



MINUTES

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

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03/10/2026 | 6:31p.m-7:29 p.m. | School Library

Meeting called to order by Mandy at 6:31 p.m.

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: Tonia Siemon, Mandy Long, Nina Rudd, Elisha Bergeron, Valerie Laufman, Charlotte Kaye McQueen, Scott Mandich, Darbi Greensides, Meredith Lockwood, Ismay Herbert, Julianne March, Alyssa Ostryhon, Lisa Fleet, Tammy Adams, Ashley Rockwood Armstrong, Tasha Whyte, Dayna Aalbers

Regrets: Matt Ebel, Natasha Barby, Megan Powell, Michelle MacDonald, Jenn Whitty, Amber Wallace, Candice Avola-Lyons

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- **GEN-MAR2026-01 THAT WE APPROVE MARCH AGENDA**
M: Darbi Greensides S: Meredith Lockwood **Carried**
- **GENMAR-2026-02 THAT WE APPROVE FEBRUARY MINUTES**
M: Alyssa Ostryhon S: Nina Rudd **Carried**

Principal Report-Lisa Fleet

- Facilities Update
 - Basketball Stands – quote approx. \$6300 per stand, needs new asphalt as well, lets table it for a bit.
 - Office windows, primary doors and gym doors to be completed over March break. They will just have finishing touches to complete after this stage is completed.
- Extra Curriculars
 - Glee Club/ Band on going.
 - Volleyball is heading towards playoffs.
 - Forest of reading is wrapping up.

- Kindness Kids Kare Club – is a group of 30 kids with a mix of Grades 7 and 8. This club allows the grade 8s to build leadership skills and get the Grade 7’s ready for Grade 8. The kids have come up with ways of sharing and presenting on different diversity and inclusion topics for the different grade levels. Kids are teaching other kids about big ideas/ topics and 1 group presented to the superintendent. Mrs. Adams is very proud, and they are doing an amazing job.
- Upcoming Events
 - Spring Concerts
 - May 5 – grades 5/6-8 - 9:30am and 12:00pm
 - May 7 – grade 3-5 - 9:30am and 12:00pm
 - May 12 – grades k-2/3 – 9:30am and?
 - Kindergarten Open House May 6 at 4:00pm
- The Learning Agenda
 - EQAO dates for grade 3 and grade 6 have been set. Week of May 25th for the grade 3’s and week of June 1st for grade 6’s.

Question - When are the climbers being opened again? Mrs. Fleet explained they close when the ground is frozen and reopen them after they are inspected. They are closed until further notice on announcements to the students. Climbers will be looked at after March break to reopen.

Staff Report-Matt Ebel

- Mr. Ebel could not be here tonight but has sent along an ask. The school is asking for \$108 for the purchase of HDMI cables for smart boards.

Vote to spend \$108 for HDMI cables for smart boards.

M: All in favor

Carried

- Outside items like basketballs and soccer balls are being purchased March 11th – Candice is arranging the purchase.

Financing Report

- 3rd Block munch a lunch raised \$5462.63, which is great. We anticipated \$4700.

Fundraising Report

- **Goodwill** advertisement went out to all families. This year they are only accepting clothing, footwear and outerwear. Encourage family and friends to drop off donations between March 21st to March 29th and mention Byron Southwood. Goodwill is still paying \$4 a bag for each bag donated. Candice has been sharing the fundraiser information on Facebook.

- **Spring Market** has secured 21 vendors so far. 16 adult and 5 junior vendors booked. Mr. Ebel's class will sell cotton candy, and the proceeds will go to the chrome book fundraiser. Megan and Michelle are working on getting the event posted at the library and Metro. Food trucks confirmed for April 30th from 5-8pm. We are also doing a book and puzzle sale. Families can send books and puzzles to the school and Mrs. Fleet has said they will make space to store the items. Alyssa and Candice will set up the books/puzzles the day of spring market. Books/ puzzles not sold will be donated afterwards and Nina will take care of that. The plan is to use the library for the book and puzzle sale, Mr. Ebel will use the maker space room for 3d sale and all other vendors will be in the gym. Mrs. Adams will help with covering bookshelves in the library the day of the market. The racks can also be moved. Home and School will need a cash float for the book sale. Will need to make sure the after-school program is not in gym or maker space areas on the day of the market.

- **Funfair** – is booked for Friday June 6th and the food is booked.
 - Mrs. Fleet mentions there may not be adequate coverage the night of June 6th with the shortage of custodians. The permit has not been approved yet. Home and School may have to hire a custodian for the night. Mrs. Fleet will get back to us by Friday March 13, 2026, with an answer.
 - Nina has secured free of charge 2 new games to use in the gym, cotton candy machine and the cotton candy sugar is being donated.
 - Tonia got pricing for balloon artist, face painting and glitter tattoos and it would be \$300 per for the evening.
 - Nina got pricing on a blow-up soccer rental to use outside, and it is \$170 for the evening. Pricing from A and B rentals.
 - Home and School will do the same presale on tickets and food on munch a lunch again this year.
 - Bottle toss game will be the same with 2 lines. The lines moved quick and families gave great feedback.
 - Nina got prizes for games last year off Temu and has some left over.
 - There is a large amount of Freezies in Alyssa's basement for use for an event.
 - Looking for volunteers to help with decorations for the funfair. Nina will look at what we have from last year. Ideas for the doorway to gym, signs etc. Maybe the grade 8's or students can help with artwork. Nina will bring the dragon again to put on stage. Free or donated items will work best for decorations. Home and School will make a what's app group and anyone wanting to join the Funfair decorations committee can sign up after meeting.

Vote to spend \$770 for balloon artist, face painting and blow-up soccer.

M: Valerie Laufman S: Scott Mandich All in favor Carried

Question - FDK open house, May 6th @ 4pm. Can home and School do a table? Will there be welcome snacks? Mrs. Fleet will let us know about snacks and yes to having a table.

Question - Will there be any field trips for other classes happening this school year? How do the field trips get planned and executed? Mrs. Fleet explained that usually it's 1 teacher who takes on planning the trip. There needs to be 80 percent yes in favour of the trip from the students for the trip to be a go. The Class trip/ Field trip cannot be planned on days with holidays and needs to be equitable. Is busing an issue? It can be. The teacher needs to make the decision and plan the trip. When divisions plan a trip together it's usually 1 teacher leading the planning and execution and can be a lot of work.

GEN-MAR2026-03 THAT WE MOTION TO ADJOURN

M: Darbi Greensides S: Charlotte Kaye McQueen

Carried 7:29 pm

Next Meeting Scheduled: April 13, 2026, 6:30 pm