

Beddington Heights School Parent Council Meeting

April 1st, 2025

Present:

Jennifer Razzo	Rachael Tipper	Nicole Lamboo
Anna Nekola	Natalie Gamache	Ellyse Lambie
Caroline Stuart	Rachelle Skilling	Brooklyn Shill
Aundy Thillmann	Steve Ross	Korin Peacock

Regrets: Stefanie Steele

Parents: none

Acknowledgement of the Land: Steve Ross

Additions to Agenda:

- Principal Report will be updated post-meeting

Adoption of Minutes: March 4th, 2025

- Aundy Thillmann
- Caroline Stuart

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

Principal's Report: Steve Ross

- Spring Photos: April 28th
 - Volunteers needed to help with Picture Day
- Calgary Crew Pilot Program with Flames Foundation
 - Flag football
 - April 22-25
- Camp Chief Hector
 - Great experience
 - Subsidy programme changed
 - This year BHS grandfathered into program
 - Previously could access funding / subsidies, no longer
 - Limited subsidies 1/3 kids can receive subsidies up to 50%
 - \$8600 in subsidies with 36 kids going,
 - Could be 6k short in subsidies for families, or having families who cannot attend due to reduced subsidies
 - How can we move forward?
 - Parent council assistance available?
 - Mr. Ross strongly believes in the value of the camp
 - Benefits: away from families and devices, being in the wilderness, overcoming anxieties

- Can we use Casino funds to cover shortfall?
 - Are there additional grants available to apply for in the meantime?
 - Education matters grant (going to Sensory Room this year)
 - No guarantee to be offered this every year
 - Reallocating Popcorn Funds?
 - Takes away from Hamper Funds
 - Alternative Site?
 - Camp Kiwanis
 - Subsidies not as good
 - May lose spot with Camp Chief Hector if we go elsewhere
 - Looking at April / May Dates for 2026
- Great improvement in traffic outside school
- Tardiness: Work to eliminate
- Volunteer Requests
 - Aggie Days
 - Bookfair
 - Fun Lunch
 - Spring Photos
- Funding Requests
 - Raz Kids: \$650 for rest of year
 - Raz+ Full year: \$2775 for New Curriculum with decodable texts
 - Garden Prep: \$1115
 - Growing area for curriculum and follow your passion
 - Onsite gardening
 - Plantable beds at school
 - Structured Literacy Youthwise: Cookie Sheets: \$600
 - Creating blending boards - move letters around to build and change words coding and decoding
 - Magnetic letters for literacy centres sets of 6
 - Require cookie sheets to stick them on
 - Request \$5/ sheet for magnetic cookie sheets

Vice Principal Report: Rachael Tipper

Looking Forward

- Culture Day on Friday -
 - What Is Culture itself?
 - What's in a name?
 - Where does your name come from?
 - Wear clothing, bring artifacts, share a piece of their culture
 - No food please
- Book Fair April 28-May 1: Volunteers needed

- Owl's Nest Book Fair instead of Scholastic
 - Different book selection than Scholastic
- Volunteer Tea Event
 - List of volunteers for this year provided
 - May 1st 12:30-1p followed by Celebration of Learning
 - Celebration of learning gr 1, 3, 4, 6
 - At 1:15p
 - Evening Performance at 6:00PM
 - Doors open at 1p and 5:45p

Chairperson Report: Jennifer Razzo

- Sensory Room request approved

Vice Chairperson Report: Stefanie Steele - absent

Fundraising Report: Caroline Stuart and Ziba Vahedi

- Growing Smiles Fundraiser: order April 13th-May 8, Delivery May 23

Special Events Report: Stef Steele, Aundy Thillmann

- Can we hold a dance in May?

Kindergarten Report: Natalie Gamache

- none

Charity Report: vacant position

Fun Lunch Report: Rachelle Skilling

- Mary Browns Chicken in May
- Kids receiving donated lunches very excited
 - 9 lunch donations in upcoming Fun Lunch
- Domino's Hunterhorn a usual place: Steve requests for next year based on their fundraising help
 - They don't have anything set up / process for fun lunches, appears to be an iffy option

Volunteer Coordinator Report: Nicole Lamboo

- Aggie Days: 7/10 requested volunteers
- Fun Lunch: 3/3 requested volunteers
- Book Fair: to be posted
- Spring Photos: need 2 parents
- Growing Smiles: Do we need a volunteer?

Community Rep Report: Korin Peacock

- BP Church Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19 at 11AM Easter Egg Hunt

- Sleddington: (Neighborhood music festival) June 28th

Key Communicators Report: Ellyse Lambie

- None , they only meet 2x per year
- April 23rd next meeting

Casino Report: Aundy Thillmann

- ACE Casino (June 20-21)
- Paperwork in May

Grade 6 Farewell Report: Brooklyn Shill

- None

Additions to Agenda:

- none

New Business: none

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:20pm

Next Meeting: May 6th 2025 at 6:30 PM - AGM