

BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

Meeting held September 30th, 2015

Present: Dodie Payne
Matthew Cunningham
Christina Howard
Bonnie Camus
Noelle-La de La Vie Nouvelle
Alexander Schmidt

Marnie Brown
Eric Sanchez
Jennifer Cameron
Pierre Pinkos
Stacey Smallian
Eric Purdy

Regrets: none

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

2) **Discuss and Adopt the Agenda**

Eric Sanchez moved to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Jennifer Cameron. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-40

Carried

3) **Minutes of the May 27th meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting were discussed. Bonnie Camus moved the minutes with the following two amendments: under principal's report, the fundraising campaign to replace the wooden play structure will be under student council (not school council), and the teacher's report is to be disregarded pending further review. Seconded by Marnie Brown. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-41

Carried

4) **E-mail Votes**

- a. Online garage sale REFUSED
- b. Canadian tire visit and BBQ APPROVED moved by Matthew, seconded by Jennifer
- c. Student council Norcard TBD
- d. H&S Vessey's fundraiser APPROVED Moved by Matthew, seconded by Alexander.

5) **Principal's Report**

- a. **School Profile:** Dodie Payne presented the school profile, including enrollment and staffing. It was noted that ten new students have begun since the start of the school year.
- b. **Operational Budget:** Dodie Payne presented a quick picture of where we stand to date. It was noted that revenue will be coming in as fees are paid, and grants are received. There will be several changes to the proposed allocations,

however the final amount will remain the same. It was noted that the paper fee is an error as it belongs to PW/Hadley.

- c. **School Success Annual Report:** Final results were presented, with all targets having been met. It was also noted that there was a 79% success rate for IEP goals last year. Targets for the current year have been set for cycle 3.2 students. This year, targets have also been set for cycle 2.2 students. There will be a focus on math this year for these students.
- d. **Grants:**
 - a. **Technology Grant:** This is to purchase 4 Smart Boards (Lindsay Place, Mrs. Quade, Resource, and Pre-K), as well as to purchase 4 laptops.
 - b. **Homework Grant:** Dodie Payne is seeking approval to apply for a grant that will support an after-school homework club. The funds would go towards a coordinator who will be responsible for providing assistance to students in cycle 1,2, or 3.

It was moved by Bonnie Camus and seconded by Marnie Brown to apply for the homework grant in the amount of \$7545.00. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-42

Carried

- c. **Wellness Grant:** Dodie Payne is seeking approval to apply for a grant that is available for grade 6 students (21 boys/13 girls). The funds would go towards a coordinator who will be responsible for soccer skills training and games at lunch hour.

It was moved by Marnie Brown and seconded by Bonnie Camus to apply for the wellness grant in the amount of \$3,763.20. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-43

Carried

- e. **Special Education:** Dodie Payne reported that the school is allocated an amount for special education based on the number of coded students in the school. Current funding from students with special education designations is 2.74 of a teacher. It was noted that we are allocating 2.87 of a teacher at this time.
- f. **Building:**
 - a. Soccer nets purchased by H&S will be installed in the next several weeks.
 - b. The gym is currently being rented 5 nights per week.

It was moved by Noelle-La de La Vie Nouvelle and seconded by Eric Sanchez to set the rental fees for the 2015-2016 year at \$30 per hour plus custodian fees or \$800 per season/total of \$919.80. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-44

Carried

- g. **Subject Time Allocation:** Dodie Payne reported on the school's subject time allocation for the year. It was noted that senior classes will have math

instruction at the same time and classes will be by cycle. This also means a decrease in time allocated towards arts education. It was noted that teachers do incorporate the arts into other subjects.

It was moved by Eric Sanchez and seconded by Eric Purdy to approve the subject time allocation with the following changes: cycle 1 arts education 60min, cycle 2 total apportioned time to 15 hours, and unapportioned time to 10 hours. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-45

Carried

- h. **Kitchen:** Dodie Payne reported that Kelly Maloney is back running the kitchen this year.
- i. **Daily Bread:** Funding from the Anglican Diocese will remain the same for this year. Stacey Smallian is currently planning and the program will start next week.

6) Questions from the Public

- a. A question was raised regarding french programming this year, and whether any enrichment french will be offered. A parent was concerned that children in grade 4, 5 and 6 were all doing the same work. Dodie Payne responded that due to scheduling this year, extra french is not an option, and that all was being done to organize the french programming, with a new teacher having been hired to replace Mme. Charlebois who is still out on leave.
- b. Arlene reported that the WQSB is looking into the possibility of becoming a member of "Learning Partnership" which would provide new initiatives for students.

7) Fundraising

In response to a concern regarding the amount of fundraising initiatives so far this year, Dodie Payne prepared a table with an overview of all fundraising events and/or proposed events. These included initiatives by the Beautification Project (presented by Jennifer Cameron to go towards the new play structure), Home & School (presented by Stacey Smallian to go towards priorities outline by parents, staff, and students with the prime initiative being iPads for each classroom), Student Council (presented by Bonnie Camus), Lindsay Place (presented by Dodie Payne to go towards the upkeep of their bunny, as well as food and snacks), and the Grade 6 graduation committee (presented by Tara Logue which will go towards an end of year trip for the 34 graduating students). After a lengthy discussion, the following decisions were made:

It was moved by Bonnie Camus and seconded by Eric Purdy for student council to hold their Norcard fundraiser. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-46

Carried

It was moved by Alex Schmidt and seconded by Marnie Brown for the Beautification Project to hold a Bingo night in November at the Knights of Columbus. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB--47

Carried

It was moved by Eric Purdy and seconded by Alex Schmidt for Jennifer Cameron to hold an online garage sale with the following statement “All proceeds to go to the Beautification Project at Buckingham Elementary School”. **5 in favour. 5 Against. Chair voted in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-48

Carried

It was moved by Marnie Brown and seconded by Jennifer Cameron for the graduation committee (parents and students) to decorate and sell Halloween cookies to students at lunch hour, as well as to proceed with a “Funscrip” fundraiser (gift cards) leading up to Christmas. **All in favour.**

It was moved by Bonnie Camus and seconded by Jennifer Cameron to give Home & School a blanket agreement for their yearly events, including dances, SubDays, pizza days, and movie nights, with all dates being run by Dodie Payne in advance. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-49

Carried

It was moved by Stacey Smallian and seconded by Eric Purdy to allow the graduation committee, parents and students, to pack groceries at the local Maxi. **All in favour.**

Resolution 15-BGB-50

Carried

8) Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 28th at 6pm

9) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Matthew Cunningham at 8:35 pm due to time, and all remaining agenda items will be tabled until the next meeting.