

**Beau Valley Public School
School Community Council (SCC)
Monday September 23rd 2019 Meeting Minutes**



Members Present: Sharda Coros (Chair), Sarah Moffatt (Vice-Chair), Miranda Gibson (Secretary), Shannon Lesch (Treasurer), Edward Crosier, Allison Johnston, Jen McCann, Candace Allixendir, Erin MacCormack, Christie MacDermid, Erin Ferguson Marilyn Brown (Non-Teaching Representative), John McLeod (Principal)

Regrets: None

Community Guests: None

1. Welcome and Introduction of new members: (Principal John McLeod)

- Welcome and introduction.
- Review and approval of SCC members for the school year.
- Review of Norms for the SCC meetings for the year.

2. Principals Report: (Principal McLeod)

- Introduction of new staff for the 2018/2019 school year.
- Student population is 209 which is a decrease from last year. The portables have been dismantled and the field is nice and open.
- Initiatives for this year are: Chromebooks, Google Classroom and Google appointment.
- Co-curriculars are already on the go. Water shed festival took place.
- There is a huge focus this year on Well-Being. The school implemented the "First 20 days of wellness" and the idea is to have a focus on all of the elements of well-being. There will be common language from K-8.
- It focuses on sources of support and how to help a friend get back into the green zone.
- Terry Fox Run- Sept 27
- Orange Shirt Day Sept. 30 (Connections to reconciliation)

School Plan

- EQAO results: some areas we did well and others not so well. The data will be released soon.
- Main focus on Equity/Inclusion and Well-Being.
- Early Reading Intervention is a large focus. Building that letter/sound recognition as well as building writing stamina.
- Primary focus also on Reading with Meaning.
- Math focus: automaticity (use of math games, number facts, and the use of math tools and strategies)
- Last year, many students were hesitant to use the manipulatives to help so teachers are training them to use them.
- Self-Regulation remains a focus. Students will practice knowing what zone they are in and how to get back to the green zone.

- The school also has a Girl Empowerment club. A student attitudinal survey was conducted and unfortunately, the majority of social conflict and bullying has been from the girls.
- The club helps model appropriate ways to deal with each other.
- In terms of Equity, the school's goals are to meet students needs daily, as well as build independence and focus more on learning skills rather than academics.

Other Business

3. Elections

- All positions were acclaimed.
- Chair- Sharda Coros
- Vice Chair- Sarah Moffatt
- Secretary- Miranda Gibson
- Treasurer- Shannon Lesch
- Voting Members: Alli, Candace, Erin F. Erin M, Ed, Jen and Christie.
- Non-Teaching Representative- Marilyn Brown
- Teaching Representative- Lori Hammell
- We are currently looking for a Community Rep.

4. Discussion of committees

- Parent/Community Engagement
- Safe and Inclusive Schools Team (Sharda agreed to be the rep)
- Fundraising (Including Spring Fling)
- Policy
- Ed mentioned that there were bylaws created in previous years. Mr.McLeod will bring what he has to the next meeting and we can go from there.
- It was noted that we need someone to take over Pizza Fundraising.
- Jen and Sharda volunteered to be the pizza operators and they will be starting the week before or the week after Thanksgiving.
- They will be in need of volunteers to help with this.
- It was also noted that a Grade 8 Fundraising committee has already been started up.
- There was discussion about possibly having a technology night at the school to aid in Parent engagement.
- Sarah had talked about having a wellness night. Alli noted she is interested in helping with that.
- It was suggested that we use the SCC money to run an event since the PROgrants are done for now.
- Family yoga night was suggested.

5. Spring Fling (Erin. M)

- The first meeting for the Spring Fling committee will be on October 17th at 5:30pm in the BVPS Library.
- This is a huge event that takes place the Thursday before the PA Day in June.
- They need lots of volunteers to help out.
- They will be meeting once a month. Then in February it will become twice a month and then once a week leading up to the event.

- Spring Fling Date; Thursday June 4th, 2020

6. Financial Update: (Mr. McLeod)

- Opening Balance was \$1076.
- Allocated Funds: Projection and Sound Equipment \$8735.20 (After receiving 3 different quotes we now know that the equipment will cost around \$15,000)
- Nova's Ark Field Trip: \$1156.53
- Subscriptions: \$500
- Recess Equipment: \$450
- We aren't sure yet what we brought in from the Welcome Back BBQ.
- It was suggested that we give the money to the grade 8 fundraising committee. We decided to wait and see what was brought in first.
- Erin and Alli were to go shopping ASAP to purchase recess equipment.
- There was discussion about Grade 8 Grad and how fundraising makes the Grad trip more affordable to families. Typically, trips run between \$300-\$500.
- It was mentioned that many schools are shifting away from the dance idea and rather going out for dinner to celebrate the end of Grade 8.

7. Approval of paying for School Council Liability Insurance (\$151.20)

- All in favour, approved.

8. Healthy Snack Program

- We received an extra grant for the Healthy Snack program.
- Last year's delivery service no longer comes to Durham.
- Sarah, Jen, Sharda and Candace all offered to pick up orders from local grocery stores to help out in bringing in the snacks.
- Mrs. Brown reminded us that we could do online ordering and then just pick up.
- The goal is for the program to be up and running by mid-October.

9. Meeting Dates:

- The following are the dates for the SCC Meetings for the 2019-2020 school year,
- Monday October 21st 2019 6:00pm -7:30pm(Usually the Budget meeting)
- Monday November 11th, 2019 6:00pm- 7:30pm
- Monday December 9th, 2019 6:00pm- 7:30pm (if needed)
- Monday January 13th, 2020 6:00pm- 7:30pm
- Monday February 10th , 2020 6:00pm- 7:30pm
- Monday March 9th, 2020 6:00pm- 7:30pm (if needed)
- Monday April 20th, 2020 6:00pm- 7:30pm
- Monday May 11th, 2020 6:00pm- 7:30pm
- Monday June 8th, 2020 6:00pm- 7:30pm (if needed)

10. Fundraising –(Erin. M.)

- Erin brought up the selling of Poinsettias.
- If any new ideas are thought of, she encourages people to bring them to the table.

- There was a conversation about a winter concert and we are unsure at this point if we will have one in December.
- The SCC could host an open house despite potential job action.

11. Thank you and Good Nights

- Mr. McLeod announced that at the next meeting we are to discuss what we would like to see from a school administrator.
- It was also mentioned that there is a board SCC email address we could use.
- Meeting was adjourned.
- Next Meeting will be **Monday October 21st, 2019 at 6:00pm.**