

BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

Meeting held January 27th 2016

Present: Smantha Halpin Marnie Brown
 Matthew Cunningham Andrea Scholar
 Eric Sanchez Christina Foy
 Stacey Smallian Eric Purdy
 Alexander Shmidt

Regrets: Pierre Pinkos, Jennifer Cameron

1) Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. Matthew Cunningham took the minutes.

2) Discuss and Adopt the Agenda

Eric Purdy moves to adopt the minutes, seconded by Bonnie Camus

. All in favour.

Resolution:16-BGB-01

3) Minutes of December 8th meeting

The minutes were not ready to adopt. They will be presented at the February meeting.

4) E-mail Votes

The grad committee had two requests to be moved.

- Can and bottle drive, moved by Bonnie Camus, seconded by Eric Purdy

All in favour

Resolution: 16-BGB-02

- Popcorn sale, moved by Jennifer Cameron, seconded by Christina Foy.

All in favour

Resolution: 16-BGB-03

5) Principal's Report

- Term 2 is coming to an end. Finishes February 22 and reports go home February 26th.
- Data focus; there will be a follow up with data collection after term 2 to monitor student progress.
- Extracurricular is up and running at BES. Volley ball tournament and MusicMakers will be happening. MusicMakers will be run by Andrea Scholar and Graeme Lachance. It will happen April 15th at D'Arcy/Symmes
- Bus safety, runs from February 1st to the 12th. BES will have presentations for all grades on February 4th and 5th. BES will be participating in the banner contest, for a chance to win a monetary prize as well as a free field trip (bussing cost)

- Family Library day was held January 27th. Arlene Brunke came in and read to the classes. It was a raving success.
- Staff appreciation week is February 1st to February 5th.
- Budget update. All ministry grants are in. (Service d'accueil and AV/AB). A formal budget report will be presented at the next meeting.

6) Teachers Report

- A Friendship Breakfast and Winter Fun day is being planned for February 12th.
- February 17th Volleyball Tournament in Chelsea for grade 5/6
Lindsay Place is leaving BES. Their last day is February 5.
- A MusicMakers sign up list has started.
- The teaching staff is busy working on professional development:
 - Nancy Stitt working on Literacy PDIG on Jan. 26, 27;
 - Christina Howard involved in math project from MELS away Jan. 14, 15 and February 25, 26th.
 - Angela Quade and Christina Howard working on NANS math project February 4, 5.
 - Marnie Brown, Bonnie Camus, Catia Valela and Ms. Halpin are starting work on a Visible Learning PDIG.
 - Andrea Scholar and Marnie Brown are part of the Cycle 3 Math. Binder Project and a Daily Five Math project.
 - Ms. Brown travelled to The Ministry of Quebec offices on January 19th to validate the Cycle 3 ELA exam.

7) Commissioner's Report

- Focused on Bill 86
- The review committee is working on keeping schools viable. The Government will no longer subsidize working budgets of schools that have less than 50% student occupation.
- Alexander Shmidt proposes the formation of a subcommittee, focus raising school occupation.

Alexander Shmidt moves to create the subcommittee, seconded by Eric Sanchez

All in favour

Resolution:16-BGB-04

The committee members are:

- ❖ Alexander Shmidt
- ❖ Eric Sanchez
- ❖ Eric Purdy
- ❖ Arlene Brunke

8) Parent Committee Report

- Eric Sanchez reports that the parent committee discussed Bill 86.

- There will be no Governing Board training this year due to Bill 86
- Principal Criteria must be sent in before March 18th.

9) Home & School report

- H&S organized a pizza day for Thursday, December 17th. It was enjoyed by many students and profited around \$160.
- It was decided to cancel the annual cake raffle (normally held during the Christmas concert) due to last minute scheduling problems for the volunteers. It is our hope to continue the tradition next year.
- The 15 iPads that were purchased have been distributed to the teachers. Discussions regarding the possibility for more iPads and/or other spending priorities are underway.
- Upcoming dates:
 - ❖ Thursday, Jan. 28th: Pizza Party for winning class of food drive (Mrs. Howard's Grade 4/5)
 - ❖ Friday, Feb. 12th: Pizza Day
 - ❖ Friday, Feb. 12th: Friendship Dance – Wear Red! This will be a family dance (grade 3 & under must be accompanied by an adult)
 - ❖ Monday, Feb. 15th at 7pm: Next H&S Meeting

10) Correspondence

Principal criteria from Nicole Belec and invitation to Town hall meeting for bill 86

11) Grad committee report

Fundraising is for the school field trip as well as an activity outside of school and organized by the parents (still to be determined).

Students: 34

Field Trip: Overnight Trip – Approx. \$30/student AND buses (approx. \$600)

Total raised to date: \$1,050.00

Current Fundraising in January & 1st week of February: Popcorn Fridays

GB Permission Needed for:

- March: Selling Cookies one week during lunch hour (same as at Halloween)
- April: Selling Chocolate (this would be the grade 6 class ONLY selling chocolate OUTSIDE of the school – family/friends/workplace etc.)

It was moved by Eric Sanchez, seconded by Eric Purdy to approve the sale of cookies during lunch hour in March and the sale of chocolate outside the school in April.

All in Favor

Resolution: 16-BGB-05

12) Next meeting

February 24th at 18h00.

13) Adjournment

It was moved by Bonnie Camus to adjourn at 17h00. Seconded by Stacey Smallian.

All in favour.

Resolution: 16-BGB-06