

Byron Somerset Council - Meeting Minutes
Monday Dec 1, 2025

Attendees:

Parents: Deanna Totten, Ceara McNeil, Rashad Rahaman, Kaitlyn Colling, Nicole Spicknell
 Kris Kolpin, Ron Davey, Blair Patton, Lainie Gardner, Jidé Ajamale

Virtual: Flavia Mazza, Sabrina Poirier, Harpreet Johal, Ashlynn Adachi, Hasina Rahman

Absent: Fabio Exmael

School Staff: Erin Alary, Anne Fleming, Laura Held

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m.

2. Approval Items

a. Agenda

Approved by council consensus

b. Minutes

Approved by council consensus

3. Treasurer Report - *Rashad Rahamam*

General Account

Balance as of December 1, 2025 - \$24,242.92

Available Balance as of December 1, 2025 - \$11,822.92

FUNDS IN: Leo's SD Chq \$25.99
 HST Rebate Oct \$170.92

FUNDS OUT: Digital Thesaurus \$212.82
 Girl's BB Tourny \$100.00

Approved Future Spends: Outdoor Classroom \$10,000.00
 Planters \$1,000.00
 Athletics \$1,000.00
 Dry Erase Materials \$420.00

Pizza Account

Date	Orders	Revenue	Pizza	Cookies & Juice Box	Profit	Cumulative Profit
24-Sep	355	2,603.50	1,039.50	182.38	1,381.62	1,381.62
08-Oct	314	2,303.25	911.25	155.59	1,236.41	2,618.03
22-Oct	354	2,627.50	1,053.00	183.59	1,390.91	4,008.94
12-Nov	347	2,583.75	1,038.00	179.92**	1,365.83	5,374.77
26-Nov	328	2,407.50	1,109.25	169.00	1,129.25	6,504.02

Balance as of December 1, 2025 - \$*12,214.83

*Includes All-Year Pizza Lunch Deposits

SCO Rec Fees: September \$287.77

Lunchbox

Balance as of December 1, 2025 - \$173.00

FUNDS IN: September Commission \$173.00

FUNDS OUT: No transactions

Snack Days

Date	Orders	Revenue	Popcorn	Bags and Other Overhead Costs	Lollipops	Licorice, Nerds, Airheads	Profit	Cumulative Profit
29-Sep	191	874.50	337.00	358.74	164.98	288.02	(274.24)	(274.24)
27-Oct	200	760.25					760.25	486.01

Balance as of December 1, 2025 -*\$492.00

FUNDS OUT: Ceara Snack Supplies \$358.74

Outstanding: *Variance 6.00

Music Program

Balance as of December 1, 2025 - \$(430.00)

FUNDS OUT: RT Chocolates \$430.00

4. Principal Report - *Erin Alary*

- Extra curriculars:
 - Basketball boys and Girls finishing up
 - Volleyball tryouts
 - Getting ready for the Winter Program on December 17
- Upcoming events:
 - Dec 9th- Snack Day
 - Dec 15th-Monochromatic Day
 - Dec 16th-Twin or Triplet Day
 - Dec 17th-Winter Concert -12:30 & 6:30
 - Dec 18th-FDK Concert 2:30-3:15
 - Dec 18th-PJ Day
 - Dec 19-Funky Sweater Day
- A few LTO due to Health and other circumstances.
- I was sent a picture of the outdoor classroom and it was going out for tender last week. Trees just went in.
- 75 Lexia licenses have been purchased (programs for students that need extra support in learning to read)
- Student Success meetings/Early ID Gr1-Gr8 (FDK in January)

5. Teacher Report - *Anne Fleming*

- Mr. Bogart is getting assistance with teams from various teachers as he is currently the regional coordinator for Basketball and is busy organizing the finals this week

- Volleyball teams for gr7/8 are being selected this week. Grade 6 girls have been invited to a “skills and drills” event. Some of the grade 6 students may have an opportunity to practice with the team and to play in any “fun” games but cannot be in the official games.
- Diabetes presentation by “Diabuddies” was held for the primary classes. 2 amazing presenters, excellent feedback

6. Subcommittees

a. Hot Lunch/Pizza

Hot lunch and pizza are going well. .

Kris has volunteered to take over the contact for Lunchbox from Sarah Tufts so that a person from council is the contact.

b. Fundraising

Sabrina has purchased the Rheo Thomson chocolates for the concert as well as contacted SteelGrill who will be generously donating hot chocolate and coffee for the concert as well as all the cups, marshmallows, coffee supplies, etc. (100 coffee and 150 hot chocolate).

The chocolates will be sold for \$4 each or \$5 with a drink. There will be a sign of a suggested donation of \$2 for a drink without a chocolate. Drinks and chocolate will only be before the concert. Ceara volunteered to help Harpreet and Sabrina with the hot drinks and Blair and Ashlynn have offered to ask for donations at the door for both concerts - thank you to volunteers!!

A communication will go out to the families to inform them that chocolates will be available to purchase with cash and that they may leave a donation at the door, with anything over \$20 eligible for a tax receipt.

Harpreet has received the Purdy's Chocolates orders and will organize the pickups for next Thursday. The numbers were a bit down - the school made a profit of \$900 but only \$600 was from the actual school community (thank you Shoppers!)

Ceara will have a better sense of how well Snack Day is going after this month. A cash only day will be held shortly to be able to clear out inventory, which always does well.

7. Other

Flag purchase

Harpreet contacted a Somerset parent who makes the type of signs we are looking for and quoted around \$200+tax. Harpreet will work with Erin and Anne regarding the final look.

Council Consensus to purchase the flag for approx. \$200+tax from general account funds.

Speaker Request

Laura Leeper requested funding for a large bluetooth speaker to be used for events, classes, outside, and in the gym. It is easier and more accessible to use than the large audio system in the gym and can be stored in her office in the gym which is accessible to all staff. 2 options were shown, a smaller one (9x4, 21lbs) for \$179.99 and larger one (20x10, 15lbs) for \$599 - both are waterproof. Ceara will work with Laura to shop around and get the best deal for a larger one.

Council Consensus to purchase a large bluetooth speaker for a maximum of \$600+tax as well as a \$100 maximum warranty from the general account funds.

Orienteering Course

Laura Leeper requested funding for supplies for an Orienteering Course. These can be used by many grade levels as well as all year, including winter. The supplies include an Orienteering and Map Games book for Teachers, a Schools Orienteering handbook, and 10 flag stands with side plates and hole. These total \$292 plus HST plus shipping.

Council Consensus to purchase the Orienteering Supplies totalling \$292 + HST + shipping from the general account funds.

Voting Members

2 voting members have communicated that they are not able to continue the commitment of attending council meetings. 1 voting member has not attended any meetings to date. An obligation of attending a majority of meetings is needed to be a voting member. Council will look again in January to see if XXX will continue to be a member.

Council Consensus that Lisa and XXX will no longer be voting members of this year's Parent Council.

Cash Donation to Teachers

In the past, Council has given the teachers a designated amount to spend on classroom supplies. It was discussed that January would be a beneficial time for teachers to receive the funds. There are 36 teachers/classes this year (some classes have multiple teachers and this includes support teachers). Council discussed giving \$100 as well as having a deadline to use the funds.

Council Consensus that teachers (36) will receive \$100 to spend on classroom supplies by the end of January 2026.

If there are any agenda items anyone would like on future meetings, please let Ceara know ahead of the meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday January 12 at 6:30pm in the school Learning Commons.

Adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes taken by Deanna Totten