

Buckhorn Public School Parent Council meeting: February 3/2022

Attendance

Theresa Therrien	Endrit Karaj	Caroline VanNoort
Allison Schultz	Ashley Garbutt	Kirsty Hill
Michelle North	Rachelle Duffus	

Absent: Susan Guest

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 24/2022 at 6:30 pm

Principal's Report February 3, 2022

Many Thanks

Our community, staff and students have been outstanding in supporting us though the requirements outlined by both the Ministry of Health and Education. Thank you for trusting us, standing with us and doing what we need to do to keep each of us safe.

100% of Loaned Technology has been Returned

Input to 50th Anniversary Celebration Survey Request

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XCoCx70HZLXJpJYzSAGPVBD1GqOzCeVDhzsS1OKPga0/edit>

The link above was sent to Council to gather input.

Council discussed the survey development at length with the following suggestions:

- addition of more comment boxes;
- addition of current and former parents / guardians;
- add in options: DJ or live music, attendance of previous dignitaries, games in yard, scavenger hunt in yard, BBQ, student performances;
- can speak to Sue Swanke for additional ideas;
- possible to reduce redundancies in email address;
- add on option to join Planning Committee;
- share through BCC FB page, Janet Clarkson, local newspaper, Cavendish CC newsletter, Lakefield Herald.

Tentative date for next Council meeting set for 24th of March. Council can review survey input at that time.

Tentative date of September 23rd set for 50th Anniversary celebration. Begin celebrations at around 1:30 or 2pm. Planning will begin in Spring 2022.

Support Staff

We have commitment from the board for 1 Child and Youth Worker, 2 Educational Assistant's and a Personal Support Assistant for 7 hours day until March 10. This is an increase of 2 of the staff from 6.5 to 7 hours / day.

We welcome Kelly Cooney to the Support staff team.

Medical leaves (of support staff) have affected students. 22% of BPS students have IBPs. 80% are modified. School has .5 CERT right now. Rachelle would like to put together data to build case for more support; data drives decision-making.

School population is currently 164 students. Fluctuates heavily. Will continue advocating for increased CERT time.

EQAO

Primary- and Junior-Division Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics will occur between Wednesday, May 4, to Friday, June 24, 2022. Resources for teachers, parents and guardians, and students, including the *Framework* and sample assessments, will be available by mid-February.

Kindergarten Registration

Open. We will update our registrations as they happen by acknowledging them in our newsletter. We currently have 4. We are targeting a minimum of 20 new kindergarten registrars to maintain our school organization.

Report Cards and Case Conferences

Report cards go home via EDSBY February 18.
Optional case conferences are February 15 and 16.

Upcoming events

February 14 Kindness Day
February 23 Pink Shirt Day
February 28 – March 4 Rocks N Rings

Treasurer's Report

Parent Council funds are sitting at a balance of \$2,886.39. This amount does not include the incoming December 2021 and January 2021 Pizza Alloro fundraiser amounts (averaging \$160 a month) and also does not include funds from the Scentsy fundraiser.

Forest of Reading expenses do not appear to have come out of the Parent Council account yet. It appears we have hardly spent any funds.

If you include the Class Trips balance, the hot lunch program funds brought in + previous balance and the parent council balance; this shows the School Council balance adds up to \$5,640.19. I imagine the Class Trips balance stays where it is and will hopefully be used in a year where class trips are a possibility.

Flippive balances are sitting at \$117, \$159 and \$1050. Brett will withdraw the funds in previous years' accounts for deposit to council account.

Allison provided an update on the Parents Reaching Out Grant application. We are pleased that we were provided with \$1600 through this grant. An account has been set up by KPRDSB for the funds which will be reported on the School's Special Budget Report. Council has arranged for a pow wow and hoop dancing performance to be delivered at the school on April 28, performed by the Kehewin Native Dance Theatre. The Performance "Dancing the Red Path" will be delivered and open to all students, parents, and members of the community to enjoy. A final report on this project must be completed and all funds expended by June 15, 2022. Additionally, the grant will cover the travel expenses to release salmon fry that will be hatched at the school. Kirsty indicated that 35 fish techs and the kindergarten children will be taking part in the salmon program. See: www.kehewinnativedancetheatre.com for more information on the Dancing the Red Path show.

Jimmy the Breakdancer has been booked for May 3, 10, 17, and 24th.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of cushions for the kindergarten children. Council approved this expense.

As per Play Structure fundraising; Council has received some funding. Trent Lakes Council approved a \$3,000 grant, of the \$5000 requested. The local Church has donated funds, and a located real estate agent, Lynn Woodcroft, has also donated funds.

Per the play structure; Endrit will be searching for grants throughout the next few months, typically grants seem to start around March/April, and if anyone wishes to help in applying for grants please let Endrit know. One grant is the Canada Post Community Foundation grant. Link for Canada Post Foundation: <https://www.canadapost-postescanada.ca/cpc/en/our-company/giving-back-to-our-communities/canada-post-community-foundation.page>

Endrit and Allison have been testing an online fundraising tool called rallyup.com. Enquiries with the KPR School Board are underway to make certain that this is a tool we are permitted to use and that we are using this tool correctly. If we are permitted to use, rallyup.com appears to give us the ability to hold online raffle, sweepstakes, A-thon, event, crowdfunding, auction and sale fundraising initiatives. All of it hosted online and potential donors are given a choice on whether they want to tip the service.

Discussion around the potential of creating a large outdoor thermometer to put by the road to track progress towards our playground fundraising goal. Thermometer can also be added to newsletter, and instructions for donations shared widely once finalized.

Next meeting will include discussion around distribution of remaining Council funds. Possible items for consideration include outdoor soccer balls, pylons, gym equipment, Ipads / Chromebooks. A chromebook costs around \$458.21 and an iPad around \$502. If these items are purchased through the Board, the Board will not maintain it.

School has a budget of \$17000. To date, expenditures have included \$4500 for walkie-talkies, \$2000 for IXL licenses, \$2000 for RazKids licenses. To provide each classroom with two pieces of technology (Ipads for grade 1-3 and Chromebooks for grades 4-6), the budget is short around \$7000.