

## Byng Public School Council Minutes

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Present:** Janet Forster, Danielle Allen, Janine Donkers, Ali Bucknell, Marion Spellman, Lesia Collicutt, Mae Senick, Troy Dowdall, Kerry Dowdall

**Review and approval of the Agenda:** Agenda approved.

**Previous Minutes:** Jackie Kavanaugh's name to be corrected. Motion to approve as amended. Ali made a motion to accept the previous minutes. Marion seconded the motion. Approved.

**Outdoor sports equipment update:** Approximately \$300 was spent on outdoor equipment, leaving roughly \$200 remaining. Tetherball the rope was replaced. But will no longer be using due to safety concerns.

**Transition team meeting:** The first transition team meeting is on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Alicia White is our parent representative. Three students have been selected for the committee. One student from grade 6, grade 7 and grade 8.

**Grade 8 grad/close out plans-** Mae advises the grade 8 grad to go as per normal. There was a question about whether next year's grade 8 students will have a graduation. This is unknown at this point in time.

Mae spoke to Jackie Kavanaugh and she advised to spend the funds allocated to the grade 7 and 8 students by the end of the year.

Since there will no longer be grade 7 and 8 at Byng after this year, we need to make sure that the fundraising items don't keep accumulating for these grades. If more funds do come through, we could still possibly do another small field trip before the end of the year.

Council will continue to discuss the transition team's progress in future meetings.

**Teacher requests:** Are there any current teacher needs? Art supplies would be appreciated. Kerry made a motion that council will give each teacher (14 teachers) \$100 from classroom needs to spend. Danielle seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's report:** Expenses for the bazaar is the baskets that were purchased. Janet made a motion, and Danielle seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

**Principal's report:** The Rocky Mountain apple fundraiser went well. The Transition meeting is coming up. Students enjoyed the dance. We had Country and Western day. Flag football and Junior girls basketball went well this year. Intermediate boys volleyball and girls intermediate basketball have started. Parent teacher interviews are coming up. Council discussed having a submission in the Byng Newsletter. If we have anything to add to the newsletter, Mae would need the submission a week prior to the beginning of the month. Janet volunteered to look after that, requesting that anyone else let her know if they have anything to add.

**Fundraising:** Byng Bazaar- everything seems well organized. 500 tickets have been printed and cut. Janet got the Bazaar added to the Township events page and Enterprise Bulletin events. Danielle called the Creemore Echo - Trina might do an editorial on it and also gave Sal Grecko, who puts together Georgian Life magazine, a dozen of our posters and distributed around Collingwood. It was suggested that we start our own event on Facebook. Jen Gerrior started a Byng Bazaar page through her business. Georgian Life might be able to come and take pictures at the Bazaar.

Marion would like to see it in the coming events in the newspapers. Metroland has not approved the content yet, Danielle is still waiting to hear from them. Creemore, Stayner and Collingwood newspapers have been contacted but some still have to be approved. Danielle has advertised on Simcoe.com, mycollingwood.ca, Kick 106 and the Peak fm. Marion spoke to people at the 97.7 station. There was discussion about flyers and where they are posted. Baskets are being put together on Wednesday right after school and students have been arranged to assist. Grade 8 chili is looked after. Ali has the coffee and hot chocolate looked after, Coffee Culture is supplying the cups. One or 2 cases of water is needed and possibly some juice boxes as well. Ali will put together a letter asking for help and donations.

Christmas trees- We are using Hamilton bros. again. The price has gone up, so we will charge \$28 per tree. Orders need to be in by the Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Danielle will get the forms and place the order. Pick up day Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. 2-3:30 at Byng, we have a few that may request earlier delivery.

Ali asked about council doing another fundraiser, is this something that we want to do? She suggested The Bean Ladies. They provide healthy snacks including chick peas, garbanzo beans that are dried and seasoned. Council will discuss this in January.

Bright's cheese will be taken off the fundraising plan.

**Staff report:** No staffing changes. Progress reports will come home on Friday. Staff will be doing interviews all week. Friday is a PD day.

**New business:** Holiday food and toy drive. Danielle is checking to make sure everything is still set for this event - contacting the paramedics. Possible date is December 15<sup>th</sup>. This could be mentioned in the December newsletter.

Marion and Danielle made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Next council meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30