

# BACS PSS

## February 2021 Meeting Minutes

*Date | time* February 23, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendees- Aaron Chute, Debbie MacEachren, Jared Thompson, Melissa Camarta, Stefanie Dawson, Suzanne Bielert, Liz Kohle, Carly Rigler, Ashley St. Hilaire, Carmen Siemens, Lacey Laing

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### 1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions 6:32 pm

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### 2. Additions/Acceptance of Agenda Steffanie Dawson accepts the agenda

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Melissa Camarta seconds the motion.

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### 3. Additions/Acceptance of Minutes Steffanie Dawson accepts the minutes of the January PSS meeting 2021

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Melissa Camarta seconds the motion.

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### 4. Old Business

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#### a. **Insurance Update**

Suzanne: Sturgeon Public School Division had come forward and mentioned that insurance brokerage had come with better rates based on what was offered in the fall. When I looked at the new quote it was \$1500 and the policy, we have now is \$940 so we still stay with the one we have. We have yet to receive the paper work, it is indeed active and binding, from approval of the insurance agreement in the November PSS meeting. We were also told that if all 13 fundraising associations in the school division came together the insurance company would be able to offer a group policy. As it sits right now, only two of the 13 have inquired about the insurance group rate. I will contact the remaining groups and see if we can get everyone together to get a better rate. Hope for a better rate for next year.

#### b. **Classroom Reimbursement Update**

Suzanne: After the last PSS meeting, Mr. Chute asked if we would be able to increase the classroom spending from \$150 to \$200 per classroom. The executive voted and it was approved unanimously. The budget line for classroom reimbursement for this year was at \$1350 (9 classrooms @ \$150) and so it was only an increase of \$250 as there are 8 classrooms (8 classrooms @ \$200 = \$1600).

Mr Chute, Ms Uchaz and myself sat down and updated the teacher reimbursement process and forms and they are in use now.

Mr. Chute- Thank you for supporting our classrooms, it is so nice during COVID.

Ashley St Hilaire- "What is being funded, in the classrooms?"

Debbie MacEachren- Things like Playdough, as we cannot have a communal bucket of playdough anymore. Mrs. Roe's class has a 'don't touch box', where they only touch if

they are asked to. Special things to enhance any unit of study, art projects or if they need something unique. We teachers really appreciate the support.

Lacey Laing - Does this funding also include hand sanitizer? Also do you need any?

Mr. Chute- No, it doesn't include the hand sanitizer, however we have an abundance of hand sanitizer. It is stationed at the entrances, in the hallways, common areas, classrooms, everywhere I think we are ok.

Debbie MacEachren- We have lots of hand Sanitizer.

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## New Business

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### a. Fundraising

-Cash Calendar

Melissa Camarta- The cash calendars will be \$20, all done online, we will be sending them their information after they purchase. We need to sell a minimum of 200 calendars so that will bring in \$4,000 with the payout being \$2500 and the profit will be \$1500.

No calendars will be physically handed out it will all be online. If we do not sell our minimum, they will be refunded. In 2019 we sold 286 calendars. We would really like to get your support in helping us sell as many as we can with a maximum of 400 calendars. If we sell 400 our profit would be \$5,500! With the ease of the internet, we should be able to share it with a large community of people, regardless of location. The calendars are going out in March for purchase and start in April.

Suzanne- we have all the emails from the 50/50 and we will be messaging them with the info for this as well and we will work with the school to send out an email to all families and to post it on Facebook.

### b. Treasurer Report

Suzanne- The only expense was \$55 for the dance party prizes by Mr. Chute, so our account is in good standing. We are standing at \$463 for Flip Give at the moment. Mr. Chute, asked for the information again from Melissa so that he can re post it on the FB page, to get more traction.

### c. Other/New Additions

-End of Year Activities

Lacey Laing- I had the idea of doing an "UNBIRTHDAY Party" for all the students since it has been a rough year for everyone and no one has had a Birthday party. As a kid that is an exciting and fun thing to look forward to each year and the kids have been so good and adapting to the changes they have been faced with. We think it would be a good treat for them. Maybe a dance party, little present or loot bag for each child, or a cupcake. Each student would be assigned to make a card that can be given to another student. Logistics to be figured out but maybe posters made that just say Happy birthday. Maybe they could do as cohort classes or ultimately would love to have all students partying together, maybe outside? Or as grades, have all the grade 1s together, grade 2, etc. Maybe a Pizza party?

Mr. Chute will talk to the teachers and see what we can do. Bring forward at the next meeting to talk about updates on this topic. Would be exciting for the kids.

Carmen Siemens- Kids loved the dance party and the kids would love it if they could all be together. I may be able to get a birthday cake that somebody pops out of. It was mentioned it would be hilarious if it was MR. Chute.

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#### Next Meeting

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There will not be a meeting in March due to Spring break – we will meet again April 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Meeting Adjournment 6:55 p.m.

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