

Briargreen Public School Council Meeting 15 November 2022

Note: This ain't your Grandparent's School Council. We do things differently. For example, the minutes have fourth wall breaking notes at the beginning. Also, we tend to get along and complete our meetings quickly. DEAL WITH IT. Oh, and here is the School Council email: **sc-briargreens@ocdsb.ca**

Start Time: Principal Cynthia Willman was unfortunately absent. Heather Horne, the Council Chair, brought the Council to order at 18:25.

Location: Briargreen Public School Library.

Sequence of Events:

1. School Council Items:
 - a. Pizza days:
 - i. Currently waiting on a new link.
 - ii. Topper's Pizza has been very supportive and helpful. It is the Council's intention to continue purchasing from them.
 - iii. **Parents are encouraged to use the online ordering form which will be distributed via email. It can also be found in the School newsletter or by emailing a member of the staff.** Although sending money with your child can be done it is discouraged as the office will be forced to scramble should more than a handful of students bring cash.
 - b. Popcorn:
 - i. Soon the Council will acquire some popcorn from the Kernels in Carlingwood.
 - ii. Each bag will be sealed and the ingredients will be listed.
 - iii. To start there will be two flavours; carmel and butter.
 - iv. Cost per bag to be determined but will probably fall in the \$2-4 range.
 - v. The grade 6 students were kind enough to take on the responsibility of managing and distributing popcorn sales.
 - c. Projected upcoming cost:
 - i. Art supplies replenishment:
 1. Likely be in the \$1000 range. The Council expects to debate this item in December.
 - d. Council accessibility:
 - i. Moving forward the Council should be able to accommodate anyone that wishes to attend meetings virtually:
 1. A link will be added to the School newsletter.
 2. Anyone that wishes to join can ask the Principal ahead of time for a password.
 3. The Council members promise not to put a silly hat on your Chromebook avatar.
2. Principal's report (delivered by Elissa, the Educator's representative):

- a. Scholastic book fair:
 - i. Raised \$4020.19. The Principal used this money to purchase 429 new books for the library and saved \$1420 to purchase more books in the future.
 - b. Progress reports:
 - i. Will be made available Thursday, 17 November.
 - ii. Parents will need their children's OEN number to access the reports online (emails/links forthcoming).
 - iii. Interviews will take place on 24 and 25 November and will be booked using an online tool. If you are unable to attend an appointment on these days alternative arrangements can be made by contacting your child's educator or the Principal.
 - c. Picture retakes:
 - i. In the highly unlikely event that the perfection of your child was not adequately captured by the photographer, retakes will be conducted on 21 Nov.
 - d. Pizza day:
 - i. **The Principal wishes to reiterate the request for parents to order using the online link and avoid sending cash with their children to purchase pizza.**
 - e. Fundraising ideas:
 - i. The Council acknowledged that although the events conducted thus far have positively added to the Council's budget, there is a need to increase fundraising. Therefore suggestions are welcome! Please feel free to send an email to sc-briargreenps@ocdsb.ca, approach a member of the Council or an Educator if you have an idea or would like to volunteer your time.
3. Educator's report:
- a. Upcoming events:
 - i. Food drive:
 - 1. Briargreen will again work with Fansack.
 - 2. The food drive will take place starting the second last week of November and end the week before Christmas.
 - ii. White Elephant sale:
 - 1. 15 December.
 - 2. Students are encouraged to bring in their trinkets and fun little things to sell at the bazaar-like event in the gym.
 - 3. Organized by the Kindness Club.
 - iii. Electives day:
 - 1. 16 December.
 - 2. Students from the younger grades will see what classes are like in older grades.
 - 3. **Three parent volunteers are requested.**
 - iv. Sing Along day:

1. 23 December at 10:00.
 2. The students will gather in the gym for some good old fashioned group singing fun.
 3. Unfortunately parents are not invited (not enough room in the gym, sorry!).
- b. Items for consideration:
- i. Luv2Groove:
 1. A group will come in and provide dance sessions/lessons.
 2. Previously it cost \$1800.
 3. If cost is approved by the Council they will be booked in the new year.
 - ii. School yard lines:
 1. They are quite faded and should be redone.
 2. Cost of the spray paint can be covered by the Council. However, the method used to apply the paint to the pavement needs to be determined. Volunteers from the community would be ideal.
 - iii. Swim to Survive:
 1. A series of swimming lessons provided to grade 3 students is being considered for the new year.
 2. Costs are covered by a government grant.
 3. Unknown if it will occur due to the ongoing lifeguard shortage. More information to follow.
 - iv. More food days:
 1. Several parents have asked about increasing the frequency of food days.
 2. The Council and Educators are generally supportive. However, this would require a large, frequent and consistent number of volunteers. The rule books must also be consulted.
 3. If you would like to volunteer for these additional food days please submit your name to the Principal.
4. The School Council meeting was adjourned at a most satisfying 18:25.

Attendance:

Heather Horne
Farbod Karimi
Tashi Lhamo
Jeffery Joyce
Inok Lee
Dale Jamieson
Elissa Burrows
Alia Klein
Eli McGowan
Kerri Kitts