

Bishop Feild School Council
October 15, 2024
Minutes
School Council
Tuesday, October 15 · 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qtc-wrhk-cbo>

1) Welcome

In attendance:

Catherine Beh
Sandy Gow
Krista Goulding
Robyn Squires
Norma Aylward

Regrets:

Niquae MacIntosh
Claire Carter
Lana Stead
Melissa Jordan

2) Robyn Squires Reviews Agenda

3) Review of Minutes: Minutes from May 30th were approved in June and are posted online.

4) School Chair- Thank you Robyn Squires for offering to serve as Chair again. Robyn asks if anyone else would from the council would like to serve as Chair. Should anyone wish to put their name forward from council, there can be a confidential vote before the next meeting. Please contact Robyn directly if you would like to put your name forward.

5) School Development – Oral Language 2024-2025 School Year [here](#)

Norma: This is the last year for Oral Language as school development plan. This may be extended another year as sometimes these things take longer to implement.

6) Grounds Committee Update

Robyn: Thank you to the Grounds Committee for all of their work!

Sandy: There will be more monthly meet-ups during the year, including bulb planting in October and garden winterization in November. Look forward to raised beds coming spring 2025. Catherine will help with burlap again.

7) Business

a. Fundraising- 50/50- Thinking of the best dates....

Norma proposes 50/50 to have shoe lockers made for the school. They would need to be custom made and painted the same colours as the heritage doors with plastic base/holes for drainage. This will go a long way to help the inside stay neat and tidy. It's important to keep the heritage look. There are Fieldian families that have the expertise to advise/assist with this.

Robyn motions to approve. Sandy seconds, unanimous approval.

b. School Clothing

Krista: A request has been submitted for similar items from the past. Krista asked if there was something new and exciting that could be added to the order. A request was made for separate patches to put on a piece of clothing. Order needs to be in before Christmas.

c. PL

Norma: There are a few PL days close together this year. 22nd of November is for report cards. November 28th is district wide. December 6th is for Trauma-informed care and Professional Learning Journeys (Science of Reading/Coding). Unfortunately they are close together but they are necessary.

d. Christmas Bazaar- December 13th

Robyn: Next meeting will focus more on Christmas Bazaar. Beginning of December school will start taking donations. There will be a call for volunteers.

Robyn: Ashley Beresford is Full time this year! This makes it easier to schedule concert series.

Because we're only doing two classes at a time this year, there will be more room for families. 4 tickets per family. No waitlists, no call backs, 4 tickets per family. Next year the schedule is flipped.

December: Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ concert

March: Grade $\frac{1}{2}$ concert

May: Grade $\frac{5}{6}$ concert

e. Breakfast Program

Norma: The school was awarded a President's Choice Grant for \$10,000. \$1000 a month is allotted for breakfast food. This is just cutting it. There's a larger demand. They've run out, so council will help increase visibility for requests. Protein is a big one. Things like cheese strings and yogurts are helpful. Low sugar please. Applesauce also a good choice. We'll try popping some posts in the Facebook group weekly for the most in-demand items.

f. Family Handbook

Norma: Our handbook is out. Suggested in a previous council meeting and executed by Norma and Michael Whittle.

Sandy: This is a great resource for families. A big communication piece and so important.

Krista: Norma is receiving the 75th Confederation Medal on Friday for her contribution to her community. This will be shared widely!

8) Next Meeting

Robyn proposes the next meeting is November 12th. Norma Seconds it.

Robyn motions to close the meeting. Norma Seconds.

Thanks are shared!