

Byron Somerset Council - Meeting Minutes
Monday Nov 3, 2025

Attendees:

Parents: Deanna Totten, Ceara McNeil, Rashad Rahaman, Kaitlyn Colling, Nicole Spicknell
Kris Kolpin, Ron Davey, Sabrina Poirier, Harpreet Johal, Hasina Rahman, Fabio Exmael, Blair Patton,

Virtual: , Flavia Mazza, Lainie Gardner, Rob, Jide Ajamale

Regrets: Nicole Ward

Absent: Lisa McLarty, Ashlynn Adachi

School Staff: Erin Alary, Anne Fleming

1. Welcome/Call to Order

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

2. Approval Items

a. Agenda

Agenda adjusted to include Grad committee info in Other item

Approved by council consensus

b. Minutes

Approved by council consensus

3. Treasurer Report - *Rashad Rahamam*

General Account

Balance as of November 3, 2025 - \$24,429.75

Available Balance as of November 3, 2025 - \$12,216.75

FUNDS IN:	Sep HST Rebates	\$49.79
	Donations	\$1,183.15

FUNDS OUT:	Pizza	\$1,397.81
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Approved Future Spends:	Thesaurus	\$213.00
	Outdoor Classroom	\$10,000.00
	Planters	\$1,000.00
	Athletics	\$1,000.00

Meet the Teacher Night – Oct 2 – Breakdown:

FUNDS IN:	Donations	\$1,183.15
FUNDS OUT:	Pizza	\$1,397.81
NET COST:		\$214.66

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
24-Oct	354	2,627.50	1,053.00	183.59	1,390.91	4,008.94

Balance as of November 3, 2025 - \$*12,483.69

*Includes All-Year Pizza Lunch Deposits

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 November 3, 2025 - \$850.75

Available Balance as of November 3, 2025 - \$492.01

Outstanding: Bags & Overhead *\$358.74

*Variance 6.00

4. Principal Report - *Erin Alary*

- Extra curriculars:
 - Basketball starting
 - Dance Club ongoing
- Upcoming events:
 - Sock Drive 5th-12th School Council
 - Nov 7th-Progress Reports go home
 - Nov 13th-14th Parent Teacher
 - JK-Gr 3 Literacy and Math Night
- Empower
- Brave Education (anti-bullying presentation. Great feedback from teachers)
- Acadience Assessments FDK-Gr 2
- Guidance starting to work with Gr 8
- Early ID
- Parent teacher Conferences Nov 13th-14th
- 2 cameras have been installed outside the school - one for the parking lot and one for the side of the school facing the road. 2 cameras are already inside the school - outside both washrooms.
- A STEM Night is planned for November 18.
- Outdoor classroom approved and going in

5. Teacher Report - *Anne Fleming*

- Primary choir with Ms. Pasko preparing for winter concert
- Remembrance Day assembly is being held next Tues at 10:30 am. Parents are welcome

- 4 trees are going in through the Green Teams efforts. This will be an addition to the planned outdoor classroom. Ms. Fleming and Ms. Keikens have volunteered to water them over the summer - thank you!!

6. Subcommittees

a. Hot Lunch/Pizza

Hot lunch going well. Booster Juice was not getting enough orders so will only be offered once a month.

Sarah Tufts will still be the contact person for Lunchbox - thanks Sarah!

Pizza lunch is going well. Volunteers have signed up to assist Victoria for the school year and will be reminded close to their day.

b. Fundraising

Ms. Leeper has requested \$200 for hole punchers and compasses for an orienteering course. Ms. Fleming has a set of compasses and will talk to her. Mr. Bogart has his own set of hole punchers, so they will chat and get back to us with exact details if funding is needed.

Ms. Leeper also requested a waterproof bluetooth speaker to be used by teachers during sport events, gym, and other outdoor activities at the school. Erin will speak with her in case a speaker another staff member has can be used. She can then come back to council with pricing and details if still needed.

A request from FDK classes was brought to council for 3 classes worth of mini whiteboards and markers for about \$550.

Council Consensus to fund the whiteboards and markers for \$550 from the general account

Purchasing a school stand up flag for outdoor sports events was raised. Fabio and Sabrina both may have a contact and can come back with some pricing options for council.

Winter Concert is December 17. Council discussed providing hot chocolate and coffee as well as selling Rheo Thomson chocolates. Sabrina will move forward with talking to Rheo Thomson which can be advertised to the school community and sold at the event. Coffee and hot chocolate can be donated and coffee provided to adults before the concert with hot chocolate possibly provided after the event. Both will require volunteers to monitor the station. Families entering will also be asked for cash donations at the door.

It was also discussed to organize baskets to be given away in a "game of skill" as another fundraiser at the Winter Concert. Each basket can have a theme (ex. "Winter Cozy"). Sabrina will start to organize those - thank you Sabrina.

In the past Purdy's Chocolates sales have been best during the Christmas season compared to the Easter Season. Harpreet will reach out to Purdy's and organize a fundraising campaign to start shortly. Pick up will be at the concert and just after. Thanks Harpreet!

Snack Day is going smoothly although the new popcorn is not as popular among the students as Kernels was. However, Kernels is difficult to work with. Ceara will bring some comparative numbers to the next meeting to discuss.

7. Other

Ceara will be the contact person for the Grad Committee. Meetings will start soon, please talk to her if you are interested.

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 December 1 at 6:30pm in the school Learning Commons.

Adjourned at 7:38pm

Minutes taken by Deanna Totten