

# MINUTES

## Billy Green School Council

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*Date | time* January 31, 2019, 6:30PM | *Meeting called to order by* Jordan Hageman

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### In Attendance

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Jordan Hageman, Trish Gibson, Ross Gibson, Sherry Beduk, , Brandon Berketa, Leanne Tovey, Megan Prudhomme, Lucille Radcliffe, Adam Prendergast, Palmonia Gordon

Regrets: Jennifer Taylor, Jessica Gibson, Abir AbouAlwan, Jen Taylor, , Farnaz Mirza, Derek Cherriere, Sarah Langille

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### Approval of Minutes

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Motion, Approved and Seconded

Warm welcome to Leanne Tovey, new VP of Billy Green

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### Principal's Report: Mr. Berketa

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#### Holiday Assemblies:

##### Staffing Update:

- Mrs Halla has completed her temporary VP assignment and has moved onto Tapleystown.
- Mrs. Leanne Tovey is our new VP. She came from Flamborough Centre school and is permanent FT.

##### Enrollment Update:

- Billy Green is now at 580 students and rising.
- Kindergarten registration begins Monday Feb. 4/19-New families moving into Nash neighbourhood will be required to register at Tapleystown school.
- Staffing organization for next year begins in feb. It is anticipated that JK registration will be less due to boundary shifting.

##### Computer update:

- Mr. Berketa consulted the board regarding funding allotment from council to purchase new laptops. They said no to the purchase of chromebooks. Needed to purchase board approved computers. Also purchased apple keyboards.

##### Mr. Taylor:

- Mr. Berketa discussed the recent news release regarding former teacher-Mr. Taylor, which created a lot of shock amongst the school community. During his duration at Billy Green, it was assured that there was no risk to student safety, and no concerns regarding his conduct at school.

- School has put in SW supports to both staff and students to help them manage feelings regarding this news.

### **Gr 8 Graduation Update:**

- Graduation confirmed for Wed June 19 from 4:30-6:30. Reception at Kingsview church was well received in the past. Looking for input regarding options for the dance after the ceremony/reception in the event that the gym is not available due to planned renovations. Members discussed options: see if Kingsview can accommodate for dance following ceremony/reception?; use of valley park community centre etc.
- Will also elicit input from students for ideas following the reception.

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### Teachers Report: Mr. D. Cherriere

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- Mr. Cherriere was absent-no updates to provide.

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### Treasurer Report: Lucille Radcliffe

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- Opening balance: 10, 870.05., final balance-8733.16.
- Deposits in from winter bazaar and walk for billy green and out for disbursement of computers, keyboards and learning material. See Treasurers report dated Jan 31, 2019 for details.

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### Fundraising Report: Trish Gibson

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- Trish will start popcorn sales again on Wednesdays. Kernals prices went up, and there were supplies left over from Fall fundraiser, so there is planning to pop and sell butter/salted popcorn for \$1per bag.
- Fundscript launched in Nov 2018. There has been \$2695 in online orders for a profit of \$121 so far. Total profit for year has been \$757.94.
- Plan is to send another flyer out to students again to remind families of this ongoing fundraiser and include on social media platforms. Will highlight monthly promotions that give more % back to school.
- Discussed plant sale as another option for fundraiser, or there is another fundraiser that sells a variety of items, one example was a box of gift cards that give \$14 profit per box sold.
- Will also start up sale of frozen yogurt in spring. TCBY prices have gone up, so trish will look into alternatives.

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### Ongoing Business

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- Technology: Council asked if teachers need additional Bluetooth keyboards. Approval for an additional 24 to be purchased at a cost of \$12.99/keyboard.
- Discussion around bullying at Billy Green-specifically concerns around racial bullying happening more than before. School and members from school community are working together with board on anti-bullying programs/actions to support this. Billy green offered to pilot a new program with board.
- Lucille has connected with the Liason officer. They have discussion options of having a presentation around racism and bullying/cyberbullying at the school. She will take the lead of organizing a presentation.

- Board has a program called “HWDSB helps” that students and families can contact anonymously to report incidents. More posters and awareness will be focused on this so students can feel comfortable talking to someone and express concerns anonymously.
- Billy green has access to a ESL itinerant teacher to support families with diverse backgrounds and language barriers. They work with families to help them access service, help to put notes in the families language to support communication between school and family, and works directly with kids as well.
- Pizza-lot’s of feedback from kids that pizza is cold. May look into other options. Trish will investigate dominoes pizza around cost/profit etc and report back to council.

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## New Business

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- Mr. Berketta asked for a moment of silence in the meeting to respect the passing of former parent/council member-Kevin Baglole and to acknowledge his long standing support of Billy Green.

### **Next Meeting:**

Feb. 21/19-6:30

Future Meeting Dates:

Apr 25/19, May 30/19

Meeting Adjourned