

Bowmore School Council Agenda
Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 6:00pm to 7:30pm

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement (6:00pm)
2. Acclamation and Introduction of Council Parent/Caregiver Representatives for 2024/25 (6:05pm)
 - Secretary - Ashley Lewis
 - Treasurer - Jason Walter
 - Communications Coordinator - Nessa Cymbalisty
 - Chair/Co-Chair - TBC
 - Call out for Chair made to group by Leah. People interested can email the Council Chair email address. We need to spread the word. Put it out on Curriculum Night. We will send a school wide email
 - We have 30 days from October 1, 2024 to name a Chair or else Council stops and we cannot fundraise or use the \$35,000 budget
3. On-Going Council Business
 - Carnival Committee - Lisa Perelman & Jess Dexter (6:10pm)
 - \$14,000 net revenue made
 - Expenses went up from 2023 due to having the field, more bouncy castles, and more food
 - Pizza Lunch - Leah Anderson Vojdani (6:15pm)
 - i. Friday, October 25
 - ii. Friday, November 22
 - iii. Thursday, December 12
 - Last two pizza lunches last year we transitioned to a new provider
 - Email later this week to open up ordering for the first 3 pizza days of the year
 - Moved to Thursday for December pizza lunch due to high volume in December and a late delivery last year
 - Interest to work with the school to offer more pizza lunches this year if possible
 - Snack Program - Lisa
 - Government funding is \$65,000
 - Annual budget is \$174,000
 - Donations were asked of parents and \$10,000 was raised
 - \$99,000 more is required
 - This means Bowmore is down to 1 item/snack per day (down from 2 items/snacks)
 - More donation requests will be made throughout the school year
 - Classroom Rep Coordinator - Erin Church (6:20pm)
 - Every classroom used to have a parent representative in the past to liaise between teachers and parents
 - Erin would like to have one parent teacher representative for each classroom and Erin would manage this group/initiative
 - Other areas where support is needed (6:25pm):
 - i. Inclusion and Engagement
 - Question was made to Council about how we can involve our First Nations Families and engage our school population more
 - Champion needed to push this initiative forward
 - ii. Technology and Meeting Format

- Call was made for someone to bring more technology to support hybrid format of Council meetings
 - iii. Sports Equipment Community Drive
 - Volunteer needed to drive this
 - Each class need its own DPA bag full of sports equipment
 - iv. Anything else someone is interested in leading?
 1. Lice Checks?
 - In the past, there was a Company along with Parent Volunteers. Public Health does it too
 - There may be a parent interested in championing this who has expressed interest
 2. Hot chocolate before winter break?
 - Last week before Winter Holidays a hot chocolate social has been offered
 - Volunteer needed for this initiative
 3. Other ideas?
 - Eco schools and sustainability
 - Literacy for English and French
4. 2024-25 Council Budget Presentation and Vote (6:35pm)
 - Committee formed (6 people) to review the submissions received for what Council should fund this year
 - Budget is included at the end of the minutes for reference
 - Ideas needed for communications to parents to see if any parents would like to donate items needed
 - Andrea offered to put on a community speaker night
 - Live Different coming back for a grade 8 assembly, bringing in their circles program - Leadership program for grades 7 or 8
 - Volunteer needed for grade 8 grad
 - **Budget was passed**, subject to having a Chair in place
 5. Updates from the Library - Leah Jarvis (6:50pm)
 - Sold 179 Terry Fox t-shirts
 - Toonies for Terry donation competition with the kids - prize: freezie party
 - New parents entering school - shelfies - open up the library
 - Fridays: grade 7 and 8 - needle felting during lunch
 - Annual Book Fair October 18 - 25. Classes come and make a wish list. Connecting Bowmore Cares Families
 - Need volunteers to help Andrea run classroom visits
 6. Admin Team Updates - Bruce Taylor, Jacquie Neveu, Kosta Flegas (7:00pm)
 - Introduction by Bruce Taylor
 - Power School is a company in the US that runs Canadian School Boards. This year 60 kids were moved around. Bowmore had to open up two new classrooms. In the long run this is great as it reduces class sizes. That was the reason for the delayed Curriculum Night
 - Crossing guards are leaving earlier than Bowmore starts on certain streets surrounding the school. Bowmore staff are working with the City to resolve
 - Lunch - everyone eats at the same time. Adding new tables and chairs to accommodate everyone
 7. Final Questions or Comments?

