



# MINUTES

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

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09/21/2022 | 6:30 | *Meeting called to order by* Krista Muncaster

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### Officers

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

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### In Attendance

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Natasha Barby, Oudou Statema, Matt Statema, Cori Hammond, Matt Martene, Emma Valdivieso, Erin Smith, Kara Malott, Kelly McCormick, Vanessa Campbell, Matt Ebel, Emily Wood, Pam Hart, Angela Carter, Melissa Sharpe, Valerie Laufman, Steph Gracey, Tonia Siemon, Krista Muncaster

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### Approval of Minutes/Agenda

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- Motion to approve May minutes- Erin Smith (motion), Natasha Barby (second)

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### Home and School Committee

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- Krista provided explanation of the Home and School Committee:
  - Quorum must be met for voted items; and those votes need to be registered with the Home and School. Individuals not on the Home and School will still have their votes counted; they just will not be registered.
  - The Home and School offers us more autonomy as we can have our own bank account, as well as insurance for volunteers for different activities.
- Stephanie Gracey is stepping down as treasurer, Valerie Laufman will be the new treasurer.
- Executive officers were voted in for 2022-2023 school year: -Erin-Smith (motion), Emma Valdivieso (second).
- Attendees were asked who wanted to be registered on the Home and School Committee.
- Matt Ebel will be our teacher representative for 2022-2023.
- Reviewed Guideline and Meeting Framework for 2022/2023, as well as our Goals and Planning for this school year. This year will be a big reset after the last few years with COVID-19 with the expectation that this will be a recovery year for Home and School finances. Guideline and Meeting Framework were approved; Matt Martene (motion), Steph Gracey (second)
- Meeting Schedule for 2022/2023- October 19<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup> (bring a friend night), January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a recruitment table for Home & School/Parent Council at “Meet the Family Night” on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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### Treasure's Report

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- Please see attached.

- All the outstanding Hot Lunches from 2019-2020 school year were paid out to families at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Money is still owing to the school for things that were previously purchased; the amounts will be finalized prior to the budget meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## Principal's Report

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- Volleyball workshops have started at lunch by Mr. T and Mr. Ebel.
- Co-Ed Soccer team has been established the tournament is Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Cross Country training Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings; Grade 5-8 will go to the meet; Grade 3-4 will do their run at Byron Southwood.
- Field trips have started.
- Western Engineering was here today for Grade 2-5.
- Staff wellbeing challenge is ongoing to promote self care. Prizes drawn every Friday.
- Jr Grades will be reorganizing over the next few weeks to allow for smaller class sizes; a new teacher will be hired, and a classroom will operate in the portable. Students who are affected will have a letter sent home.
- Byron Southwood will be at 23 classes when restructure is complete.
- TVDSB is using a new system to gather student information (attendance, report cards, contact information); this is a learning curve for all staff; patience is appreciated.
- Concerns with students who leave school property during lunch; specifically, to go to local businesses:
  - Byron Southwood and TVDSB are not liable for your child; once you allow your child to leave school property.
  - Parents should be having conversations with their children about: where they are going; when they are going; who they are going with, and what are they doing/purchasing.
    - Some students are returning with full large pizzas to store in the classroom and bags of candy.
  - Food purchased over the lunch break is not to be brought back onto the school yard. This is to decrease the trash that attract wasps. Many students are allergic to wasps at the school; the additional trash causes a safety concern for them.
  - The businesses at the plaza are having a lot of issues with theft, littering; and students blocking the doors to other community members trying to access their businesses. We ask that parents speak to their children about the need to be good community members; teachers are having these conversations with their classes as well.
  - It will be reviewed if a Code of Conduct for leaving School Property for students and parents to sign is required.
- Christmas Concerts will go ahead, grades and dates TBA.
- Gr. 8 graduation and trip will go ahead this year. – Graduation will be Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023; the trip location and date TBA.
- Kelly is following up when tables for intermediates will be installed.

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## Fundraising

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- Spirit wear ordering will be live by “Meet the Family” night; Erin will look into samples being available for parents to view.
- Fundraising Goals to be discussed in October meeting; some suggestions are:
  - Activity carts: Balls, chalk, playing cards (used in classrooms and recess)-may ask parents directly for these twice a year.

- Maker room updates
- Items for teacher's classrooms
- Score board for gym
- STEM program (i.e. 3D printers)
  - Richelle (librarian) offered to do a presentation on what is needed for STEM; will try to schedule for November meeting.
- Spring Dance will be booked for April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- Funfair will be booked for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
  - Will look into BBQ (hopefully Bernies or Boys Scouts can assist) instead of Food Trucks.
- Basket Raffles-each class assigned a basket theme, and the tickets are sold at the Christmas Concert
- Goodwill fundraiser-\$5 per bag is earned for Home and School; date to be confirmed but requesting March 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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### New Business

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- Suggestion to look into Internet Safety Discussion with Paul Davis (ex police officer)
  - Opportunity for parents to bring their child.
  - TVPIC had funding available to get parents/children involved; we may be able to get support with this.

Motion to adjourn: Emily Wood (motion), Natasha Barby (second).

**Next Meeting Scheduled: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**