

## Bishop Field School Council Minutes

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Recorded by Sandy Gow

Present:

Krista Goulding, Norma Aylward, Robyn Squires, Sandy Gow, Claire Carter, Niquae McIntosh

Absent:

Melissa Jordan, Lana Stead, Catherine Ward

### Agenda

1. Welcome - Robyn
2. Review of Agenda- Robyn
3. Review of Minutes- Robyn
4. Fundraising Update- Krista
5. Late Sign Ins Update- Norma
6. Parking and Snow Issues - Norma
7. April 24th PL Day
8. 50/50 Krista
9. Book Fair -Krista
10. Community Garden Grants Update- Norma
11. New Business - another clothing order before sports day?
12. Next Meeting- Roby

Robyn greets everyone.

We are waiting for minutes from January meeting for approval. Minutes from February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting are approved, pending change to spelling of Rycor.

Krista speaks on fundraising:

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

There were \$7600 of sales from book fair.

School will end up with approximately \$3000 in book fair resources. Teachers will put in their lists for their classrooms and Krista will add items to go along with curriculum.

## **50/50 fundraiser**

Krista is trying to get through to the lottery license board but the wait time for a response is over a month long. Due to the online payment system, Rycor, it is best to go with \$5 tickets.

Originally approved for \$2 OR \$5, but \$5 option is better because of how the Rycor system works. Change needs to be made on the tickets but we have to make contact with the lottery license board first.

All in agreement that \$5 tickets are now the norm and an appropriate amount; challenge is getting through to the Gov NL online division to make the change in time for May 24<sup>th</sup> draw. Krista asks if anyone has a contact in the department, Claire mentions she does but also is not getting a response as they are backed up. Due to the backlog at the department, the situation may be out of council's control, despite having done everything on time. We will wait for an answer and then proceed from there.

Robyn Speaks: Norma, you're up for the remainder of the agenda.

Norma speaks: We'll start with school gardens.

## **School Gardens:**

All three grants were denied. This is not typical; typically the school gets approved. We are currently not able to proceed with plans for a school garden. The school doesn't have the money for it, and the 50/50 money needs to go to other projects, such as decodable books for classrooms. The school has lots of rich literature but not lots of early decodable books in the classrooms for children to grab and use. Our money is going towards technology and decodable books.

Niquae Speaks: Question about the community garden: could we do an internal fundraiser?

Norma, Krista and Robyn express that adding parent fundraisers would compete with the school-led fundraisings, and flood families with requests for money when they are already receiving these requests from many sides. Norma says that a community garden is wanted, but is hard to get.

## **Clothing Order and Community Garden cont'd**

Robyn Speaks: My thoughts are pause the clothing order until the fall when there's a new group coming in, and students leaving that want fresh clothing. Maybe in fall we could fundraise for a

community garden. Fall might be late but maybe we could plant some bulbs or buy seed. It would be nice if 50/50 was our main fundraiser for the year.

Niquae and Sandy suggest that we could possibly partner with someone, or organize parents to form a sub-committee to do some community outreach and get donations to get the process started. Then return to the grants in a year's time. We have parents from Food First NL ready to discuss with us.

Robyn and Krista explain that a grounds committee would need to be outside of council, but there could be a teacher representative. Lisa Penney has expressed interest in this. If parents want to form their own grounds committee, the school could advertise it in the Feildian Friday newsletter. There could be a google form to gather participants.

Niquae offers to help with google form. Norma mentions she can help write letters to assist in sourcing donations; this might be the most effective way to approach it.

Robyn speaks about playing on the community aspect of the community garden, then earmarking the fall fundraiser for community gardens. Krista adds that this year we are not asking parents for donations, just the 50/50 fundraiser, so we would not be asking for community donations twice.

Sandy suggests that we proceed with a meeting with Sarah from Food First NL to discuss options and next steps, then we'll put out a call of interest for a parent-led grounds committee. Niquae offers to help.

## **Parking**

Norma speaks: one problem is resolved and another pops up. Unsure of solution but parents need to stay out of the teacher parking lot. A teacher's car was damaged, and teachers are worried about hitting children that are running unattended through the parking lot. It would be best if parents didn't walk their children through the teacher parking lot. Not fair for staff to have to worry about this.

## **Professional Learning**

Next PL day is on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Norma speaks: Science and reading. It's all about phenomics and language based teaching. MUN PhD Candidate coming in to talk about the science of reading. Occupational Therapist with masters is talking about safe spaces and co-regulation in the classroom in the afternoon.

**Next Meeting**

Robyn. Next meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm.

Move to motion no more clothing orders and fetcher orders until next school year: Robyn moved it. Niquae seconded it.

**End of meeting.**