***Baltimore Public School Council***

***Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2025***

**Members Present:** Renee Cameron (Principal), Tracey Low (Teacher Representative), Danielle Dafoe (Chair), Lindsey Logel (Treasurer & acting Secretary), Breeann Cochrane, Pam Graham, Cait Miller, Brianna Peterson, Kierstin Cochrane, Stephanie Peterson, Emily Murray

Minutes from previous meeting (December 4, 2024) were approved.

NOTE: Meeting minutes can be found on Edsby in the School Council group and electronically on the School Website <https://baltimore.kprdsb.ca/Community/School%20Council>

* 2024 – 2025 Goals for School Council
	+ Short Term – Trips, Fundraisers, Support for Teachers/Classrooms
	+ Mid Term – Technology, Basketball Nets
	+ Long Term – New playground equipment

**Fundraising**

* Order of events:
	+ December 11th – Winter Concert “Best Seat In The House/VIP Parking Sweepstakes” – raised $484.70
	+ December Popcorn Sale – raised $219.71
	+ March 6th – Glo Dance Party
		- Glo sticks and popcorn sales
		- Each child will receive one free glo stick
		- There will be an option to purchase up to 8 glo sticks per child for $1 per glo stick
		- Glo stick sales will begin on February 18th and end on February 28th.
		- If there are glo sticks remaining, they can be purchased the day of the dance party
		- Pam and Brianna will attend at the school on March 5th to organize the glo sticks purchased
		- Breeann, Pam and Brianna have volunteered to attend the dance party and assist with popcorn sales
		- More details regarding the particulars (timing, layout, etc) will follow after Council speaks further with Mark Duke.
		- Council approved the purchase of 2400 glow sticks at a cost of $200 ($50 per 600 glo sticks)
	+ April 10th – Papa’s Pizza Land Pizza Night
		- Sales to begin on March 31st
	+ May 8th – Baltimore Blooms
		- A maximum of 250 flower baskets will be purchased from Baltimore Valley Garden Centre for $30 each
		- Council will sell the baskets for $35 each
		- Sales will go live on April 22nd
		- Pam will speak with Baltimore Valley to determine an appropriate date for when sales should end
	+ May TBD – Popcorn Sale
	+ June TBD – Baltimore’s Got Talent – “Best Seat in The House/VIP Parking”
	+ June 3rd – Fun Fair
		- See additional details below
	+ June 12th – Arrowmatics
		- Breeann to reach out to Luke to finalize details
* Ongoing Fundraisers
	+ Mabels Labels
		- The link will continue to be shared
	+ Hot Lunch Program
		- There have been lots of volunteers assisting with the hot lunches
		- Eastside Marios’s waived their delivery fee which means Council is now receiving a profit from the sales

**Grants**

* PRO Grants - $1000 grant
	+ In connection with Dale Road Public School
	+ June 18th – Paul Davis will be attending at Baltimore Public School to discuss social media and online safety
	+ He will present to Grades 4-6 students during the day
	+ There will be a presentation for parents/guardians at 6 pm
	+ There will be light snacks provided for parents
	+ A flyer will be posted on Edsby with additional information
* Best Buy Grant
	+ Ms. Procee applied but we were not chosen for the grant
* Hamilton Township Community Grant
	+ Continuing to wok with Parks and Recreation to see if the school playground can be deemed a park for community use
	+ If this is approved there are several other grants that council could apply for to help with the playground goal
* Commonwealth Mutual Insurance Group L.E.A.F Initiative
	+ Council received the funds for the playground

**Yearbook**

* Update provided by Tracey Low
	+ Going to use Canva Premium to build the yearbook. There is a cost of $160 to use the Premium version. This cost will be built into the cost Council charges for the yearbook.
	+ Yearbooks will sell for $15 each
	+ Beginning next week, students will schedule time at recess and before/after school to start putting pictures into the system.

**Principal’s Report**

* Update provided by Renee Cameron
* Jr Climbers
	+ Currently following the process given by Facilities
	+ There are thresholds for playground costs and the role of facilities for getting quotes and checking compliance (must have 90% of the funds before requesting quotes; if quotes are between $5,000 and $25,000, you need at least three quotes; if a quote is more than $25,000, Facilities will do a formal request)
	+ Renee is meeting with the architect on February 6th
* Staff Professional Learning
	+ The presentation about 7 Principles of Indigenous Education is being rescheduled due to a snow day.
	+ All staff are learning about this and how to use the K-6 Indigenous Literacy resources in the school
* Eary Reader Screener
	+ For Year 2 Kindergarten to Grade 2
	+ The Fall benchmarks will be reported in the upcoming report cards
	+ All students that were below the benchmark are retested at the end of February/early March, where they will be looking for growth
	+ This is new this year, so teachers are still learning about the assessment
	+ Teachers are not contracted to do the 2nd screening, so a Literacy Consultant is doing this for each school
* Girls Jr. Volleyball team attended a tournament today and came in third place! Way to Go!
* Kindness Squad Hershey Kisses/What I Love About You starts next week
* Brimacombe 2nd ski trip next week
	+ Over 60 students have signed up
	+ Looking at how to lower bus costs next year
	+ The school supported some families with covering the cost for both trips so that all could participate
* February 6th is Climate Change Awareness Day
	+ Students are encouraged to wear their favourite sweater
* Grade ¾ classes are attending 2 skating trips this month
* February 19th – report cards go home
* February 26th – Pink Shirt Day
* Upcoming in March
	+ 3 dates for Jimmy Chapman Breakdancing (after March break) – paid by Rural Grant
	+ Jr. Basketball Tournament

**Teacher’s Report**

 Update provided by Tracey Low

* The Holiday Centre activities before Christmas was successful and staff say thank you to all parents/guardians who donated items!
* The winter concert went really well and was a success even though there were a lot of snow days leading up to it

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Update provided by Lindsey Logel
	+ Mark Duke has reached out to Council and is requesting $500 for the replacement of the school dishwasher
		- The school board will not pay for a new dishwasher but will pay for the installation of it
		- The dishwasher is used for the breakfast club to follow protocol for washing the bowls and spoons (currently using disposable)
		- The kindergarten classes also use it for disinfecting toys and other tools
		- There is a PC Gant that the school applied for that could assist with this cost but the school was not granted it.
		- There is an Ontario Student Nutrition Program where the school received $1200 and there was a total of $1200 from parent donations. These funds are used to purchase food for the program.
		- Council is requesting additional information (quotes and dimensions) and will vote on this request by February 14th
	+ T-Litzen has contacted the school about purchasing a class set of snowshoes (30) as they’re having a sale. The cost would range from $50.98 - $75.60 per pair depending on the size of shoe purchased.
		- Council did not vote in favour of this purchase
	+ The summary and balances for each account were briefly reviewed

**Regional School Council Meeting**

* Next meeting is on February 12, 2025 – Emily Murray will be attending on behalf of Council.

**Fun Fair**

* Pam Graham provided Council with an update on behalf of the Fun Fair Committee
	+ Date:
		- June 3rd at the school
	+ Tickets
		- There will be a pre-sale where entry tickets will be $15 each and each entry ticket will come with 10 tickets which can be used for food or games
		- At the door tickets will be sold for $10 each and will be for entry only
		- Food and game tickets can be purchased at the door for $1.00 each
		- There will be a family deal which will be $40
	+ Food
		- The owners of Smash Pattys have generously agreed to donate the food and their time
		- Burgers, pop and chips
		- Breeann will reach out to Metro about donating a gift card so additional food may be purchased by the Committee
	+ Activities
		- There will be a vendor sale inside the gym
		- There will be a raffle – Lindsey will reach out to the Township about a lottery license
		- All games will be outside
		- There will be an inflatable bouncy castle
		- “Touch a Truck” event
	+ Volunteers
		- Kierstin has reached out to the local high schools and has heard back from some students about volunteering
		- More volunteers are needed in order to make this successful
	+ Request
		- The Fun Fair Committee has requested $1000 from Council so they can have a float and start putting deposits down
		- Council approved this request

**Other Business**

* STEM Fair on May 6th
	+ 11 classes are participating at there will be a winner from each class
	+ Each winner will receive 10 free tickets to use at the fun fair – approved by Council
* Playground Update
	+ Moving through the process
	+ Planning on a spring installation for the new playground
	+ The resurfacing was failed – a quote for woodchips is needed – the Township may donate woodchips
	+ Pam will get a quote for the primary playground and send it to Facilities
	+ The current playground only has a life expectancy of 3-5 years
	+ Tracey thinks the kids would really enjoy a sandbox as they are currently using the jumping pits
* Grade 6 Graduation
	+ The parents of the Grade 6 Graduation Committee are requesting $750 towards the graduation. This would be used for the afterparty (inflatables and games), food and decorations
	+ Council voted and approved this request
* STEM Club
	+ Council previously approved $5,000 to the STEM Club
	+ 10 iPads were purchased
	+ The balance in this account is $752.18
	+ Council will ask Renee for an update on the Club and what is needed

**Upcoming Meetings:**

* School Council Meeting - Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the School Library
* Fun Fair Committee – Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm in Mr. Duke’s classroom