HPV, and Meningitis Vaccinations

### **6. Teacher Staff Update**

- Field trip to see the Township and Councillors for Grade 5
- An effort is being made to mix some of the FI classes with English students to make new friends

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

- Staff asks:
  - Optimists club did sponsor the Lego am, so the \$639.92 ask is for the Spike robotics kits (update on last month's approval)
    - Council would love to have the kids come talk about the Dec competition in January
  - APPROVED - Ms. Kalhoun (gr 3) is looking for headphone splitters for Chromebooks – 18 total (\$126)
    - A math boardgame for grades 2 or 4 games IC10 (approx. \$40-80)

- Flashlights and batteries to help students with finding and writing down words they find in the class (36 total)
  - Jacob has a source to ask for a donation of flashlights and batteries

## 7. Committee Updates:

1. WRAPSC/PIC (1<sup>st</sup> Tues of the month)– Caitlyn
  - a. WRAPSC is a collection of school council parents from all over the board – this is also a hybrid meeting
  - b. Thought it was great for collaboration between councils around challenges and questions
  - c. PIC – Oct 24 is the first meeting at the board office
  - d. PRO Grant, \$500 is available to each school to increase parent involvement
    - i. Applications are usually in a quick window
    - ii. In the past BPS has worked with the local schools to do a speaker night – last year this was the internet safety speaker
2. Fundraising
  - a. Looking for volunteers to spearhead the Dance-a-thon
  - b. Nov-Dec or Jan-Feb
    - i. Pledge form and envelope – donation for the playground
    - ii. Glow bracelets for everyone (approx. \$40 for 300)
    - iii. BLT – ask if they can DJ the dance
    - iv. Teachers will work out the when for classes
    - v. Toni to modify the previous fundraising letter for the dance – this would be the ask for the year besides the BBQ
    - vi. Ryan to ask about the Audio/Video equipment
    - vii. Audio equipment may need an upgrade before the dance due to Bluetooth issues
    - viii. November 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> week after progress reports on the 20th
3. New Playground Design (Sub-committee)
  - a. Contact Jacob if you want to join the committee
  - b. Val, Sarah B, Toni, Shane, Jen, Katie, Jacob have volunteered so far
  - c. Ryan update:
    - i. need to talk to a min of 3 companies,
    - ii. procurement says we need to go with the minimum bid
    - iii. need updated quotes/proposals
    - iv. the board facilities will cover the cost of excavating, but that is co-ordinated through the playground provider
    - v. Amber Martz and Guy Mackie are the facilities contacts for the board
4. School Council Handbook/Bylaw Review (Subcommittee)
  - a. Ryan will take a look at the handbook and bring back proposed updates, Jacob and Sarah B will also review
5. Goodwill (Sarah S.) – no updates
6. Staff Appreciation
  - a. Looking for someone to organize in Spring
7. School/Community Events (Group discussion)
  - a. Spring/Summer BBQ
  - b. Annual – we'll try to do this

8. Gardens/Outdoors (Val)
  - a. Most everything has been cut down for the winter
  - b. Teachers have been coming by with classes for the learning which has been great
  - c. River stone has been acquired for free and the gardens have been edged by Mark Eckert of Best Choice Maintenance Service
  - d. Students will paint the stones over the winter to edge the gardens
  - e. They would also like to donate mulch in the spring

**What's On Your Mind?**

- Book character day – can we do literally any other day next year?

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday November 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm In Library!