



# Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

## Bellmoore School Council Minutes

Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

**Chair/Co-Chair:** Christy Wallingham, Julia Penman

**Minutes:** Stacey Davis

**Present:** Kevin Heer, Michael Azzopardi, Jen McGilchrist, Stacey Davis, Leanne Muir, Julia Penman, Christy Wallingham, Richard Wouters, Jackie Boyer, Amy Hinchliffe, Michelle Houghton, Hayley Redmond, Jennifer Barnes

**Regrets:**

**Teacher Reps:** Katie Armstrong, Jennifer Smith

Time	Agenda	Person	Information	Actions/Motions
6:30-6:35	Introductions	Christy Wallingham	Welcome to a new member of Council—Richard Wouters	
6:35-6:40	Agenda	Christy Wallingham	Approval of January's agenda	Approved
	Principal's Report	Kevin Heer	FDK registration is in February (will be posted) 9 new students registered just this week First day of school after the winter holidays, a technician was in to fix the parking lot lights and they shorted out, so it is dark in parking lot now at night—should be up and running tonight or very shortly	
	Teachers' Reports	Jennifer Smith Katie Armstrong	Clubs: Robotics Club is preparing for in-school competition on Monday, January 28th after school. Currently have 8 teams and will choose 4 teams to continue to next in-school competition. Will take 2 teams (1 Junior team & 1 Intermediate team) with 12 students altogether, to the VEX competition on April 3rd at McMaster Innovation Park.  Eco-Team- -Ms. Millen, Mrs. Mekanik and Mrs. Brooks and an enthusiastic group of junior students were focused on outdoor clean-up and promoting our marker/pen recycling program in the Fall. ***Did you know that plastic writing utensils can be recycled when they no longer work. Our collection tub is in the library and once it is full we drop off the contents to Staples. We have registered our program with Staples and to date, we have recycled 2 garbage bags full of items. Way to go Eco-Team.  Our winter focus is working on school-wide recycling education and coordination.  Events:	

			<p>The Lion King has been cast and rehearsals have started this week. There are 60 students in the cast and we anticipate about 30 more students helping with set design, masks and stage crew. The show dates are May 15 and 16th.</p> <p>On January 24th, it is the 20th anniversary of Family Literacy Day. Teachers will be communicating any literacy day activities to families via blogs, newsletters, Twitter, etc.</p> <p>Family Math Night: Staff has been talking about potentially having a “MathFest” night during Open House in May in order to energize math engagement. There would be math related activities that families could do with their children. Parent Engagement Fund?</p> <p>News from Primary Division: *FDK team Kindergarten Lunch Monitors- a new term has begun for our lunch monitors. These dedicated jr/int students work in pairs to support the FDK classes during Nutrition Break. The current term runs from Jan-Mar. There is a wait list and we so lucky to have such amazing role models for our youngest students!</p> <p>Ms. Deane, Mrs. Zenone and Mrs. Brooks</p> <p>Grade 1 January 14 and 15th the Grade 1 classes are hosting Scientist in the Classroom for workshops on Living Things.</p> <p>Grade 2 Today, the Grade 2 students had Scientists in the Classroom come to build knowledge of Liquids and Solids and Movement (simple machines). There is a potential trip in the works for February to go see Seussical the Musical</p> <p><b>Junior-Intermediate Events:</b> Grade 8 option sheets next Friday from High School</p> <p>In February, there will be 2 Grade 5 trips: One to Ancaster High to see Seussical the Musical and full-day excursion to Crawford Lake to tour the longhouses as part of the First Nations unit in Social Studies</p>	
	Treasurer's Report	Leanne Muir Julia Penman	<p>We had approximately \$1500 in sales at the Indigo Fundraiser We can choose to get 15% cash back or a gift certificate for 20% at Indigo We will have to decide shortly Bazaar brought in \$7493.50 (\$5811.41 after all fees accounted for)</p>	Motion passed to allow Mrs. Angle to decide how she would like to receive the funds from this fundraiser.
	Fundraising Report	Hayley Redmond Julia Penman	<p>Would like to have 1-2 movie nights. Dates TBD. Winter Bazaar:</p>	

			<p>Will be looking for feedback from teachers about the silent auction baskets (likes and dislikes)</p> <p>Discussion regarding having a standard operating budget for the Bazaar each year instead of having to vote before each event. This will be added to the agenda for the beginning of next year and we will vote on a fixed budget</p> <p>General Fundraising: Decisions about spending School Council fundraising dollars is clearly outlined. (see attached list)</p>	
	FDK area	Jackie Boyer	<p>Facilities will need a plan for the new play space in the new FDK area. We are hoping to have this created ASAP.</p> <p>Waiting to hear from approval from board to fence the area.</p>	
	Parent Engagement Funds	Christy Wallingham	<p>Parent Engagement Funds: discussion regarding spending this during the Open House in May.</p> <p>French Café in the gym already; consider splitting the gym and having a Family Math Night with these funds (\$500)</p> <p>Teachers report that representatives from all divisions (teachers) expressed interest in helping with the Math Family Night.</p> <p>Open House: Thursday, May 2nd</p> <p>True North food truck will be coming</p>	
	Accommodation Review	Jackie Boyer Richard Andrew	<p>Christy and Julia were in contact with Superintendent and Trustee (Alex and Paul)</p> <p>Boundary review advisory panel is being formed to look into all the possible options and address questions raised by the school community.</p> <p>2 council members to represent council and be on the panel: Jackie and Richard. They will provide feedback from all Bellmoore parents. Following the first meeting a process will be developed for parents to forward their feedback for consideration.</p> <p>Meetings January 15, 22, and 29 6-9pm in Bellmoore Gym—open to public</p> <p>They will report back from the meetings</p>	
<b>Next meeting date: Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>				