

Byron Somerset Council - Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 8, 2024

Attendees:

Parents: Deanna Totten, Ceara McNeil, Renee Uruski, Harpreet Johal, Flavia Mazza, Andrea Cote, Robb Caporicci, Robyn Pinto, Kaitlyn Colling, Victoria Brewster, Ryan McLaw, Blair Patton

Virtual: Louise Manning, Ashlynn Adachi, Natalie Davis

Regrets: Rashad Rahamam, Lainie Gardner, Sarah Tufts, Anthony Davis, Sabrina Poirier, Nicole Ward

School Staff: Erin Alary, Anne Fleming

1. Welcome/Call to Order

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

Mr. Cluney asked to pass on his thanks for council in moving this meeting date so staff could attend the visitation for his daughter's passing.

2. Approval Items

a. Agenda

Approved by council consensus

b. Minutes

Approved by council consensus

3. Treasurer Report - Ceara McNeil

General Account

Balance as of October 8, 2024 - \$8,795.47

Available Balance - \$6,653.07

Funds In:

Lunch Box Commissions	\$1,130.00
Phys Ed Program	\$110.57
Pizza Lunches	\$5,942.64
Snack Days	\$969.74
Transfer from movie acct	\$520.03
HST Rebate from May	\$40.38

Funds Out:

Braces for Pit	\$737.38
Meet the Teacher Pizza	\$1,430.58

Outstanding payments:

Gaga Ball Pit	\$3,000
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Future Receipts:

Donations from Meet the Teacher	\$857.60
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Pizza Account

Balance as of October 8, 2024 - \$10,063.30

Sept 25

Funds In (327 orders) -	\$2,410.25
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Funds Out:	Pizza -	\$1,112.25
	Cookies -	\$ 173.65
	Juice Boxes -	\$ 106.65
	Paper Bags -	\$10.15

Oct 9

Funds In (345 orders) -	\$2,836.25
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Funds Out:	Pizza -
	Cookies -
	Juice Boxes -

Increase in pizza cost:	last year was \$2.60-\$2.80	this year is \$3.40
Increase in juice box:	last year was \$50-\$70	this year is \$106.65
Reduction in profit:	last year was \$1,500	this year is \$1,000

4. Principal Report - *Erin Alary*

- Interviewing for .4 should be filled by end of this week
- Basketball is underway
- Book Fair had a successful run last week. Portion of sales can be used by school for learning commons books and supplies
- Terry Fox was well attended last week and went smoothly
- Meet the Teacher was last week and also well attended
- Cross Country finals are coming up with 36 Somerset students competing
- Bus Safety presentations were completed for entire school
- Empower will be starting shortly
- Brave education program will be going into individual classes Oct 23 to discuss bullying
- Acadience Assessments are being done by teachers for FDK-Grade 2. Teachers will assess students and identify any that need extra support to meet benchmarks for the year.
- EQAO scores are positive for Byron Somerset. In most sectors students performed better than last year or were consistent with last year's scores. Teachers will be examining and discussing ways to keep improving.
- Upcoming dates:
 - Oct 8 - Bus Safety Presentations
 - Oct 9 - Skills Trade Session Intermediate
 - Oct 11 - Pa Day for Students
 - Oct 14 - Day off for Students
 - Oct 17-18 - Photo Day
 - Oct 22 - Cross Country Finals
 - Oct 23 - Brave workshops
 - Oct 31 - Black and Orange Day

5. Teacher Report - *Anne Fleming*

- Lots of field trips going on this month - many will see the movie Wild Robot after reading the book in class
- Cross Country finals are coming up. Students did very well at Regionals and we have many individuals and teams competing in the finals
- Multiple classes have the Children's Museum coming in to do a whale presentation

6. Subcommittees

a. Hot Lunch

Swiss Chalet and Pita Pit will no longer be available as they cannot accommodate the 11am nutrition break. It was asked if we could have a hot lunch during the second nutrition break. As this should not be a problem, we will look into which vendors would be available.

Victoria brought in Leo's pizza for the council to try. She discussed with them the possibility of getting them to be an alternate pizza vendor. They assured her they can accommodate our needs and their prices are slightly cheaper than Byron Pizza at \$11.50/pizza vs \$13.25/pizza. We are committed to Byron Pizza for the year as some families have already paid for the pizza in advance. We can explore using Leo's for other pizza days as well as special events. The Grad committee can be asked to look into ordering from them for their Movie night. Victoria can also set up a trial few weeks to see if everything runs smoothly with them for lunches. Another option is to use Leo's for a school pizza night, where the community is encouraged to order from them one night and a portion goes to the school. Other schools have organized the principal and teachers to deliver the pizzas.

Victoria brought up the cookies used for the pizza days and suggested we look into other options. The cookies are not getting all positive feedback. She will look into some other options to try - Costco, Subway, Remark, and Metro are some suggestions.

b. Fundraising

Sabrina will start discussing plans with the fundraising committee shortly.

Ceara will be ordering popcorn for Snack Day shortly. Planning on having 2 in November and payment will be online.

Council Consensus that Snack Day funds will go towards Arts/Athletics/Technology/Field Trips

Unfortunately we cannot go ahead with Fundscrip as it is against board policy.

7. Other

It was requested that Erin speak about an article that came out regarding EQAO testing and scores going down in ESL and Special Needs students. Erin informed the council that Somerset works closely with students that require any special accommodations and make they receive what they need. If they have an IEP then anything in that for classroom work is followed in the EQAO testing as well. The same is for any multi language students and the support they may need.

8. Next meeting

Monday November 4 at 6:30pm

Adjourned at 7:55pm

Minutes taken by Deanna Totten