

Byron Somerset Council - Meeting Minutes
Monday November 4, 2024

Attendees:

Parents: Deanna Totten, Ceara McNeil, Renee Uruski, Harpreet Johal,, Andrea Cote,, Kaitlyn Colling, Ryan McLaw, Kayla, Sarah Tufts, Sabrina Poirier, Lainie Gardner, Rashad Rahamam, Anthony Davis, Kim Tigchelaar

Virtual: Louise Manning, Ashlynn Adachi, Nicole Ward,

Regrets: Victoria Brewster, Flavia Mazza, Blair Patton, Natalie Davis, Robb Caporicci, Robyn Pinto

School Staff: Erin Alary, Anne Fleming, Russ Thomson

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:45p.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 November 4, 2024 - \$9,195.25

Available Balance - *6,195.25

Funds In:

Donations- Meet the Teacher \$864.60

Funds Out:

Medical HoF Grade 7 Trip \$464.82

Outstanding payments:

Gaga Ball Pit *\$3,000

Future Receipts:

Donations from Meet the Teacher \$857.60

Pizza Account

Balance as of November 4, 2024 - *12,231.03

* Includes All-Year Pizza Lunch Deposits

Oct 9

Funds In (345 orders) - \$2,836.25

Funds Out: Pizza - \$728.75
Cookies - \$ 162.15
Juice Boxes - \$ 66.31
Paper Bags -

Oct 23

Funds In (367 orders) - \$2,731.50

Funds Out: Pizza - \$1,019.75

Cookies - \$87.31

Juice Boxes - \$87.25

4. Principal Report - *Erin Alary*

- 0.4 Emily MacChesney has been hired
- New EA Nikole O'Shea has been hired
- Russ Thomson has announced his retirement - congratulations Russ!!
- Basketball for gr7/8 is going well. Both girls and boys teams had recent tournaments and did well.
- Dance Club is ongoing and well attended
- Cross Country did well at City Finals
- Brave Education program was at school recently to discuss bullying at different grade levels. There has been great feedback and admin is looking at having them back in the spring for the next level program.
- Acadience Assessments FDK-Gr 2. Students will be assessed and plans put in place to help them meet their academic benchmarks.
- Guidance starting to work with Gr 8 for transition to high school
- Early ID of Gr 1-3 to see where teachers can assist students in meeting their academic grade levels
- Upcoming dates: Nov 8th-Progress Reports go home
Nov 15th-Parent Teacher
Nov 2nd2 - Movie Night Gr 1-4
Nov 25th Gr 7 Vaccine
Gr 8 Tour Saunders this month
PJ Day and Snack Day this month
- Please contact our school superintendent or trustees if you ever have any concerns regarding funding or any other issues. Both can be found at the top of our school website.
Superintendent - Christine Giannacopoulos jennifer.walker@tvdsb.ca
Board Trustees - Beth Mai b.mai@tvdsb.ca
Sherri Moore sherri.moore@tvdsb.ca

5. Teacher Report - *Anne Fleming and Russ Thomson*

- The Cross Country team did amazing at the finals. 32 students qualified, including several teams. The Grade 8 girls team won first in all Thames Valley! Grade 4 boys team came in second! All Somerset students worked hard training before the race and represented our school well - congrats to them all!
- Green Team made up of gr 7/8 students is up and running.
- The Diversity Committee is very active and always has interesting announcements for the school.
- Safe school, Debate Club, Dance Club, Music groups, Library Helpers, Announcements, and older students helping out in the younger grades during lunch are all ways students are being involved outside their classrooms.
- The Remembrance Ceremony will be held Monday November 11.
- Winter Concert will be held December 18.

6. Subcommittees

a. Hot Lunch

Hero Burger and Wok Box have been added to replace the vendors who are not able to continue with our nutrition break schedule. For past vendors there is a \$.50 add on to the cost for fundraising and for the new vendors, \$1.00.

Pizza is going smoothly with a new cookie vendor being tried out. So far there has been positive feedback.

b. Fundraising

Sabrina brought a few fundraising options to the council for discussion. Frozen cookie dough sale, Gift Paper/Card sales, and Poinsettia sales. The council decided to go forward with the poinsettia sales. Sabrina will get this going next week and will be looking for volunteers to help organize and hand out the poinsettias when they're delivered. These will be paid for through school cash online with a deadline of November 29.

Council Consensus that funds from the Poinsettia sales will go towards Arts/Athletics/Technology.

Council discussed having just an ask of donations at the winter concert. This always does well and is minimal work. We can look at possibly having coffee/hot chocolate to offer families with a donation box. Council wants to make sure families are informed ahead of time that there will be a donation box and that donations over \$20 can receive a tax receipt.

Council Consensus that donations from the Winter Concert will go towards Music and Arts.

Snack Day will be this Monday with another one later in the month. Thank you Ceara and Lainie for organizing this!

7. Other

8. Next meeting

Monday December 2 at 6:30pm

Adjourned at 7:45pm

Minutes taken by Deanna Totten