
Baltimore Public School Council

Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2025

Members Present: Renee Cameron (Principal), Tracey Lowe, Mark Duke (Teacher Representatives), Danielle Dafoe (Chair), Ashley Daniel (Secretary), Lindsey Logel (Treasurer) Kierstan Cochrane, Pam Graham, Breanne Cochrane, Cait Miller

Minutes from previous meeting (February 5, 2024) were approved.

NOTE: Meeting minutes can be found on Edsby in the Parent 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:
 - March 6th – Glo Dance Party – Glow sticks raised \$432.47 & popcorn sales raised \$409.91
 - April 10th – Papa’s Pizza Land Pizza Night
 - May 10th – Baltimore Blooms
 - A maximum of 250 flower baskets will be purchased from Baltimore Valley Garden Centre for \$30 each
 - Council will sell baskets for \$35 each
 - Sales will go live April 22
 - Pick up from the school May 6/7 - will update via edsby
 - May Popcorn Date – May 20th
 - Sales go live May 8th until May 15th
 - May 27 – Talent Show
 - “Best seat in the house” Sweepstakes
 - VIP parking sweepstakes
 - Sales go live May 8th until May 22
 - Spin wheel for winner May 23

- “Sweepstakes” - suckers?
- June 3rd – Fun Fair
 - See additional details below
- June 12th – Arrowmatics
 - 3 packs of spices for \$25
 - Order May 20 – June 4
 - June 12 pick will be sent home with students
- Ongoing Fundraisers:
 - **Mabel’s Labels** - ongoing
 - The link will continue to be shared.
 - **Hot Lunch Program**
 - Change for September – stop East Side Marios

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 of both schools at 6pm
 - There will be light snacks provided for parents
 - A flyer will be posted on Edsby with additional information
- Hamilton Township Community Grant
 - Parks and Recreation shared that we are not eligible to set up a community use agreement. They met with KPR and the Trillium Fund. We are only eligible for school grants.
- Commonwealth Mutual Insurance Group L.E.A.F Initiative
 - Council received the funds for the playground. The playground is getting installed this spring.

Yearbook

- Update provided by Tracey Lowe
 - Yearbooks \$15 each
 - Pictures being put into the system, process going well
 - Parents are encouraged to send any photos of sporting events or school trips to yearbook.baltimoreps@gmail.com.

Principal's Report

Update provided by Renee Cameron:

- Playground-all pea stone waiting to get churned. In summer of 2024, too hard to rototill. In the fall, all playground surfaces failed the inspection. This led to an increase cost for junior climber as new surface was not in grant request. The new junior climber has had an architect hired by KPR add to the plan existing drainage under the surface. KPR facilities will review if current playground curbing can stay. KPR will assess whether an arborist is required to make clearance for the new structures height. A question was asked about why the grant did not cover the new surface. At the time, the grant was given a quote with TBD for pea stone and an estimate for the new surface was not known until after the grant. In the future, we can request quotes for all playground to be resurfaced as KPR will no longer use pea stone. With weather pea stone turns the surface to a solid like cement. Pam shared that she was given an installation date of late May.
- PA Day- Literacy Focus continues with Elements of Writing and how to teach writing. We are using The Writer's Revolution and The Writing Rope which is the foundation for our Language curriculum. AI focus about how to use this as an educator. The board uses Microsoft Co-pilot. Vaping information for Educators will be shared and connections to the local Health Unit for support starting in grade 4. Presentation from our KPR Indigenous Consultant about the 7 Principles of Indigenous Education. The principles are posted in each KPR school. Ours is near the office.
- Events: Jimmy Chapman rescheduled to May 5 due to Ice Days/Power Out, Earth Day April 29, Spelling Bee April 29,
- Questions for School Council: Is school council continuing to purchase the grade 6 celebration shirt for \$15.00 each? This has been done since 2020 and worn as part of their clap out. Each year (but last) school council purchases the Grade 1-5 awards (\$400) and Grade 6 awards (\$400), will this continue? Council was adjourned in the spring last year so the vote was not in the minutes.

Teacher's Report:

- Lots of snow days means lots of missed teaching days – teachers playing catch up!
- STEM projects going well

Treasurer's Report:

- The summary and balances for each account were briefly reviewed by Council.
- Grade 6 grad t-shirts to be paid (\$15 each) by council – passed by council
- Grade 1-5 Awards (\$400) and Grade 6 (\$400) Awards to be paid by council-passed

Regional School Council Meeting:

- Next meeting April 16, 2025

Fun Fair:

- Pam Graham and Kierstin Cochrane provided council with an update on behalf of the Fun Fair Committee
 - Date: June 3rd at the school
 - Tickets
 - Mega Bundle
 - \$55 – includes entry for 4, food for 2, arms length of sweepstake tickets, entry for VIP parking, unlimited games wristband x2
 - Add a child \$5
 - Add a meal \$5
 - Food
 - The owners of Smash Pattys have generously agreed to donate the food and their time
 - Burgers, Pop and Chips
 - Volunteers
 - Kiersten has reached out to high school students locally and has heard back from some for volunteering
 - More volunteers are needed to make this event run smoothly
 - Google Doc to be sent out for sign-ups for table/activities once it has all been finalized
 - 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
 - Multiple inflatables
 - “Touch a truck” event
 - Ice cream donated by Kawartha Dairy – we will need to provide spoons

Other Business:

- STEM Fair on May 6th
 - 11 classes are participating and there will be a winner from each class
 - Each winner will receive 10 free tickets to use at the fun fair (approved by council)
 - Students able to work on projects on Mondays and Wednesdays at recess
- Playground Update
 - Moving through the process
 - Planning on a spring installation
 - Resurfacing was failed – quote for woodchips needed
 - Pam to get quote for Primary playground quote and send to facilities
 - Current playground only has a life expectancy of 3-5 years

- Sand being donated for the sandpit

Upcoming Meetings/Dates:

School Council Meeting – Tuesday June 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the school library

Earth day clean up – April 22

Jimmy Chapman – May 5

Volunteer Breakfast – May 16

Spelling Bee – April 29th

Play Day – TBD