

BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

Meeting held October 28th, 2015

Present: Dodie Payne
Matthew Cunningham
Andrea Scholar
Bonnie Camus
Stacey Smallian
Alexander Schmidt

Marnie Brown
Eric Sanchez
Jennifer Cameron
Pierre Pinkos
Eric Purdy

Regrets: none

1) **Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.** Eric Sanchez took the minutes

2) **Discuss and Adopt the Agenda**

Eric Purdy moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Bonnie Camus. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-51

Carried

3) **Minutes of the August 27th and of the September 30th meeting**

There were no corrections submitted after revision of the minutes. They were moved by Marnie Brown and seconded by Stacey Smallian. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-52

Carried

4) **E-mail Votes**

There were none.

5) **Election of the chairperson**

Matthew Cunningham was unanimously named by members.

6) **Principal's Report**

- a. **Operational Budget:** Dodie Payne presented a quick picture of where we stand to date. It was noted that revenue is currently still unknown pending the fees paid, and grants are received. The the school has received over \$9500 in fees leaving approximately \$6000 outstanding.
- b. **Anti-bullying and Anti-violence Plan :** The plan was presented and discussed. There were no modifications. The plan was moved by Bonnie Camus and seconded by Alexander Schmidt. All in favour.

Resolution 15-BGB-53

Carried

- c. **Visible Learning:** Members were informed of an on-going project designed to assist the teachers and students to develop their knowledge and communication abilities.
- d. **School Success Annual Report:** The report was presented to the schoolboard director. The plan is subdivided into subgroups to target group and individual needs to maintain and improve current academic results. Members were informed that grade 4 and 6 students will

have English and French exams. These exams take up to 10 days at a rate of 1 hour per day. Math has been identified as a more difficult subject.

e. **Grants:**

- a. **Wellness Grant:** The school has received \$1145.76 which will go toward 29 hours of soccer this spring for grades 5 and 6.

f. **Reporting :**

- a. Progress reports were sent out October 27th.
- b. Report cards for the term will be sent out November 13th.

- g. **Special Education:** Dodie Payne reported that IEP ratings will be included with the report cards in November.

h. **Building:**

- a. Soccer nets are up special thanks to Home and School and all volunteers.
- b. The play structure on the juniors section will be taken down shortly. The Beautification Project has reached its objective of \$20,000 and is now completed. G.B. thanks Mrs Cameron for all the help.

- i. **Future rentals:** Dodie Payne informed GB of discussions concerning a possible agreement to rent part of the currently closed section of the school to a French special needs program for 16 to 21 year old students. This section of would be closed off to the rest of the school.

- j. **Acti-Leaders :** This activity will be start up again this year for grade 5 and 6 students to organize activities over lunch for the younger students.

7) Teacher's report:

- a. The annual Terry Fox Run will be held and classes are gearing up for Halloween activities this Friday.

8) Commissioner's report:

See annexed document.

9) Parents committee report:

No report

10) Home and School report:

- Soccer nets are up thanks to our volunteers for their help and hard work.
- H&S has raised \$484.00 on the Fall Veseys Fundraiser and is now starting the year with approximately \$3700. H&S is currently considering the purchase of iPads for each classroom.
- H&S will be kicking off Halloween on Friday, the 30th off with Spooky Sub Day, and follow with our first Halloween Family Dance.

- The Sens Raffle is off to a great start with over 1100 tickets out for sale at the moment. One lucky person will win 2 tickets to a Sens game of their choice (a Thursday, Friday or Saturday game during the month of January, February, or March).
- Plans are underway for the Spaghetti Supper to be held on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tickets are starting to sell and volunteers are starting sign up. A new flyer will be going home this week with more information, and we will be giving the BES community another week to buy tickets before we start advertising to the Buckingham area at large.
- The next H&S meeting is: December 2nd, 2015.

Requests for Approval:

- a) H&S was approached to help out with the Christmas Baskets and food drive this year. H&S would like to organize a “Food Drive Competition” between classes. The competition would last two weeks, starting on Nov. 23rd, and ending on Dec. 4th. H&S will sponsor a food lunch for the class who collects the most items (each item donated will count as 1 point). Moved by: Eric Sanchez seconded by: Bonnie Camus
All in favour

Resolution 15-BGB-54

Carried

- b) H&S was asked for help with a “Scholastic Book Fair”. Book Fair theme "Monster Book Fair" - Frightfully good reads!!! It will be hosted in the BES library from Nov. 24th to Nov. 26th. Teachers will be welcomed to sign up for classroom visits. And, the book fair will be available to Buckingham families during parent/teacher interviews. Family event door prize draw!!! Win \$25.00 in books for your family plus \$25 in books for your child's classroom! There will also be some promotional activities in school to encourage literacy at BES.). Moved by: Eric Sanchez seconded by: Bonnie Camus
All in favour

Resolution 15-BGB-55

Carried

11) Beautification Project Report:

The project has reached its goal of raising \$20,000. The purchase and installation of the new play structure will go ahead. GB wishes to thank Mrs Cameron and all those who generously donated toward this project.

12) Correspondence: None

13)The overview of GB principal powers: Item tabled until next meeting.

14) Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 9th at 6pm

15) Adjournment

Moved by Stacey Smallian seconded by Marnie Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 08:00 pm.