



Baden Public SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:00pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

Jacob Bretz, Ryan Day, Jenn Harezlak, Toni Peter, Sarah Scott, Tina Bodendistle (teacher rep), Mary Holland

Regrets: Sarah Baxter, Lauren Thompson, Moira MacIver, Lisa Huber, Caitlin Jenkins

2. Appreciations:

- Mme MacDonnell, her husband, and Mr Sivikumar for working with the Lego Robotics team at supporting them at the competition
- Thanks to Adam Becker and Christa Ribey for help with the Winter Dance!

3. Review of January 2024 Minutes & Agenda

- Minutes reviewed and passed

Guest Speaker – [Amber. Martz@wrdsb.on.ca](mailto:Amber.Martz@wrdsb.on.ca) - WRDSB

Vendor Requirements by the School Board:

- need to approach 3 vendors for any project under \$50K, over \$50K need to tender it
- tender requires 10 vendors, send SOW to vendors (have well defined requirements), have them look at locations, and provide a quote
- suggestion to give requirements, not a budget and see what the cost is
- pay cost toward vendor doing the work of grading, (township does not include demolition)
- this is separate from \$50k cost
- all playground elements will need to be 6ft apart
- can give us a list of vendors that the board and township do use

- Amber will send vendor pamphlets, SOW examples, and look into if excavation is included in the work the school board would cover

4. Principal's Report (Ryan Day):

- Staffing changes: Education Assistant hours have been reduced by the school board, Ms. Finn is now 50% allocated to another school based on need across the board

- Kindergarten registration is open! Encourage your neighbours to register early so we can plan for next year's classes
- Grade 2 French Immersion applications are open until Jan 31st – it is a lottery system, with priority given to students with siblings at the school, and to home school students
- Assembly – W-O bands and choir came to play for students; there wasn't a holiday concert for a variety of reasons (including staffing); students as part of the band gave small performances in the library
- Term 2 reports going home Feb 12th
- PD Day Fri Jan 19th
- Primary literacy night had about 20 families in attendance; Home reading began at the beginning of Dec with the new program
- Food Drive raised over 950 lbs of food, and Mme Burns class won a \$200 prize from McKay's No Frills (the class chose to donate it back to the Wilmot Family Resource Centre)
- Pizza Day resumes Thurs Jan 18

6. Teacher Staff Update

- Spirit days went well, especially Staff dress as Students and Students dress as staff
- Forest of Reading program is beginning soon where students get to vote on the books
- Authors corner in the library is extremely popular with over 170 stories since Sept!

6. Treasurer's update (Sarah B)

- She has spoken with Sarah in the office, and there are funds coming

7. Committee Updates:

1. WRAPSC/PIC
 - a. Caitlin forwarded the attached files
 - b. Pro Grant – Toni will answer to Angie Hallman (and copy in Sarah Scott) that we are interested in working with the other councils and suggest the White Hatters as a possible speaker
 - c. Sarah will take the Pro Grant co-ordination on
2. Fundraising
 - a. Thanks to Mr Becker was an amazing DJ
 - b. Need to send thanks to Christa Ribey for bringing her Bluetooth speaker
 - c. Worked well with the rainy day inside
 - d. Would do this again as a fall fundraiser
 - e. Glow bracelets went smoothly and planning was fairly simple
3. Shade Tree Project
 - a. notes
4. Good Will (Sarah Scott)
 - a. No notes
5. Graduation
 - a. notes
6. Staff Appreciation Meeting Committee
 - a. Consider donating or prioritizing something that gives back

- b. Stay away from June 19th which is Jr Track and Field Day
- c. Will discuss next meeting
- 7. School Community Events
 - a. May 29th would work best for the NH Optimists – would like to meet with us either at one of our meetings or one of theirs to discuss a few things
 - b. Thoughts:
 - i. Can we create a sub-committee this year instead of the whole council
 - ii. Would want it to be a fundraiser
 - iii. Want to look at having slightly fresher small events
 - iv. Do we want to have a theme?
 - v. Concentrate paid elements for a few things – auction, food, a couple fun things
 - vi. Random ideas – bike parade, pie in the face (like a dunk tank but something allowed), cookie or some other food instead of the cake, community bring sports balls etc to just play in the field – Little Rays Reptiles? Beaver tails and Moorish again
 - vii. Need someone to co-ordinate that is not in charge of another area
 - viii. Want a second person for the silent auction

What's On Your Mind?

- Jacob cannot attend the Feb 20th meeting, Toni will sub in as Chair

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm In Library!