

BEACONSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL

MINUTES

Tuesday November 3, 2020 through Google video at 7p.m.

Present

Danielle Leggett - president and chair

Dina Abreu

Ovid Burlec

Laurie Hartlen

Eliana Hussain

Tricia Lax

Sue Methe

Corinna Rake

Lisa Del Greco - scribe

Karen Borrmann

Jason Ferris, Cycle 1 VP

Rosemary Hill, Staff Representative

Talib Hussain

Kathryn MacLennan

Krista Pershall

Rosey Robolledo

1. **Welcome.** Meeting start at 7 pm
2. **Additions and approval of agenda:** *Motioned by Dina seconded by Krista none abstained, all in favor, motioned passed.*
3. **Review and approval of minutes from September 29, 2020.** Taking into account the amendments of spelling of Talib and Eliana's names along with Dina's abstention for a vote and a typo correction the motion was raised by *Talib seconded by Eliana none abstained, all in favor, motioned passed.*
4. **Reports**

A) **PRESIDENT:** Excellent collaboration and support with the school administration and staff. We have the luxury of an unknown year to be creative.

Significant project for the year will be the **creation of a website.** A **PayPal account** has already been set up and a membership drive will be initiated.

A **question from a new member** around H&S activities: i.e.: Welcome Back Breakfast, Teacher Staff Appreciation Week -aka TSAW, teachers wish list.

B) PRINCIPAL: Jason Ferris introduced himself as new **Cycle One, VP.** Spoke to **various school activities**, Shave to Save (4 students), Convocation and Virtual Grad, Get active campaign (students logging of activities).

Housekeeping : Nov 20th interim report cards - no numerical grade, teacher request for parent meeting if needed, remaining parent spots open to other parents. Additionally, students will have **access to lockers for coats and boots but NO locks** permitted.

C) STAFF:

- PhysEd extended their **thanks** for granting their wish list
- Fitness challenge with PhysEd department underway
- Request that **parents encourage the students to wear warm clothes** as they will be outside as much as possible during PhysEd classes
- **Student Life has done a great job:** Bingo, Trivia, Door Decorating, 2 days of dressing up for Halloween, pumpkin decorating, decorating the courtyard
- Working on engaging students who are learning from home
- Remembrance Day activities are starting to be planned: postcards to Veterans and Poppy campaign (available to purchase in school)
- Starting to plan christmas activities
- Please report your child's sick/absence with the correct cycle secretary by phone or email, do not communicate it to the teacher(s)
- **Request for funding:** A project in collaboration with McGill University involving Bioengineering and creating a hydroponic wall which could involve all students (including online). Hoping for \$1000 towards the project.. **Rosemary will create a proposal for H&S**
- Working on **finding student representation to join Home and School**, hopefully a Cycle 1, Cycle 2 and on-line student representation.
- Jason Ferris has been very warmly welcomed by the BHS community and the school feels very lucky to have him.
- Danielle asked about ways that **H&S might be able to help kids enjoy more time outside**. Rosemary was enthusiastic about the idea. Idea will be followed up in future meetings

D) **TREASURER** - Dina : No change in balance \$2,306 - *not including membership fees*. **PayPal** account has been set up. **PhysEd accepted their funding. Science and Musical did not need the funds.**

E) **MEMBERSHIP** - Krista : Currently sitting at **8 members** but a **call for members will go out**. Will find out if home addresses are required or only email sufficient. Deadline for membership is November 15 but it can continue until February. **Members of other H&S' can be an associate member for \$3.**

F) **FUNDRAISING** - Danielle on behalf of Brad Wilson: Brad will once again take on fundraising and will work with Sharla Ruel De Souza. Currently **looking into various ideas and options:** face masks, environmental cleaning products, holiday cards. Sue Methe and/or Rosey Robolledo will

vet ideas through GB. It was suggested to **possibly work with students on the initiative.**
Rosemary Hill offered to participate in the sub-committee.

G) **COMMUNICATIONS** - Corinna: Working on our website, once we choose a name we can be ready to launch. Sub-committee will be made up of Corinna, Lisa and Danielle.

5. Additional Committees:

- **Initiating a sub-committee for online students.** Potential name "Online and In-person Connectivity Committee"
- Tricia Lax, Talib Hussain, Eliana Hussain, Kathryn MacLennan, Rosemary Hill are interested in being involved in a Online sub-committee
- Jason Ferris will provide list of names of students learning from home this year
- It was confirmed that we can broadcast to the online student families via the normal BHS ERMS

6. New/other Business:

- **Virtual Open House** in January. Video was produced by LBPSB
- Suggestion was made to the Administration to be more explicit with the subject line of ERMS messages.
- Ovid Burlec, from the Governing Board, was interested if we had any needs which they might be able to help with?
- Rosey inquired if the school was aware of families in financial need. None that we are currently aware of.
- The **QHfSA Fall Conference** is coming up - 7 workshops from November 16 to 26. ALL ARE FREE. Corinna will be hosting on November 15 entitled: Is Now a Good Time to Move our Home & School "ONLINE"? [.http://www.qfhsa.org/fall-conference/](http://www.qfhsa.org/fall-conference/)

7. **Next meeting:** December 1, 2020

8. Meeting adjourned 9:18 pm *Motioned by Corinna seconded by Sue none abstained, all in favor, motioned passed.*