



MINUTES

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

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5/17/2023 | 6:30p.m.-7:35p.m. | School Library

Meeting called to order by Melissa Sharpe at 6:30p.m.

Officers

- Chair – Krista Muncaster\Charlotte McQueen
- Vice Chair - Melissa Sharpe
- Treasurer – Valerie Laufman
- Secretary – Tonia Siemon

In Attendance

Melissa Sharpe, Steph Gracey, Amber Wallace, Tonia Siemon, Valerie Laufman, Deana Stillitano, Becky Rock, Emily Wood, Erin Smith, Dana Davis, Kelly McCormick

Approval of Minutes/Agenda

- **GEN-MAY2023-01 THAT WE APPROVE APRIL MINUTES**
M: E Smith S: V. Laufman Carried

Principal's Report-Kelly McCormick

- Thank you for our well attended spring concerts.
- 100 student athletes are going to regionals for track and field on May 25th.
- Gr. 6's are almost done EQAO, has gone smooth.
- May 18th is JK Open House, Speech Pathologist, Before/After School, Two Classrooms will be open for families.
- Picnic tables will hopefully be installed next week, installation is out of the school's control.
- Friday is a PD Day; morning's focus is literacy with primary sound walls. Afternoon's focus is math using the program Mathology.
- Lots of field trips/celebrations going on in June.
- Staffing is underway. We wish all the teachers moving on to new opportunities all the best.
 - Jason Kehler, Suzy Judson, Ann Duffy and Jennifer MacDonald are moving to different schools.
 - Pam Hart is going back to administration at French Immersion.

Safe & Inclusive School Committee-Valerie Laufman

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- Committee: Two students, Elaine, Valerie, and Kelly
- Goal: Enhancing school culture to revolve around mental health, bullying, inclusion
- Byron Southwood Code of Conduct to include behaviours expectations to be reviewed with parents and students.
 - Also, will include cell phone rules.

- School looking into having a mural made with the school acronym: FIRE-friendship, integrity, responsibility, excellence. Cost to be purposed for 2023-2024 school year.
- Suggestions to assist with the Committee goal so far:
 - Anonymous whistleblower box for students to discuss bullying, unsafe behaviour, etc.
 - More use of class circles for students/teacher to discuss problems in class.
 - Recess check ins from staff.
 - Gr 8s to help reffing games to help conflicts at recess.
- Assembly for September: Sedet Show \$900+ tax (\$1000 budget still available from 2023-2024 can be rolled over).
- Committee needs more council involvement.

Treasure's Report-Valerie Laufman

- The Volleyball pole/net set, good quality volleyballs, and ball holder has arrived. The total was \$10,800 with taxes.
- The executive approved the Away flag \$420 in April 2023 via e-mail vote.
- The card fundraiser has been well received so far 340 families within the school and 91 families have responded so far.
- Remaining items requested requiring quotes: badminton nets, garbage cans, chrome books Will be tabled for September 2023.
- Mr. Kehler will use \$400 from Home and School music budget for bus to Canada's Wonderland for year end band trip. Remainder of music budget will be for instrument repairs and sheet music.
- Outdoor Equipment remaining \$600 from budget to be used on spring activities for recess such as: balls, skipping ropes, chalk.

Fundraising

- Fun Fair June 15th 5-8pm
 - Food Options:
 - Southwood Parent Run BBQ: 4 parents needed for running BBQ/Runners & 2 parents for cashiers.
 - Dippin' Dots
 - Game tickets: \$10/sheet
 - Bottle drive to start next week.
 - Volunteer form to be posted next week.
 - Home & School will be selling custom made, 'Byron Southwood', croc jibbitz.
- Hot Lunch is in 5th and Final Block for the school year.

New Business

- Request for battery-operated leaf blower for the janitorial staff.
 - Due to Home and School Committee not having quorum at the meeting, \$500 cost was passed by executive.

GEN-MAY2023-02 THAT WE MOTION TO ADJOURN

M: E. Wood, S: V. Laufman

Carried

Next Meeting Scheduled: September 2023; Date TBA.