

BACS PSS COUNCIL

September 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date | time September 28, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Attendees- Kessia Brenneis, Debbie McEachren, Jared Thompson, Suzanne Bielert, Liz Kohle, Carly Rigler, Melissa Camarta, Hollie Zinnick, Ashley St. Hilaire, Kirsten Sorrell, Courtney Boddez, Stefanie Dawson, Carmen Siemens, Michelle ? & Lacey Laing

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Land Acknowledgement

Call to Order at 7:12pm

Suzanne: Late start due to technical difficulties, sorry for any inconveniences and thank you for your patience.

Jarrold Thompson: Land Acknowledgement

Welcome to Kessia Brenneis as the new Principal of BACS.

Brief introduction from Kessia.

2. Additions/Acceptance of Agenda

No Additions. Jared Thompson accepts agenda & Stefanie Dawson seconds the motion.

3. Additions/Acceptance of Minutes

No Additions. Stefanie Dawson accepts the minutes of the May 2021 PSS meeting (AGM). Jared Thompson seconds the motion

4. Old Business

1. 2020/2021 AGM

Suzanne: Our last meeting in May 2021 was our AGM. There is one outstanding item from the last meeting and that was the review and approval of the budget for this year. Due to COVID and not knowing what the year would look like, we voted to hold off until now to put the budget forward for this upcoming year.

Shared budget on screen and an overview provided.

The only number that changed from the previous budget (put forward at the AGM) is that we increased the number of classes to 9 (an increase of \$200) to the supplies.

The budget is proposed to start with a balance of approximately \$8,500 and close out the year with a balance of \$8,500 and the commitment is in place for bussing (for activities/fieldtrips), awards and the “legacy spend”, which will be a project chosen by Kessia.

Ashley: What is our Christmas fundraising going to look like this year with Covid?

Suzanne: At our AGM we voted to go with our three fundraisers: Holiday Fundraiser (Mundare Meat and Poinsettia fundraiser), the Christmas Concert 50/50 and the Spring Cash Calendar. Of

course, if the year changes due to COVID, we won't have a lot of the expenses like bussing and so we will adjust if that time comes.

Motion to Approve 2021/2022 school year budget- Ashley St. Hilaire & Carly Rigler seconds it. Executive is all in favour.

2. Insurance Update

Suzanne: I am working with Liliana from SPS head office on the insurance piece. Bill 58 was set to pass this week and then she will be letting me know what the divisions guidance is on the insurance. Will update at the next meeting.

5. New Business

1. 2021/2022 School Year

Suzanne: Jared and I met with Kessia earlier this month and had a really positive and exciting meeting – talking about the year ahead. It was great to see the new pieces in the library and to know that our fundraising dollars are going to such great improvements/additions!

Projects have not officially been identified for this year but that conversation will develop as Kessia settles in and sees what the needs are of BACS.

2. Fundraising Overview

Melissa: As mentioned before, we will have our three main fundraisers this year. We did discuss other fundraisers last AGM however we decided to keep with the main ones as to not over ask from our parents and community. The first one (Holiday Fundraiser) will be going out in October. If we cannot do the pick up from the school (due to COVID restrictions), we will look to find another space in town.

Jared: Are we still doing FlipGive and what is the balance? Does it sit there until we decide to withdraw it?

Melissa-we can withdraw at any time and they can cut us a cheque.

Suzanne- Figure out the Flipgive email/link to forward to families so that we can send it out again to the school. Biggest push for FlipGive comes to the first few months of the year, especially for Christmas time shopping.

3. Budget Overview

Suzanne – we discussed the budget above so we can move on.

4. 2021 Craft Fair

Suzanne – The School Division's Back to School plan (at this time) does not allow for any outside rentals, so we are assuming that the craft fair is on hold for this year, unless things change. Depending on time and Covid restrictions.

5. School Bookings Update

Suzanne: No external rentals at this time. This will be put on hold, we still have a good savings in that account \$8900 school joint use account balance, when we have to do repairs, need supplies, etc. Information on school rentals will be sent out to people once we receive more information from the Division and Kessia.

6. Hot Lunch Update

Suzanne: There will be at some point this year a return of hot lunch. Will wait for things to calm down at this point but once we are able to, there will be notices coming out for hot lunch at least 1-2 times a month and hopefully after Christmas we can get back to every Friday. Everything has changed since this plan has gone into place.

Ashley: What about hot lunch credits from 2020?

Suzanne: It will get applied to your account as we still have all the records and when we are good to go, they will be good to go.

Jared: Had a random occurrence, does the school/breakfast program need 200 watermelons? My dad asked but in case they come across more donated food, from grocery stores, can we get it to the school?

Kessia- Our breakfast program lead is paid for 3 hrs per day, looking for new grants and agencies to pay our cook for her extra time. I am sure she can work with donated food and help with budge. They do have room to store food in the breakfast room.

7. New/Other Items

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Meeting Adjournment – 7:30 p.m.
