



MINUTES

Byron Southwood P.S. Home & School / School Council

1379 Lola St, London ON N6K 3R6 (519) 452-8100

1/17/2024 | 6:30p.m.-7:25p.m. | School Library

Meeting called to order by Charlotte McQueen at 6:30p.m.

Officers

Presidents/Co-Chairs: Charlotte McQueen & Mandy Long

Vice President/Vice Chair: Melissa Sharpe

Treasurer: Valerie Laufman

Secretary: Tonia Siemon

Fundraising Chair: Erin Smith

Past President: Krista Muncaster

In Attendance

Charlotte McQueen, Tonia Siemon, Matt Koiva, Lesley Bowering, Maria Leon, Kimberly Knight, Darbi Greensides, Deana Davis, Amy Thompson, Valerie Laufman, Emily Wood, Matt Ebel, Kelly McCormick, Rebecca Vickers

Approval of Minutes/Agenda

- **GEN-JAN2024-01 THAT WE APPROVE NOVEMBER MINUTES**
M: K. Knight S: C. McQueen Carried

Principal's Report-Kelly McCormick

- Thurs Feb 9th Report Cards go home.
- Friday Jan 19th PD Day.
- Thurs June 20th is the assumed day for Grade 8 grad: waiting for official Saunders confirmation.
- Balanced Day Discussion:
 - Southwood is 1 of 14 schools that is not balance day in TVDSB.
 - Southwood will have a vote for staff and the school community to see if we should switch from traditional day to balanced day to start 2024-2025 school year (TVDSB may eventually force this). 80% of the school community must participate in the vote.
 - Instruction time is lost each day with this schedule because of the extra transitions required.
 - All schools need 300 instructional minutes each day.
 - Would have one 50-minute and one 40-minute break daily.
 - May have more opportunities for extracurricular activities with balanced day because of having two longer recesses.
 - More availability for supervision.
 - More details will be provided to Byron Southwood families via e-blast on January 24th; please call the office with any questions.
- Safe and Inclusive School Plan; another speaker will be coming about Respect.

- Southwood will now get new students from Byron holding zones; previously these students were allocated to Byron Somerset.

Staff Report-Matt Ebel

- Grade 8 graduation: teachers will be taking kids to Palasad after Saunders graduation for a fun evening.
- Grad trip is still being planned. This will be a day trip. More details to follow.
- Carnival is being planned for March 1st for Gr 3-8 by Mr. Feldman.
 - \$500 request for this event to Home & School; will submit a breakdown so an electronic vote can take place.
- Volleyball is ongoing.
- JR Basketball is a go this spring thanks to parent volunteers.

Financial Report

- After all the expenses have been calculated the basket raffle raised \$2470 (\$2900 last year).

Fundraising

- Fundraising initiatives will be discussed in February include Goodwill clothing drive, April dance, and Funfair.

New Business

- Parents requested if there was a way to make JK orientation more meaningful to new students by providing them more of an opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms before they begin. Many schools offer a time in late spring of the previous year for new students to come in.

GEN-NOV2023-02 THAT WE MOTION TO ADJOURN

M: V. Laufman S: C. McQueen Carried

Next Meeting Scheduled: February 21st , 2024.