



School Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2025 7:00-8:30 PM BPS Library/Google Meet All Parents Welcome

2025-2026 School Council Member Attendance

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Beckberger - Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chau Truong-Wood - Co-Fundraising | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Koka - Communications |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica McQuistin - Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meghan Wentworth - Co-Fundraising | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hannah Agler - Staff Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samir Dhanvantari - Co-Greening | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sergey Bobkin - Co-Greening | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tania Bumstead - Principal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Honch - WRAPSC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessika Szponarski - Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emily Grummett - Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Lewandowski - Member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sierra Pham | <input type="checkbox"/> Rania Gadalla |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren Gray - Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Andrea Martinescu-Moon | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Chauvet |

AGENDA

Housekeeping

7:00-7:10pm

- Welcome Tony
- Approval of December Meeting Minutes All
 - Motioned: Meghan, Seconded: Jessika, Outcome: approved
- Agenda Review/Approval Tony
 - Motioned: Jessica, Seconded: Sergey, Outcome: approved
- Territorial Land Acknowledgement - WRDSB Land Acknowledgement Tony

Reports

7:10-7:40pm

- Principal's Report Tania
 - School-Day message went out to inform parents that there is currently no crossing guard at the Bridge & Bridle Trail intersection
 - During the PD Day this Friday, teachers will be working on assessment and evaluation (reports)
 - Madelle Cote has been officially hired for Jr. French
 - Discussed Hot Lunch ESNS (Elementary School Nutritional Services) Fundraiser (Subway, Boston Pizza & Pita Pit): schools offer class lists and lunch ordering is completed online; food is sent to the school and organized by classrooms
 - Looking into cost
 - Would require volunteers to distribute lunches (Tony has volunteer list)
 - Considering a trial (i.e., once per month) to see if families enjoy this program
- Staff Report Hannah
 - Staff and students are getting back into routine after Winter Break
 - Junior Students had Pop Nation Field Trip Jan 9th
 - Floor Hockey Intramurals have begun

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- Kodaly Choir continues to meet twice per week to prepare for mass choir in the Spring at Centre in the SquareDoor Decorating Contest coming up (hosted by Social Committee)
 - There will be a Spirit Twin Day at the end of January
 - Candygram Sales are coming Feb 9-13
 - Glee Club has started
- Fundraising Chau/Meghan
- Dance-a-thon is coming up in Feb (see below)
- Financials Tony
- After the Poinsettia Fundraiser (including 2% transaction fee) and Kindergarten Bus cost, we have approx \$3,800
 - In WEFI, we have \$4,230
 - Total approx. \$8,000
 - Scientist in the Classroom sends invoice to the school (long process)
- Communications Lindsay
- Next Newsletter: after March Break
 - Lindsay will reach out to Steph re: newsletter
 - Tony will write Chair portion
- Grants Tania/Tony
- No updates

Discussion Items/Action Plans

7:40-8:30pm

- Dance-a-thon Planning** Chau
- Date: Friday, February 6
 - need pledge forms and a poster; can include a link for online donations to WEFI requiring a tax receipt
 - Tanya will look into mini lights to see if we need more
 - Tony has reserved music-activated lighting from Long & McQuade and reached out to "DJ Mark"
 - Chau and Sierra can volunteer; an e-mail will go out to council members to see if others would like to volunteer
 - Each class will have 3 song requests
 - Funds raised will go toward Scientist in the Classroom
 - Megan will create a post for School-Day with WEFI link to go out either Thurs, Jan 15 or Mon, Jan 19
 - Pledge forms will also be created to be sent home
 - Tanya will ask students to make posters to put up around the school
 - Tony will organize lunch for volunteers
- Quick review of approved spending for last 2 school years Tony
- dodgeballs, school picnic, Gr. 6 celebration, movie night
 - This year: Scientist in the Classroom, Kindergarten Field Trip buses
 - We have spent \$4,650 this year
- Spending Discussion (What do we want to focus on this year?): All
- Kindergarten Area Upgrades: Mud Kitchen, Balance Beam
- Tania reached out to facilities and will look into sand
 - Discussed mud kitchen (ideally it would be accessible from all four sides for greater student collaboration, rather than designs with a backslash wall)
- Decodable Literacy Resources for K - 2
- \$24/set, 5 total sets (Bob Books)
 - Tania suggested putting this on hold for now and adding it to Wish List for next year
- Indigenous Art Kit

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- Greening Initiative in Spring : Mulch, Front garden
 - Sergei is looking into free mulch and Tania mentioned Big Yellow Bag
- Buses for School Trips
 - Buses are often the most expensive part of field trips (\$230-\$270 per bus)
 - 1 bus per class for Gr. 1-6 classes OR funds toward bringing speakers into the school for classes that may not want to take a field trip
 - Motioned: Chau, Seconded: Warren, Voting: 8/9 Outcome: passed**
- Staff Nametags
- New Wagon
 - Tania found one so this is no longer needed
- Timers for Kindergarten
 - Could be purchased through school funds
- Magnetic coins
 - \$12/sheet of coins, could be used by multiple grades
- Stretchy Band for Music (\$100)
 - Collaborative large circle activity to teach musical concepts (tempo, dynamics)
 - Can be used by all grades
 - Motioned: Meghan, Seconded: Lindsay , Voting: 8/9 Outcome: passed**
- 5-6 Zuma Rocking Chairs (various sizes, \$200-300 each)
 - These chairs really help students focus and minimize disruption in the classroom, benefitting everyone
 - Motioned: Meghan, Seconded: Lindsay , Voting: 8/9 Outcome: passed**
- Large Laminator
 - luxury item and ongoing cost (i.e., repairs), therefore not a priority
- School picnic (\$200)
 - Motioned: Jessika, Seconded: Meghan, Voting: 8/9 Outcome: passed**
- Grade 6 Celebration (\$250)
 - Cupcakes, juice boxes and gift item (lock)
 - Motioned: Meghan, Seconded: Lindsay, Voting: 8/9 Outcome: passed**

Future Agenda Items / What's on Your Mind?

8:30-8:35pm

- Open Public Comment
 - Discussed Gr. 5 & 6 ski trip coming up, cost of \$50 per student, with support available for families who may struggle with the cost
 - Discussed importance of ensuring fundraising supports all students and doesn't favour any specific grades

All

Future Items:

- Factory Shoe has a fundraiser that Warren will look into
- Discuss Mulch Fundraiser for the Spring
- March Newsletter: Lindsay will reach out to Steph and Tony will write Chair portion
- See actions required for Dance-a-thon above

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