

Bath PS Parent Council Minutes

September 12, 2018

In attendance: April Bell-Asselstine, Brigid Steele, Megan Sparrow, Stephanie Daye, Tanya Punchard, Kate Brown, Asia Brownlee, Joleen Castell, Jacqueline Cote, Cheryl Livingston, Janice Miller, Elaine Donaldson, Cindy Willson, Tracy MacVicar, Shannon Beal, Shawna Greyling, Megan Sonneveld, Katherine Hare.

Regrets: Sarah Schembri, Greg Daye, Jane Davis, Mugsy Falconer.

Called to order at 6:33 pm

June 2018 minutes adopted by Cheryl, seconded by Shannon.

Introductions were made by everyone around the table before the meeting started.

Old Business

Financial- Shawna

-Financial report circulated and reviewed. SAC had a good year last year and there is \$14,019.14 cash on hand.

-Question was posed regarding the \$4,739.72 in extra spending on the financial report. Shawna reviewed what it covered and the breakdown is included in the table below.

Extra Spending	Amount
Canada day Parade 2017	\$38.90
Giant Cheque	\$56.50
Library Automation	\$468.95
Shade Shelter	\$107.00
Projectors	\$3,240.00
Books (rocks)	\$29.95
Ultimate Frizbee Disc	\$104.12
Ukulele Bags	\$565.00
Music Shelving	\$124.37
Canada day Parade 2018	\$4.93
Total	\$4,739.72

Teacher wish list items last year-Tracy

- The equipment shed has been installed in the Kindergarten yard, this expense was split with SAC.
- Headphones are on order, they are not in yet. The invoice needs to be sent to Shawna.
- Basketball court has not started yet but will be done.
- Circuit kits are on hold. ACTION: Brigid will follow-up with Mr. Nickel

Rock garden

- Discussion regarding what the plans are for the rock garden and what maintenance will look like in the long run so that it does not become an eyesore. Also discussed where the best place would be for the rock garden.
- ACTION: Brigid will follow-up with facilities and ask if there are any limitations on where it can be placed. More information to come on this.

Parent Lending Library

- Shawna circulated the books that were purchased with the remaining PRO grant from last spring following Dr. Tripp's evening presentation.
- Discussed where to set-up a bookshelf that can house these resources. The pit was suggested. Brigid will look into the pit and other possible spaces for this.

Fundraising: Spring fundraisers for this year

- The fall fundraisers were reviewed:
 - Mabels Labels and Fundscript are always running in the background
 - Fresh from the Farm-Sarah and Cindy
 - Little Ceasars-Jane with help from the intermediate students
 - Bazaar-Jacqueline
 - McMillans-Asia
- Spring:
 - lunch/food cloths were discussed, no decision made.
 - Little Ceasars-Jane, plus students
 - Thrift sale

-Bottle drive

If anyone has any spring fundraising ideas they want to bring forward, send them to Shannon before November so they can be considered.

New Business

Remind App-Tracy

-Tracy circulated copies of how to sign up for the SAC Remind App. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up.

Notice of Elections for October

-SAC executive elections will take place at the next meeting which is on Oct. 3. A notice regarding the SAC elections will be going home next week.

Meeting Dates

-Slips of paper were circulated for everyone to vote on their preferred evening (Mon, Tues or Wed.) for SAC meetings this year.

Code of Ethics

-The Ministry of Education strongly recommends parent councils to have a code of ethics. A Code of Ethics has been created for Bath PS SAC, Shannon circulated copies to everyone and read it aloud. Opportunity for questions was given.

-Copies of the code of ethics were signed and handed in.

SAC year-end report

-A year-end report from SAC gets submitted to the LDSB at the end of June.

-A copy of the year-end report will be going out next week.

Other

Additional liability insurance-Shawna

-\$150 for liability insurance was discussed. VOTE: Passed to purchase the extra insurance.

SAC secretary-Katherine

-Katherine will be stepping down from the secretary job. Anyone is encouraged to run for this position at the elections next month.

PRO grant for 2018/2019 school year-Asia

-Question was raised if we were allowed to submit a late application for the PRO grant. We were not able to do this.

McMillan's fundraiser dates-Asia

-Deferred to the October meeting.

Home reader program-Cindy

-Cindy will not be continuing to help run the home reader program after this December. Please consider helping with this important job. Cindy will train anyone who would like to take this job over.

Teacher Report

-Not much to report as everyone is busy with the start-up of the school year.

Principal Report

Good News, Information and Updates at Bath PS:

Thank you for being here in support of your children, our students and Bath PS. We appreciate your time, energy, creativity and dedication.

We have had a great start to the year!

Many opportunities for students starting up – Running Club, Soccer Yard Pals, Maker club, Bus Patrollers Terry Fox Event .

Welcome to new staff –

Carrie Valin - Educational Assistant

Trent Parker – Educational Assistant

Brittany Brown – Educational Assistant

Our staffing is in place for the year - we have heard back from the LDSB staffing committee and we are not required to re-organize. This means that we will not be adding or losing classes this year, and will not have to reorganize class lists. It is great to have stable classes in the second week of the school year – students can settle into their classes, and educators can continue with diagnostic assessments and other baseline tasks knowing their class will not change.

Healthy Partnership – program with SLC nursing students – 6 week placement with nursing students going into classrooms.

Thank-you to Elaine Donaldson for the beautiful flowers and gardens.

Open House Thursday, Sept. 27 from 5:30-6:30 PM

Parent involvement committee - The mandates of the PIC are:

To provide information and advice on parent engagement to the Board.

To communicate with and support school council's and parents/guardians of the Board.

To undertake activities to help parents of pupils of the Board support their children's learning at home and at school.

The goal of PIC is to have every council representative on the email distribution list. [The first meeting of the year takes place on Thursday, October 11 at 6 PM \(A light dinner is served at 5:30 PM\) at the Education Centre in Kingston.](#) If you are interested either connect with Brigid Steele or email Scot Gillam at gillams@limestone.on.ca

This year we will continue to improve our communication with families and appreciate any feedback that you have. Classroom staff will continue to use phone calls, agendas (in some classes) to connect with families and some staff may also use Google classroom, email and other web applications, including Twitter.

At the school level, we will continue to use Twitter to share what is happening at the school including reminders about special events, snow days and important information. Our monthly newsletter will continue and these will now arrive through Smore and can also be received through email. The newsletter will also be posted on the school website which has been updated.

Finally, the Board has launched a new Limestone app. Available for iOS, Google, and android platforms, it can deliver board and school news right to your mobile device. You can select your schools, so if you have students at Bath and ESS, for instance, you can stay connected with both schools through one app. You can choose to receive push notifications, so that you are notified when your schools or the Board post new news items.

Mail

-A thank you card with pictures of the items that have been purchased in support of our music program at Bath PS was circulated from Ms. Baetz.

Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Date of next meeting is Wednesday Oct. 3rd 6:30 pm in the library. Free childcare, all welcome.