***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