

Byron Somerset Council - Meeting Minutes
Monday May 5, 2025

Attendees:

Parents: Deanna Totten, Ceara McNeil, Rashad Rahamam, Kaitlyn Colling

Virtual: Sabrina Poirier, Louise Manning, Flavia Mazza, Harpreet Johali, Daniela Liska, ,Lainie Gardner, Anne Fleming

Regrets: Blair Patton, Sarah Tufts, Renee Uruski,

School Staff: Rebecca Vickers

1. Welcome/Call to Order

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

2. Approval Items

a. Agenda

Request to add Game Night to the "Other" portion of the agenda

Approved by council consensus

b. Minutes

Approved by council consensus

3. Treasurer Report - *Rashad Rahamam*

General Account

Balance as of May 5, 2025 - \$6,380.12

Funds In: Mar HST Rebate \$0.25

Funds Out: \$0

Pizza Account

Balance as of May 5, 2025 - *\$13,563.95

* Includes All-Year Pizza Lunch Deposits

Apr 9

Funds In (340 orders) - \$2,555.75

Funds Out: Pizza - \$953.50

Cookies - \$177.36

Juice Boxes -

Apr 23

Funds In (324 orders) - \$2,384.50

Funds Out: Pizza - \$900.50

Cookies - \$158.31

Juice Boxes -

Funds Out: Gr 8 Niagara Trip \$9,000.00
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SCO Rec Fee - Feb \$146.08

Lunchbox Commissions

Balance as of May 5, 2025 - \$1,587.00

Funds In: Feb 2025 \$388.50

Funds Out: Clovermead Kinder YE Trip \$600.00

Board Game Night

Balance as of May 5, 2025 - \$42.48

Funds In: May 1 \$42.48

Funds Out: No transactions

Movie Night

Balance as of May 5, 2025 - \$1,630.27

Funds In: May 2 (88 Orders) *\$929.25

Funds Out: Pizza \$220.90

* 929.25 Deposited

390.75 To be deposited

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Balance as of May 5, 2025 - \$284.39

Funds In: No transactions

Funds Out: No transactions

Snack Days

Balance as of May 5, 2025 - \$5,506.06

Funds In: Apr 8 \$32.00
Apr 25 \$887.00

Funds Out:	Licorice	\$9.89
	Nerds/Bags	\$316.28
	Popcorn	\$370.70

Music Program

Balance as of May 5, 2025 - \$607.05

Funds In: No transactions

Funds Out: No transactions

It was asked how much we usually plan to “roll-over” to the next school year. It has been quite a lot in years past but we are now encouraged to spend most of the funds in the school year it was raised. There can be exceptions for “big purchases” that would take multiple years to save for.

4. Fundraising

Sabrina looking into Dunk Tank for food truck night.

UPDATE: After the meeting, Sabrina learned the board will not approve a dunk tank.

Food Truck Night is being held June 3 5-8. Sabrina is looking for volunteers to help with set up, facepainting, any guessing games that will be organized, and clean up. She will be sending out a signup sheet shortly.

Baskets will not be organized this year as teachers weren't able to commit the time this year.

There are updated policies of what can be purchased from the council through vendors other than the board store. Ceara will try and get clarification on a couple points (ex. classroom purchases).

5. Principal Report -Rebecca Vickers

- Surplus staff:
 - MacChesney
 - Conlon
- Extra Curricular:
 - Junior basketball continues
 - Baseball/Softball practices starting
 - Track & Field practices happening with school track & field days this week
- Curriculum & Programming:
 - Safe & Inclusive School Committee
 - Committee looking for members
 - Survey results highlights:
 - some students reported feeling unsafe
 - a trend of students and staff seeing more “unkind” behaviour.
 - staff will address situations immediately in the moment
 - staff will find appropriate ways to talk to students and about bullying and unkind behaviour as well as promoting a more diverse range of cultural traditions and holidays
 - council discussion around types of behaviour (ex. racist) and what immediate plans staff have to address this

- Upcoming dates:
 - May 8 - Family Games Nihgt
 - May 14 - JK welcome to FDK
 - May 15 - Class Group Photos
 - May 20-23 - Gr3 EQAO
 - May 20 - Track & Field Regionals
 - May 22 - School Math Night
 - June 2-6 - Gr6 EQAO
- Big Ideas for fundraising:
 - Risers
 - Raised Garden Beds
 - Outdoor classroom with shade
 - Council had interest in looking more into the outdoor classroom and garden beds. More information is needed (pricing, etc)

6. Teacher Report - *Anne Fleming and Daniela Liska*

- Green Team is working on trees and outdoor table\chair. These would go along with the outdoor classroom ideas.
- Junior Basketball girls and boys just finished
- Slo-Pitch has started. The season is 7 games and playoffs
- Track & Field days for gr4-8. Regional Meet is May 20
- Field trips are happening. Gr 2-3 both going to Fanshawe conservation area for different programs
- Race Against Drugs program for Gr 5 this month
- MADD assembly for gr 7/8s this month
- Jr Art Club still continuing
- DanceClub went to Dance Fest last week and will be performing in an assembly and the Spring Concert
- Gr1-4 could attend Movie Night last week - positive feedback from students

7. Subcommittees

a. Hot Lunch

Going well, no updates.

8. Other

Board Game Night is booked for Thursday May 8. Deanna has games purchased and organized, and pizza ordered for those who pre-ordered. A few students and parent volunteers are needed to set up and take down event.

8. Next meeting

Ceara will reach out to confirm time and an invite to her home for last meeting - looking at June 16.

Adjourned at 7:42pm

Minutes taken by Deanna Totten