

Briargreen Public School Council Meeting 13 December 2022

Note: Mr. Joyce orchestrated a coup d'etat against our democratic Chair, Ms. Horne and he swiftly took over our sacred BPSC meeting on December 13, 2022. We hope Ms. Horne recovers soon and takes over the current supreme leader. 😊

Start Time: Jeffrey Joyce, the acting Council Chair, brought the Council to order at 18:24.

Location: Briargreen Public School Library.

Sequence of Events:

1. School Council Items:
 - a. Hybrid Council Meetings:
 - i. After few technical challenges to include our virtual members, it was decided to have a technical lead to facilitate
 - ii. Ms. Holmes will be the Council's technical lead going forward
 - b. Pizza days:
 - i. Investigation into the creation of donation line for pizza as a cost recovery
 - ii. Principal Willman to discuss with Ms. Thistle the possibility of a new link
 - c. Popcorn:
 - i. Popcorn was delivered on December 12, 2022
 - ii. Students enjoyed the popcorn free of charge during the movie day
 - iii. A day for popcorn and a price will be set in the new year
 - iv. Estimated cost for the popcorn is \$317.81 for 250 bags
 - v. The council authorized Ms. Horne to order another batch for next year
 - d. Pita Pit
 - i. Extended to June, 2023
 - ii. Discussion regarding whether the Council would like to increase the frequency
 - iii. No volunteers required for this change
 - iv. The council had no objection to increasing the frequency (twice monthly) and approved this action item
2. Friday Elective days to survey the teachers to see what they have spent
3. Principal's report:
 - a. Collected 500 items for Fansac with the pick-up date of Dec 14,
 - b. White Elephant Sale on Dec 15, 2022 with Kindness Club's assistance
 - i. Sale to commence on Dec 15, 2022
 - ii. Kindness Club to assist with the shopping
 - iii. First class to have their own Christmas shopping
 - iv. The leftover will go to Salvation Army
 - c. Absenteeism challenges where there is a lack of Occasional Teachers (OT), however, luckily for Briargreen the impact has been minimal

- d. Students are extremely hyped for Christmas and the snow. Clear guidelines have been given where the students are asked not to throw snow balls and that the duty teacher is fully in charge of enforcing this.
 - e. Enrollment is increasing. The Board agreed to provide a halftime teacher to Briargreen for One year. In addition, the tutors have offered excellent support for the students
4. Educator's report:
- a. Interviews with teachers are welcome through appointments. The preference is to have in-person interviews where the parents are able to see their children's work samples, however, virtual interviews and phone are also available.
 - b. Elective days: Grade 1 to 6. Four of their choices moving in multi grade cohorts. Parent volunteers already setup
 - c. Scientists in the School
 - i. Conducted online last year
 - ii. Parent volunteer with a specific scientist
 - iii. Instead of a field trip the Scientist can come to the school saving Bus costs of approximately \$300
 - d. Request from the Library
 - i. Looking for additional 1000 new Inclusive and diverse books and other resources
 - ii. Some of the current inventory contain books which are out of date, poor physical conditions and where they include stereotypes
 - iii. 600 books already removed
 - iv. The genre also needs to be diversified such as social justice, graphic novels, etc.
 - v. Suggestions for book donations came up for the Librarians considerations where the Librarian would vet the books
5. Other topics discussed
- a. Principal Willman will bring the budget in January 2023 meeting
 - b. Friday Elective days to survey the teachers to see what they have spent
 - c. No updates to Swim to Survive primarily due to shortage of lifeguards
 - d. Discussion regarding revival of pre-pandemic activities such as choir, clubs, etc.
 - i. Sports events are happening, however due to lack of resources some of the events have been placed on hold
 - ii. Parents could offer ideas or facilitate activities.
 - iii. Few ideas such as Snow Shoeing, Chess Club came up
 - iv. Mr. McGowan will take a lead of creation of a survey to be share with the Council in the new year.
6. The School Council meeting was adjourned at 19:15. The next meeting will take place on January 17, 18:30

Attendance:

- 1. Cynthia Willman

2. Elissa Burrows
3. Tashi Lhamo
4. Stacey Holmes
5. Jeffery Joyce
6. Inok Lee
7. Dale Jamieson
8. Eli McGowan
9. Farbod Karimi