

## **BDPS Parent Council**

Start Time: 6:30

**Monday December 4, 2023**

Present: Carrie Howells, Donna Locke, Tori Richardson, Jenn Blake, Nikki Cully, Valerie Dedman, Elise Macke, Holly Taylor, Kristin Yeck, Meghan Collins, Brittany Singer

Principal: Marina Trisigni

Teacher Rep: none

Staff Rep: none

### **ONAARC subcommittee meeting**

- Welcome from Carrie to our school-level meeting for the Oxford North Attendance Area Review
- 8 schools will be affected.
- Blenheim will have very little change. 15 students will be coming to Blenheim from Innerkip
- Carrie has all the slides for all the areas affected.
- Questions:
  - What is our capacity? Total 366 Current 312
  - When will the changes take affect? With the opening of the New North Woodstock school, currently projected to be September 2026
- We have no questions to bring forward to the board. Further meetings/discussion not necessary.

### **November minutes approved by all.**

#### **Business arising**

- Clarifying question from Carrie: Who is the official Home & School representative? Tori Richardson will act in this capacity.
- Marina sent out an email with a list of all the field trips taken in the 2022-2023 school year. No questions about the list of field trips taken.

#### **Reports**

- No report from the Chairs this week.
- **Principals Report:**
  - Tonight is Marina's last parent council meeting before her maternity leave.
  - There will be 2 retired principals covering Marina's maternity leave.
    - Susan Davis will be covering January to April
    - Wayne Cersals will be covering April to June
    - The balance of the school year September to December they will be sharing until Marina's return in January 2025
  - Sadet show on Friday December 1, 2023. The whole school was able to attend the assembly. Everyone enjoyed the show very much.
  - Parent Pro Grant up to \$5,000 is able to be received from the TVDSB. The current grant is due on Wednesday December 13, 2023.
    - Possibly focus on the spring grant instead, due to the short timeline for this deadline.
    - Have the application sent out with the minutes, so we can discuss what to use the grant for and prepare for spring.
  - Power 10 shirts will be available for parents to order.
  - Wednesday December 20,2023 will be the Holiday Concert with 2 shows 9:30 am &

5:30 pm

## **New Business**

- **Spending the remaining council funds**
  - If Parent Council or Home and School doesn't cover some of the cost what effect will that have?
  - A new form from TVDSB is required before each field trip happens. 75% of the class needs to be interested in the field trip, in order for it to happen.
  - Remaining funds to be used for
    1. Nikki motioned \$12.00/student for field trips – was not seconded
    2. Jenn motioned \$2,500 Power 10 shirts, \$500 towards Forest of Reading, and \$1,700 to update outdated Library books - was not seconded
    3. Carrie motioned \$1,900 Power 10 shirts, \$500 towards Forest of Reading, \$1,700ish (the remaining funds) to update outdated Library books
      - All amounts to be confirmed once all current outstanding work orders are completed.
      - Seconded by Tori
      - All in favour and passed unanimously
- **Bully Prevntion Awareness Annoymous Form**
  - Students or Parents are able to use the forms to report any form of bullying.
- **Social Media Volunteer**
  - Needed to keep the community up to date.
  - Carrie will post to the Facebook group looking for a volunteer.
  - Tori will post on the Home and School page to see if another parent would be interested.
- **Next meeting date**
  - January or February?
  - Donna suggested for the next meeting to be held in February to give the Principal time to settle in.
  - The next meetings were set for Monday, February 5, 2024 and April 8, 2025.
  - At the April meeting we will decide if we need a June meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

Next meeting: Monday February 5, 2025 at 6:30pm