

BSS School Council Meeting Minutes

April 8th 2025

Attendance

In-person Attendees: Anne Marie McDonald, Principal; Alida French, Teacher Rep; Corrie, Michelle, Melanie, Don and Jennifer, Council Members, Akmoud (parent) & Jakoub (family friend of student).

Online: Nemanja, Council Member.

Regrets: Judy (Secretary), Abby and Andrew (Student Reps)

Minutes:

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Additions / Changes to Agenda – nothing added
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Feb 11th Meeting Minutes – minutes posted to the website.
5. Student Council Report – deferred.
6. Teacher's Report - Ms. Alida French:

Misc:

- NYC trip this week
- Mid-term coming up April 16th

Brenda Scarlett:

- Field trip to Little Cat for Forest Therapy for April 29th, and May 2nd
- Student Vote - Provincial and now Federal - busy!!
- YPI - May 8th Finals - huge thank you to Civics classes for all their work on this project for our Kingston community
- Grade 12 Nutrition and Health Class - guest speakers (Natalie Garvey and her mom)
- International Teachers are circulating with the department classes to check out lessons for the Social Sciences.

Christa Ohlman:

- Any parents willing to volunteer for our BINGO nights?

Shannon Niemi:

- BSS Road Races are occurring on Friday April 25 so the streets in the area (Hudson, Mona, Taylor-Kidd, plus Downing and Allum for last 2 races) will be very busy that day.

Cam Gibson:

- Many grade 12s are completing DELF exams next week!

Meg Donald:

- School to Community classes partook in a Mini Ice Stock competition at FSS April 1st with one of the teams winning gold in the finals!
- Special Olympics Floorball Qualifiers is taking place April 9th at LCVI
- School to Community Soccer-Baseball tournament at FSS taking place April 23rd

Kendra Brennan:

- The Choir performed at the Kiwanis Festival and earned a gold seal of distinction. Bayridge was the only school in all of Kingston to have a high school choir perform!
- The Band performs in Kiwanis this coming Thursday at 10am
- Next Wednesday (April 16th) music students and arts council are hosting "Rock the Ridge" - our spring coffee house. Admission is by donation. Show starts at 7 and there will be a canteen available.
- SHSM arts and culture students had an incredible day at McArthur - Queen's University celebrating Art Works. Our students participated in song writing, face painting, improv among other arts activities. Students had a great time and earned certificates towards completing their SHSM requirements.

7. Principal's Report - Ms. Anne Marie McDonald

- Summer construction project at Bayridge.
- Food Sharing update, efforts to support this program continue including Golf Tournament to raise funds. May 30th 2025. Cost is \$125 per person.
- New York City trip – parents concerns regarding travel to the US have been heard and guidance has come from the Director. Families involved in the school trip have been provided with further information.
- Vice Principal – Mr. McCullough currently away on a leave. Please bear with admin team, they will respond to questions and concerns as soon as they can, but may take a little longer given the staff shortage.
- Timetable/Projections – numbers looking good for next year, stable enrollment.
- Results of the Menti survey for each grade shared – feedback from students received about issues such as vaping, access to mental health supports, readiness for post-secondary, etc.

8. Chair's Report- Corrie Allingham – Annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast will discussed at next meeting, however the date is June 27th 2025 and volunteers will be needed that morning starting at 7:45 am (approximately). Nemanja has volunteered to assist once again this year.

9. Treasurer's Report-Don Polk-nothing to report. Balance in the account is \$984.63
Discussion about \$200 Citizenship- Graduation Awards. School Council voted that we would provide \$200 again this year for award.
Discussion about Golf Tournament- we would like to make a contribution to this event. Corrie will follow up with organizing committee to find out how we could support this event. Funds raised are going toward Food Sharing initiatives (as shared and noted in minutes of Feb 11th meeting).

10. PIC Report- Jennifer King- unable to attend the last meeting. Will report in May when she gets the minutes.

11. Old Business:

- BSS Charity Golf Tournament
- End of Day parking congestion - reminding families/guardians to park in the parking lot or at the church when picking up students at end of day

12. New Business:

- Graduation award: School Council Award for Citizenship – Council voted all in favour of contributing \$200 total Corrie will confirm with Ms. Kapuschat (Graduation Committee).

Next Meeting/Adjournment - Tuesday May 27th 2025 6:30-7:30