

École Barrie Wilson Elementary School

School Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Attendance - 12

Call to Order at 6:19 pm

1. Approval of Previous Minutes (October 18, 2021) - Moved by Chantal, Seconded by Terra. Approved.
2. Approval of Agenda - Moved by April, Seconded by Chantal. Approved.
3. Meagan nominated Amity Sponholz to act as Secretary for School Council. Seconded by Chantal. Approved.
4. Board Representative Report - Trustee Cathy Peacocke
 - The Board of Trustees had their internal elections and chose liaisons for each school. Cathay Peacocke will be the liaison for École Barrie Wilson Elementary School this year. Liaison will meet with the principal, attend school events if allowed by restrictions, and attend school council meetings.
 - Draft Curriculum - there will be a presentation by Learning Services on the Draft Curriculum to the Board of Trustees.
 - Temporary Covid Risk Mitigation Strategy
 - In simple terms this is a requirement for staff in RDPSD to be vaccinated or show proof of negative Covid Test.
 - The policy for this is currently being drafted by the superintendent.
 - This policy will most likely also consider other adults in the building as will.
 - Insurance company has told the Board that if a Risk Mitigation Strategy is not implemented, the insurance costs for the District could increase to \$3.5 million. Current insurance cost is approximately \$780,000.
 - Question to Cathy - where would the district make up the increase in insurance cost if the policy was not implemented? Answer was that of the \$120 million operating budget, approximately 80% is staffing cost, so most likely there would need to be cuts to staffing to make up the change in insurance cost.

- Question to Cathy - how long does the Board have to implement the policy until the insurance company increases prices? Answer was that at this point, the insurance company was not going to increase prices while the Temporary Covid Risk Mitigation Strategy was in draft.
- It was discussed that parents can email all the Trustees and the Superintendent to let them know their thoughts on the Temporary Covid Risk Mitigation Strategy at trustees@rdpsd.ab.ca.

5. Principal's Message - Colette Pedde

- RDPSD applied for extra funding for learning interventions due to the pandemic. The school was able to get more funding and hired some staff for 4 months. This hiring will be complete before Christmas and staff will help with learning loss identified.
- Grade 1 will have learning assessments for Learning Loss Intervention programs. If approved, this may start in March.
- Review of the annual report. Report can be found [HERE](#) for review.
- Barrie Wilson has implemented a school wide intervention approach for every single student in Literacy. For students that have been identified as needing more intervention, they are doing 30 minutes of guided reading every single day. Those already reading at grade level, they are doing 30 minutes of guided reading three times a week.
- Barrie Wilson has 84 ESL students. They are working in the same Literacy Intervention model as above. There may be some future Professional Development for teachers to support ESL learners.
- Small group numeracy Intervention is also happening for those with identified need.

6. School Council Events/Fundraisers

- Christmas Market
 - The Christmas Market will be a go this year to bring back some community, normalcy and holiday joy!
 - Items can be dropped off at the school December 6, 7, 8 and 9.
 - We are hoping to set up tables in the gym to provide ample space for two classes to shop at a time.
 - Shopping for students will occur December 13 and 14.
- Hot Lunch Program - Christine
 - Edo Japan on November 17 - big order!
 - Volunteers will be needed to help.

- Fresh Fruit Fridays - Amity
 - Co-op has agreed to make skewers for all students and staff to be delivered November 26, 2021.
 - This is paid for by the school's nutrition funding and not by Parent Council.

- Poinsettia Fundraiser - Amity
 - Fundraiser ready to go ahead.
 - Dates of the fundraiser: Forms to be sent home November 16 and due back to the school November 22. Vouchers will be sent home on November 23.

- Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser - Meagan
 - Fundraiser will happen in early December with chocolate pick up on December 10.

7. Other Business

- None

Adjourned at 7:32pm

Next Meeting: Monday, January 17 at 6:00pm, via [Google Meets](#).

École Barrie Wilson Elementary School Parent Fundraising Association Meeting Held after School Council Meeting

Call to Order at 7:33pm

1. Approval of Previous Minutes (October 18, 2021) - Motion by Terra, seconded by Meagan. Approved
2. Approval of Agenda - Motion by Crystal, seconded by Chantal. Approved.
3. Treasurer's Report - Meagan
 - Catherine sends her regrets for a last minute issue.
 - Account balance is around \$5700, of which \$2250 is earmarked for supply funding for classrooms in January.
4. Funding Requests
 - The Christmas Market Committee would like to have some money to spend on needed items for the market (typically gift bags and gifts focused more for men for students to purchase).
 - Crystal motions to approve \$250.00 for the Christmas Market. Seconded by Chantal. Approved.
 - Request to fund a picnic table for the playground. More information is needed. Crystal will look into cost. Meagan will look into approval from the city as they would need to install/maintain the item.
5. Meagan nominated Amity Sponholz to act as Secretary for the Parent Fundraising Association. Seconded by Chantal. Approved.
6. Other Business
 - Discussion regarding Parent Council implementing a policy requiring in school volunteers at Parent Council supported events show proof of vaccination. AHS has strongly recommended this for events such as the Christmas Market. Conclusion was that we would not set a specific policy at this time but will follow AHS recommendations.

Adjourned at 7:46pm