



Brechin Public School Council Minutes

Excellence in Academics

Excellence in Character

MEETING #2

DATE: Tuesday November 10th, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

AGENDA

Attendees: Allison Beecroft, Stephanie Ormsby, Nicolle Lafortune, Julie Kelsey, Cathy Morgan, Rebecca Taylor, Kristina Knox, Jerdelle Pilger

Visitors:

Regrets: Jane Lee, Amy Sweet, Kevin Morgan

1. **Welcome by Chair Lafortune at 6:00 pm.**
2. **Vote to Approve October 2020 Minutes:**
 - Jerdelle motioned to approve the October minutes
 - Rebecca seconded this motion.
3. **New Facebook Community Page**
 - Nicolle set up a new FB page "Bobcat Parent Page"
 - 60 parents approved, some requests still haven't had responses in order to be approved
 - sent reminders for spirit days, some parents have asked questions, fundraiser forms posted
 - Tracey is also posting as needed
4. **Donation Letter Discussion**
 - Allison has drafted a letter, sent to budget person to see if it is permitted, will carry forward to the next meeting
 - Parents can choose the category they would like to donate to
 - Cash Online, tax receipt for \$20 or more
 - Nicolle requested Breakfast Club be added to the options, Allison said that it is well-funded already (plus regular donations from the Sharing Place)
 - Jerdelle suggested being transparent with the budget lines so parents know where the needs are, and including them on the letter
 - Stephanie suggested adding Intermediate Initiatives (and perhaps Primary and Junior as well)
 - Kathy asked if the letter could go out to community members as well. Rebecca could put it in the Library newsletter if it's permitted. Allison will check on that.
 - Since our next meeting isn't until Feb., Stephanie asked if it could be ready before then. Jerdelle suggested we could communicate via email to get it ready before Feb.

5. “The Great Brechin Clean Up” photos

-items have been housed in the change rooms and smaller rooms in the school and the empty classroom for years
-Allison showed some before/after photos of Snoozlin Room. It’s now being used for breaks and OT diets. The Library book room is all tidied up. The boys change room is cleaner but not empty. It is still being used for storage, not as a change room. The single use washroom is now clear and the changing bed can be used. The Library Office was tidied and cleared out. The girls change room has School Council things in it. It is being left for now.

6. Principal’s Report – events, fundraising, School Action Plan

-safety and emergency drills were discussed and walked through. Classes could not practice because of Covid protocols
-school purchased floor signage (arrows, stop signs, mask sign, etc.)
- playground fund was used to purchase Gaga ball pit parts. Work order has been put in in hopes that it would be put in this fall. Unfortunately, parts are being stored until spring when it can be installed.
-spirit days have gone well, lots of participation (no assemblies and no trips)
-Remembrance Day will include a shared slide show with photos, videos, songs. Teachers can decide how much to share with their class. O Canada and a moment of silence will take place over the announcements.
-Jerdelle asked if the Remembrance Day slide show could be shared with parents and community members. Allison is concerned that the information may be private so she’s going to check with the Corporate Risk Officer and check the Media Release forms. Sharing in Google Classroom may be a safe option.
-YMCA Geneva Park came to BPS, nature walk to learn about school environment
-Holiday Time-staff is discussing options, maybe each class contributes something that can be put together and shared online. Perhaps the Gr. 8 class will put it together as part of their media learning
-Julie asked about the Giving Trees this year and whether the school was going to have them this year. Allison will find out if it can be accomplished under covid protocols
-Character Traits are talked about on the announcements, teachers will upload a photo of the students that receive the awards and video clips will be shared with classes. Students will receive certificates
-Kathy suggested giving the character trait winners a mask with the character trait that they won printed on it as a gift (using cricut). Allison will check budget.
-Jerdelle suggested using Cutting Edge for masks. They are a great fit and a local company.
-Board has opened up fundraising with certain guidelines that must be followed
-Current Fundraising Initiatives-Poinsettias, Hewitt’s Farm Foods, Masks
-some people are having issues with the poinsettia orders on School Cash Online. Tracey is trying to figure it out. Nicolle will let Tracey know that it’s still not working.
-4 more teachers trained in Design and Tech, testing for certification will take place tomorrow. BPS got a new saw, some hammers, etc. given to them from the Board. Intermediate students will be able to use the Tech room to do some projects soon.

7. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:57

8. Next meeting: Tuesday February 2nd at 6:00 p.m.