

BGD School Council Meeting → December 14, 2022 @6:00-7:00pm

Minutes

<p>1. Welcome & Introductions (Darcelle)</p>	<p>Present: Tim Pugh, Darcelle Valade, Laura Lovelace, Lisa Shantz, Debra Zanon-Barclay, Martina Mackenzie, Mona Osman, Randa Fernandes, Janeth Williams, Jennifer Barnes, Erin Theophanous, Leslie Maxwell, Mindy Smith-Bernard</p> <p>Previous minutes approved by: Lisa S. & Erin T.</p>
<p>2. GUEST SPEAKER: Leslie Maxwell (Tim) Traffic Behaviours @ BGD [AM & PM]: 1) Stopping / Parking in a NO-Stopping Zone [43 & 30] 2) U-turns [12 & 10] 3) Failure to Yield [0 & 4] 4) Reversing [3 & 10] 5) Speeding [9 & 36] (speed gun was used)</p>	<p>Leslie Maxwell of Student Transportation Services discussed the traffic concerns that plague Brigadoon P.S. She presented a slideshow of the process for making changes. Any questions can be forwarded to Tim. Leslie will return to a future meeting to discuss next steps.</p>
<p>3. Review of Financials (Erin)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review of current amounts for Council funds (\$4466.47) & WEFI (\$27632.87) ● Ukeleles have been purchased as approved at November meeting (\$1584 for WEFI reimbursement) ● BoomWhackers have been purchased (\$153) for consideration as a WEFI reimbursement item - Council approved ● Mr. Pugh shared the exact total of body break/calming spaces expenditure (\$8665.34), as requested from last meeting. Council is in support of utilizing WEFI funds to cover the full amount pending the provision of an itemized breakdown of how money was spent for transparency. Mr. Pugh to provide this for January meeting.
<p>4. Staff requests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mrs. Barnes presented two requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ideas for an item that Council could fund for welcome packages for students/families who are new to the school (and often new to Canada). Mr. Pugh offered that the SCIS team can operationalize this project. ○ Gratitude items for co-op students, & student teachers/EAs/CYWs - Chocolate bars with school logo from Reid's Chocolates was suggested. Mrs. Barnes and Darcelle to provide a dollar value for these items ● Mrs. Williams shared a video of a class playing a mini Ukelele performance as a thank you. She provided update re: Winter Arts Celebration scheduled for December 22. Performances to be shared virtually with families through Google Classrooms.
<p>5. Fund-Raising & Compassion (Darcelle & Laura)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESNS to begin in New Year. Tie breaking vote was taken for 2nd lunch day option. Wednesdays will be Subway and Fridays will be Pizza Day from Dominoes. ● Doon Community Hamper Drive is underway - money can be donated through School Day or by sending loonies/toonies with students until December 21. ● Groove-a-thon tentatively set for end of January spirit day: Community-building, not a fundraising event. ● Discussion around Goal setting for Fund-Raising events & Initiatives - deferred to January meeting
<p>6. Review - Council Communication Protocol (Randa) Role, Purpose & Goals of School Council – info-gathering (Darcelle, Laura)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Randa will post minutes of meeting to website after review by Tim, Darcelle / Laura.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Role, Purpose & Goals - questions can be emailed to Randa at randa.fernandes@gmail.com
<p>7. Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Perimeter Fencing → Update ● School site access during instructional day → Update ● Gymnasium stage & middle wall → Update ● Accessibility of school yard → Update ● SCIS Team → Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Temporary fencing at base of staircases has remained intact. Back corner access on Lower Field → fence, chain & lock were vandalized, and this will remain open until the Spring. Facilities has advised that they are looking to create a plan for permanent, updated perimeter fencing with access gating for some time in the Spring ● We continue to experience issues with community members accessing our school site during the instructional day. Signage has been erected at a couple of key points to remind people of the ongoing request to refrain from coming on-property. Staff are continuing to remind gently, verbally when they come across community members on-site. ● Facilities is looking to replace the Gym middle wall with another lighter, safer version. There is a team coming in early January to again inspect and make decisions around the replacement of our stage. ● Ongoing inaccessibility of Lower Field is being maintained as a current talking-point with Facilities. There is the willingness to explore a major restorative, landscaping project, at which point a switchback ramp will be included in the scope of work to address the accessibility concerns. A walkway at the front side of the school has been created with cement slabs to facilitate student arrivals without having to navigate the hill. ● 78 students initially expressed interest in this team after Mr. Pugh ran info-sessions in each class. Of that number, 30 students chose to complete the Application process, all with parent support. These students will be divided up into two cohorts, one that works from Jan – March Break, with the second working from end of March to end of June. Along with students, on the team, we have Laura Lovelace and Daren Jones, both parents, as well as Ina Marjanovic and Nathaniel Hewitt, both BGD Educators. The initial meeting of this Team is Wednesday, December 21, 2022. A Google Classroom will be set up as the digital learning space and interface for this team.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 18 at 6pm

