

## BDES Parent Council

Meeting – Sept 26, 2016

Attendance: Lisa Campbell, Michelle Wood, Diane Baggs, Cheryl Balog, Brigitte Soenen, Cheryl Coates, Naomi Shepherdson, Robyn Covell, Wendy Green, Krista Reading, Anne Parkhill, Rod Bowers

Regrets: Kim Vanderburg, Carolynne Hall, Jen Kyle

### Meeting Items:

#### Welcome from Council Chair:

Lisa Campbell introduced herself as current Chair and welcomed everyone, all present introduced themselves

#### Nominations & Elections:

Lisa asked for nomination for Executive roles on Parent Council, gave brief explanation of responsibility of these roles

Lisa was nominated to remain in role as Council Chair – nomination accepted – consensus that Lisa would renew role as Chair

Michelle Wood & Jen Kyle both nominated for Vice Chair – nomination accepted and will be co-vice chair this year – consensus given by those present

Cheryl Balog – nominated for Secretary – consensus given by those present

#### Principle Report:

Kindergarten Yard – not in full use as grass still needs to grow, Facilities Department will notify school when grass can be used by children

Greening Committee still looking for 10x10 shed for Kindergarten Yard – Krista Reading offered to contact companies for quotes and potential donation or reduced cost (suggested Lowes, Home Depot etc)

#### Grade 1-2 French Immersion Teacher Update -

Initial teacher currently on leave, expected return unknown (leave expected to last longer than 6 wks) Position had to be re-posted and just filled as of today (Sept 26) Ms.Milden will be new teacher and remain long term

#### Outdoor Classroom Space –

The outdoor classroom spaces in front of school created through generous funds provided by Burford Lions Club (When you see a Lion's Member please thank them for their generous support)

Large Rocks have been positioned under shade of two large trees in front lawn to create two outdoor classrooms

New Trees are going to be planted as well – funded by TD Evergreen grants

#### Extra Curricular –

Rod shared that there are a lot of great programs offered to our students

Council members inquired about how kids can join these clubs, discussed that most are for grade 4 and up, however, intramurals offered for grade 1 & up

#### P/A Day (Oct 7) –

Teachers will be developing Action Plan for new Math initiative

Focus on strengthening kids confidence in math basics & other methods to include math in classroom

Members discussed Jump Start (pros/cons), Prodigy and other online math site (math games on ontario government site was recommended)

#### EQAO Results –

Results for last years grade 3 & grade 6 were shared with Council Members

Results are also available on EQAO website, letters with each students results will be sent home in the next week

Goal of school is to always improve from previous test results, School Board goal is 75% students scoring in level 3& 4

#### Spirit Wear –

Council Member were asked for feedback on interest for spirit wear

Interest in spirit wear (sweaters/hoodies requested as well as t-shirts)

Members also expressed interested in Pink Shirts being designed/for sale for Anti-bullying day

#### School Greening Update – given by Brigitte Soenen

- New members are always welcome
- Next meeting date will be sent to current members and parent council
- Phase 2 may be affected to School Board Water Testing

#### Fundraising –

Wendy Green – inquired about funds being received from Funscripts and Label fundraiser from last year (Cathy Hurst will be contacted)

Diane Baggs suggested a dance-a-thon fundraiser

Parent Council have request Rob to inquire if staff have wish list

Discussion deferred to next month, Council members asked to bring ideas for items/events needed and potential fundraising ideas

Suggested funding sending kids to musical/cultural event

Next Meeting – Wed. October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in School Library