



MINUTES

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

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04/13/2026 | 6:33p.m- 7:30p.m. | School Library

Meeting called to order by Mandy at 6:33pm

Officers

President/ Chair: Tonia Siemon/Mandy Long

Vice President: Nina Rudd

Treasurer: Valerie Laufman

Secretary: Elisha Bergeron

Fundraising Chair: Candice Avola-Lyons

In Attendance

Present: Elisha Bergeron, Valerie Laufman, Nina Rudd, Candice Avola-Lyons, Tonia Siemon, Mandy Long, Amy Thompson, Amber Wallace, Natasha Barby, Darbi Greensides, Meredith Lockwood, Ismay Herbert, Matt Ebel, Tammy Adams, Dayna Aalbers, Megan Powell, Michelle MacDonald, Lisa Fleet

Regrets: Jenn Whitty, Scott Mandich, Charlotte Kaye McQueen, Alyssa Ostryhon, Ashley Rockwood Armstrong, Tasha Whyte

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- **GEN-APR2026-01 THAT WE APPROVE APRIL AGENDA**
M: Amy Thompson S: Natasha Barby **Carried**
- **GENAPR-2026-02 THAT WE APPROVE MARCH MINUTES**
M: Natasha Barby S: Darbi Greensides **Carried**

Principal Report-Lisa Fleet

- Facilities Update
 - Windows complete, waiting on blinds for some areas, couple touch ups left to go.
- Extra Curriculars
 - Kiwanis music festival did well and the school brought home Gold.
 - Kindness Club Kids Kare on going.
 - Floor hockey intramurals are starting and will happen at nutrition breaks.
- Spring Staffing
 - We have been allotted the following for next year.
 - 5 kindergarten Classes
 - 9 primary Classes grades 1-3

- 11 junior intermediate Classes grades 4-8. There will be an increase of 1 class from this school year. Request for portable has been submitted. We are a holding zone for the new school. When the new school opens, we will see a decline. The numbers change each year and projections change.
- Upcoming Events
 - Spring Concerts
 - May 5 – grades 5/6-8 - 9:30am and 12:00pm
 - May 7 – grades 3-5 - 9:30am and 12:00pm
 - May 12 – grades k-2/3 – 9:30am and 2:15pm
 - Kindergarten Open House May 6 at 4:00pm
 - June 18th Grade 8 graduation
 - Kindergarten graduations – June 19th 2:15pm.
- The Learning Agenda
 - EQAO dates for grade 3 and grade 6 have been set. Week of June 1st.

Updates – Climbers are open. April 13, 2026.

Staff Report-Matt Ebel

- Thank you for the HDMI cables, Mr. Ebel set them up.
- Track and field day at school will be April 30th and rain day will be May 1st. Will use tent bought by Home and School.
- Track and Field regionals will be led by Mr. Masek and happen on May 22nd.
- Mr. Ebel offering support for the book/ puzzle fundraiser and will have students organize books and his co-op student.
- Softball will happen and Mr. Ebel will coach one of the teams (girls, boys) and just figuring out the other team's teacher coach. Track and Field is priority.

Financing Report

- March income/ expense review – Home and School's bank accounts has approx. \$58,800 and this is for Grad budget, includes best seat of the house \$1200, \$17,000 for budget items, \$15,000 in munch a lunch cheque coming in and out and money we are holding for chrome books. This money also includes money we raised for past projects that are no longer going forward.
- Block 3 Munch-a-Lunch has finished and raised \$5462.
- Chrome book total fundraiser is \$40,000. We have \$7025 towards goal. \$1814 raised on Christmas 3D and \$990 raised on Valentine's 3D
- Halo carwash raised \$570. Each car wash was \$20, and they gave us back \$10.
- Goodwill fundraising raised \$756. There were 189 bags donated.

- The budget right now is coming along nicely and Home and School have a few line items to complete. There is \$4070 left to fill the budget line items.
- Home and School will use the Christmas basket lottery account to fund the school jerseys. There is \$1900 in the lottery account to be spent.
- Bike Rack is still a topic of discussion. Mrs. Fleet will ask about a bike rack from facilities and will report back.
- Left over funds from last year for the tarmac, early literacy, gaggle ball pit, \$5500. With including the bike rack is \$7000. Home and School will need new ideas on what to do with the funds. We must spend the money this year and can not let it role over to next year.
 - The littles are spending a lot of time digging in the long jump pit. Mrs. Fleet asking for a sand box like the kindergarten yard. Will talk to facilities and report back. They just put in a work order for sand for the long jump pit.
 - Rainy day-games, fidgets, toys for sand pits, maze balls, colouring pages, mind games, Nina will create some busy day boxes. Mr. Ebel can make fidgets. Game ideas are Chess, Happy Salmon, Nina will connect with Darbi for ideas.
 - \$2000 for grades 1-8, toy rotation, \$100 per a classroom is the idea.
 - \$300 to provide plaques for memories of Jana and Dale, finalizing the names for the plaques, looking to get a picture engraved of the student on it. School submitted quotes to Strath craft, 12 spots to give to a student each year. Dale will be intermediate award. Jana will be a grade 3-6 award. Having a mural made in honor of both students, looking to put it in the library.
 - We still have the goal of chrome books; we can allocate some of the money left over there too.
 - \$2300 of the \$5500. Will discuss more in May once block 4 is complete and more information on sandbox and bike racks from Mrs. Fleet.

Vote to spend \$2000 for rainy day bins

M: Valerie Laufman S: Nina Rudd

All in Favour Carried

Vote to spend \$300 for plaques

M: Megan Powell S: Amber Wallace

All in Favour Carried

Fundraising Report

- **Spring Market** – 20 vendors confirmed and paid. Advertising on social media and put some posters up in local businesses. Tonia has created a volunteer schedule sign up with 1-hour increments. Will use pilons in parking lot day of to control traffic and where vendors can park. Megan has already mentioned to vendors to unload then move cars elsewhere. Mr. Ebel will get his students to help make posters.

- **Funfair** – is booked for Friday June 5th and the food is booked. Will send out sign up genius shortly for volunteers.
 - Home and School created What's up app group for funfair decorations. Let us know if you want to be apart of the decoration committee.
 - Kevin from Byron Pizza is lending coolers again this year.
 - Nina has arranged to have the chalk design again in the kindergarten yard.
 - Mandy will do a floor plan set up for where we would like activities and stations to go.
 - On May 11th advanced tickets for games and food will be available on Munch-a-lunch site. Will do hot dogs, burgers, pop, chips, juice boxes again this year.
 - Will start collecting bottles for Bottle toss game on May 11th to each classroom. Will collect May 11- May 28th. Nina will work on getting Boxes for each classroom for collection.
 - Mr. Ebel has a cotton candy Machine for use. Nina and Mr. Ebel will connect later to arrange packaging and pricing for cotton candy. Materials for cotton candy has been donated already.

New Business/ Existing Business

- During June's meeting we will do elections for Home and School executive roles for next school year. There will be some changes as Mandy will be moving to past president and Valerie will be stepping down. We want people to start thinking about the treasurer role and if any one is interested. New treasure needs to be apart of Home and School for 20 days before they can be elected. New rules for Home and School say that there is only allowed one president/ chair role but there can be more then one vice chair.
- We will be doing a staff appreciation lunch again this year on June 26th. Approx. 50 Staff. We need ideas on food around \$1000.

GEN-APR2026-03 THAT WE MOTION TO ADJOURN

M: Meredith S: Darbi Greensides

Carried 7:30 pm

Next Meeting Scheduled: May 4th, 2026, 6:30 pm