

Blair Road School Council Minutes

December 8, 2021

6:30pm

In Attendance:	Kelly Deml, Becky Desjardine, Tracey Ellis, Mikayla G, Erin Hall, Sarah Hoare, Craig Newport, Melanie Ravet, Lynn Robb, Kasi Shan. Jaime Thor, Marc Vender, Courtney Waterfall, Tricia Winter, Lindsai Brain, Shayna Devoe
Regrets:	

Agenda Item	Information Shared	Action Needed
Updates regarding council election	<p>-At September meetings for the first time in my time at Blair Road, we had multiple people running for Chair of the Blair Road Council</p> <p>-At that time we did the best we could with the information we had in terms of how to do elections and proceed forward</p> <p>-Since that time I have done some research into the proper way we should be managing things like elections and I would like to take the time to correct this</p> <p>-Firstly, it has been clarified that we do in fact have bylaws to guide us on these decisions https://drive.google.com/file/d/17DYAQu3U0D3uj4bLelG40FEVZ5DauM4R/view?usp=sharing</p> <p>-In terms of the election of the school council, as per these by-laws, we are to elect 10 members of council.</p> <p>-members elected are to be those committed to attending each meeting and participating actively in the decisions made by council</p> <p>-those not choosing to run for an elected position of council are welcome to attend all meetings and participate in discussions and events etc, but would not be a voting member if decisions come to a vote.</p> <p>-between now and the next meeting I will send out a notice requesting that those interested in running for an elected position of council to submit their nomination</p> <p>-from those nominations, we will elect the 10 member council at our January meeting</p> <p>-From those 10 members we will elect the executive</p>	<p>Marc to send out nomination request email prior to next meeting</p>

	<p>from that group; Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Based on this new information, we cannot vote until this is done so that we will hold on voting until that time 	
Principal Report	<p>Since we last met, lots of great stuff has been happening in the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Remembrance day presentation -Virtual assembly for Crazy Hat day -Mrs Morton is also putting together a winter presentation in replace of the holiday assembly -during our Nov 19 PD day the focus for staff was the social emotional development of children -At the Dec 8, 2021 staff meeting we had a guest from the board; looking at assistive devices to use with chrome books such as google read and write -Holiday Food Drive and Nutrition for Learning Toonie's for Tummy's; continues -Staffing update; we welcome Andrea Moon; hired to replace Sharon Triggly -School photo day is Dec 15, only individual photos due to Covid 	
Teacher Report; Tracy	<p>Teacher Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -not much more to report that what has already been shared -teachers are working hard to make each week a little bit special with theme days etc -we are having a lot of fun and hoping to stay with in person learning 	
Treasurer report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We have started a new balance sheet since our last meeting -September would have been a review of the closing out of a previous year -We have revenue coming in from Spirit wear as well as Mabels labels -some conversation as to whether the funds for urkeles has come out yet or not; Craig to confirm -voting on the use of any surplus funds will need to wait until we have an elected council 	

<p>School Drills</p>	<p>-Request came in from a parent as to whether there could be some sort of a parent notification when there is a school drill; fire, weather related, fire, lockdown etc</p> <p>-Marc shared that every school must do 3 fire drills in the fall and 3 in the spring, two lock down drills one in the spring one in February, and one tornado drill in the spring</p>	<p>Going forward, Marc to provide notification of drills to parents either prior to or day of, in the</p>
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		<p>event that children have questions when they return home</p>
<p>Lost and Found</p>	<p>-discussion around the current state of Lost and Found</p> <p>-because of Covid there is no lost and found table</p> <p>-Families are encouraged to label items so that they can easily be returned</p> <p>-Teachers are attempting to return items as soon as they are found, rather than them going to the lost and found, which would then be donated</p>	<p>Kelly to send out reminder about Mabels labels to support concern around lost items</p>

<p>Parents Reaching out Grant</p>	<p>-There is an opportunity to apply for the Parent Reaching out Grant http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/videos.html</p> <p>-Funding that comes from the Ministry to distribute by the board</p> <p>-Things in the past we have done in person; science night, -Marc suggested that we could apply for a virtual tour of the Woodland Cultural Centre</p> <p>-Other suggestions were Dr Jen with the Umbrella project -other mental health related supports</p> <p>-Jan 14 deadline</p> <p>-amount of the grant is \$250</p>	<p>https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/mohawk-institute-residential-school-virtual-tour-now-available-online/</p> <p>https://umbrella-project.co/2018/09/10/welcome-to-the-umbrella-project-with-dr-jen/</p> <p>-Council members to review options for further discussion at January's meeting</p>
<p>WRDSB Lunch and Learn</p>	<p>-discussion around the notifications of these sessions.</p> <p>-can we provide email blasts to remind parents about these sessions https://blr.wrdsb.ca/2021/10/04/october-lunch-and-learn-sessions-for-parents-and-caregivers/</p>	<p>Marc to provide email blasts as able reminding parents of these sessions</p>

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MeetingDate:		
Vote	Motion	Decision
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