

Brigadoon School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Attendance:

Leslie K, Kimberly L, Aidan O, Andrew H, Alyssa S, Erin N, Randa F, Diyana S., Taru M. Erin. N

Teacher Reps: Lindsay M.

Principal: Christine Burrowes

1. Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Approval of November minutes was deferred. Minutes could not be located at the time of the meeting. November minutes will be distributed via email for review and approval.

2. Fundraising Proposals

Raptor Conservancy of Canada – Birds of Prey Presentation

- The Brigadoon Bird Club wrote a letter to the Principal and Parent Council requesting a whole-school assembly presentation by the Raptor Conservancy of Canada on birds of prey.
- Cost: \$500 plus HST for a whole-school presentation in the gym.
- **Status:** Council voted in favour of funding the presentation from Council funds. Approved budget of \$500 + HST.

3D Printer Update

- The Grade 5/6 enrichment class is still pursuing the 3D printer. The approved vendor model is approximately \$3,000.
- Ms. Burrowes indicated the school must use a board-approved vendor, which limits which models can be purchased.
- **Status:** Discussion ongoing. No vote at this time. Council expressed interest in supporting the initiative in part, with students contributing as well.

3. Treasurer's Report

- **Balance:** \$8,512.16
- **Earmarked funds:** Bus trips reserved for the remainder of the year (\$300 per class for 19 classes). \$500 + HST reserved for Birds of Prey presentation.
- **Fundraising results to date:** ESNS report still pending. Big Box of Cards raised approximately \$1,000 with 92 orders.

4. Fundraising Updates

Spring Social

- Council discussed picking a date for the Spring Social. The event must take place before June 1st due to PRO Grant reporting requirements.

- Proposed dates are in May (Thursday, May 14th as a primary option with May 21st as a rain date). Final date to be confirmed.
- A date vote will be sent out once more information is available.

Popcorn Days

- Council discussed ordering 50 bags of 3 flavours initially for Movie Night, then using remaining stock for a Popcorn Day and potentially the Spring Social.
- Popcorn orders will be managed through School-Day.
- **Status:** Supplier decision to be finalized within the week.

Used Book Sale / Book Exchange

- Council suggested a book sale or book exchange. Families would donate books. If donations are plentiful, a standalone event could be organized (e.g., classes visit the gym in assigned time slots, books for \$1 each). If fewer donations, a table could be set up at the Spring Social as a free book exchange.
- **Status:** Council will begin collecting book donations. Format to be determined based on volume received.

5. Fundraising Initiatives

Movie Night

- Movie Night is being planned for February.
- A second Movie Night in April was proposed.
- **Status:** Movie Night sub-committee to finalize details. Date to be confirmed.

Mabel's Labels

- Aidan O. has set up a Mabel's Labels account for the school. Council receives approximately 10% of sales. The plan is to include the link in the Kindergarten welcome packages for new families.
- **Status:** Ongoing. Link to be shared.

Walmart Grant

- Aidan O has created an account for the school and will continue to apply for Walmart community grants.
- **Status:** Applications ongoing.

Spirit Wear

- Ms. Burrowes noted approximately 50 new families have joined since the start of the year who may not have spirit wear. Discussion on whether to offer spirit wear at cost for new families or as a fundraiser. Previous year's orders had logistical issues with labeling and distribution.
- Sticker designs for the school were also discussed. To be discussed further in the sub-committee.
- **Status:** To be followed up. Community Threadworks was mentioned as a potential vendor.

6. WRAPSC Update

Erin N. provided an update from the WRAPSC meeting:

- The board's strategic plan is in early development stages and information is available on the board's website.
- A speaker from ETFO (Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario) discussed efforts related to Bill 33 and class size reduction. A petition is being circulated. Council discussed how to share this information with families while respecting the boundary between school council business and school business.
- PRO Grant update: 90 of 124 schools applied. Demand exceeded available funding (\$51,000 total distributed), so most schools received less than requested. Similar projects received similar funding amounts.
- Discussion about establishing formal by-laws for Council, including voting members, quorum requirements, and voting procedures. A WhatsApp group has been created by Kimberly L. to continue the by-laws discussion. WRAPSC meeting minutes and resources will be forwarded to the group.
- Meeting minutes can be found on the WRAPSC website.

7. Teacher Update

- "Once on a Housetop" was a huge success. The whole school came together and the kids worked very hard. It was a real feel-good event for the community.
- The Leadership Club's Doon Community Food Hamper Fundraiser collected 220 pounds of food and \$100 in donations, providing 387 meals for the community.

8. Principal Update

- December recap: The cupcake sale and donations drive for the June Pioneer Park Community Centre food hamper program raised over \$1,300. Families were overwhelmingly generous.
- Basketball Skills Club is currently running for Grades 5 and 6 (second week).
- Leadership Club will be starting up again. February's BEARS theme is Empathy. Kindness initiatives, Pink Shirt Day, and Black Brilliance Month activities are planned.
- A guest speaker is coming at the beginning of February for primary and junior assemblies to kick off Black Brilliance Month. Parent notification will be sent 14 days in advance as required.
- Report cards will be coming home in February. No formal interview night, but teachers are always open to meetings at any time of year.
- Kindergarten registration: Families are encouraged to register by the end of February. Early registration helps determine staffing numbers. If families know of incoming kindergarten students, please encourage them to register – even families switching from other schools. This can be done online.

Miscellaneous

- A poll will be posted in the group to determine whether to hold the meeting on February 11th or 18th, and whether to try a different day of the week to accommodate members who cannot attend Wednesdays.
- ESNS Volunteers are always appreciated.
- Your fundraising ideas and other suggestions are welcome. Please email bgd-schoolcouncil@wrdsb.ca

NEXT MEETING: TBD – February 11th or 18th at 6:00 p.m. (poll to be posted)