

Byng School Council

November 7th, 2016

Present: Ali Bucknell, Sylvie Saether, Danielle Allen, Janet Forster, Marion Spellman, Mae Senick, Claudia Chandler, Kerry Dowdall

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting. Council's consent was requested to make a change to the agenda as Superintendents John Dance and Jackie Kavanaugh were joining the meeting to discuss the timelines for Byng closing. Janet welcomed Superintendents Dance and Kavanaugh to the meeting. Superintendent Dance summarized the business case that had been submitted requesting 12.2 million in funding for additions to both SCI and Clearview Meadows. The proposal is to create a campus style school, connecting the two buildings. A renewal was also requested for SCI. The Stayner schools were moved to capitol priority number 2, but numbers 4 and 5 were chosen for funding instead. The SCDSB will find out what they can do to improve and try submitting again during the next cycle. In the next couple of months, a business case will be presented for School Capital Consolidation. Byng should be the only application in our School Board, however we compete against all of the school boards for funding. The Board is continuing to look into partnership possibilities. (ex. a child care centre within the school)

The timeline is as follows:

2018 – SCI will become a 7-12 school

2018 - Byng and Clearview Meadows will become K-6 schools until 2020, when Byng will close regardless of funding. We may have to have portables during construction. The Ministry may decide that our area can wait for funding. An attendance area review will happen for the SCI catchment area.

Janet mentioned that during one of the ARC meetings teacher retention was discussed as being a potential problem and we have in fact, -lost teachers. Jackie said that yes, it will happen, but we will also get new teachers, who may be more willing to try new things. It was mentioned that if we knew in advance about teachers leaving, we as parents could possibly prepare our children, the Board representatives indicate that there is- nothing that the Board can do.

Janet thanked John and Jackie for coming, at which point they excused themselves from the remainder of the meeting.

The previous minutes were reviewed. Danielle made a motion and Marion seconded to approve the minutes.

Mae spoke to the balances that are in the grade 6-8 field trips. Sometimes we get a rebate or someone doesn't go. Sometimes a fundraiser says it goes to general school needs AND grade 8 field trip. In this case the money has to get split evenly. Mae suggests that since we are moving into a k-6 model in the next two years, maybe we could split the funds over the next two years for the current classes. Ali asked if we could take the money from the grade 6 field trip and give it to the current grade 7s. Janet asked if we could think about it over the next four weeks and discuss at the next meeting.

Yearbook: There has been no response yet on whether any high school students are interested in helping with the Byng yearbook. Janice Ellerby will let us know.

Book of memories: It was suggested that we not do the book of memories since we have had no response from the community. Sylvie suggested having a calendar of memories made up to give out to families. There was discussion about the funds that we had allocated for the book of memories. Danielle motioned, and Janet seconded to change the wording from the book of memories to Byng dedication/closing funds. (Dedicated to the closing of the school.)

Sport team uniforms: Claudia said that most of the students have purchased their own shirts, and 20 extras were purchased to lend out. We are able to order more if needed. Can we ask Mrs. Beattie what else they offer that we could possibly get for our students for 'spirit wear' and ask about a banner as well.

Treasurer's Report: The Smile cookie money was moved to the Eat well to excel program, and volunteers are required to help. Ali offered to shop and Sylvie offered to assist in filling the buckets and to prepare some of the food. Ali motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Marion seconded.

Principal's Report: There was an EA position that was filled. Byng was granted an increase of .5 for an EA. The EA allotment is based on the school's needs.

Fundraising: Bazaar- We still have people wanting to purchase a table, but we've been full for a while. The chairs are coming from Clearview Township but we still need a few tables for the foyer. We need some students to help move tables. Janet has some table clothes. Sylvie is getting the baskets for the raffle. How are we making out with donations so far? There are some baskets that are not very full yet, could we send out another reminder to families for the donations? Marion has cello wrap. We will meet on Wednesday at 4:00 to wrap the baskets. We also need 11 paper bags or a can with a hole in the lid to put the tickets in. Leslie looks after a float for us. We need a sign for the raffle table. Bright's cheese donated cheese for samples. Sylvie has the food looked after. Tickets are done. If Marion needs any help, please contact us.

Sylvie says students are asking about the hotdogs, why are we not doing it yet? Mae said that she wants to get the nutrition buckets going consistently first.

Review of the 2016/2017 fundraising plan, was put over to the next meeting. Janet made that motion and Ali seconded.

Staff report: Football is done, volleyball is underway. Our Remembrance Day assembly- is on Friday. We have a speaker from Borden coming to speak to grades 6-8. Claudia asked staff for wish lists for supplies. Some items requested were: Grades K-3 would like home reading books. They're asking for \$10 thousand. Intermediate classes would like STEAM kits \$500. Outdoor equipment for all grades- \$100. RAZ an online program for kindergarten \$130 approx. -per license. It would benefit 30 students. Intermediate and junior teachers haven't gotten back to Claudia. Any other wishes can be sent by email and added as an addendum to the minutes.

School website: Mae is looking after that, maybe a week until she's ready to get it updated. Council info needs to be update.

It was mentioned that the outside sign needs to be updated, sometimes it is two weeks out of date. The sign itself needs to be painted. Mae will look into getting quotes on updating the maintenance of the sign.

Next meeting is Dec. 5th at 6:30pm.

Secretarial note; Council meeting moved to Dec. 12th at 6:30pm at the request of Mrs. Senick.

Marion motioned, and Sylvie seconded to adjourn.