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Bessborough School Council Meeting

November 30, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Bessborough Drive Elementary and Middle School Library

Present:

1. Andrea Bee (President)
2. Alan Fleming (Secretary)
3. Laura Wright (Communications)
4. Rachel Gordon (In-School Events)
5. Geoff Lamb (Treasurer)
6. Janet Bambrick (Principal)
7. Will Cheng (Teacher)

Meeting:

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

2. Quarterly Planning (Andrea Bee)

- Reviewed planned upcoming quarterly initiatives
 - Teacher Appreciation (Dec 7)
 - Pizza Day (Jan 31 and Feb 7)
 - Trivia Night (Feb 7)
 - School Dance (TBC - tentative Feb 14 during school hours)
 - Bessborough Book Swap – Week of March 4

3. Communications (Laura Wright)

- Presented update on communications strategy
 - School Council Instagram handle (@bessboroughschoolcouncil)
 - Currently 675 Instagram followers compared to ~480 at beginning of school year
- Monthly calendar included as part of School Council Newsletters

4. Enrichment Budget (Geoff Lamb)

- Presented Enrichment Budget of \$42,000 for 2023/2024 School Year
- Presented individual line items of Enrichment Budget:
 - TV Tech Package to replace old promethean boards: \$15,000
 - Team Uniforms; 60 choir/band and 60 sports: \$3,000
 - Club Funds; Garden club and Film club: \$4,000
 - Discussion ensued for clubs to submit specific request for use and rational of funds
 - Presented idea of pursuing TDSB grants to support individual club funding

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- Canopy for sporting events: \$2,000
 - Discussion ensued on appropriate funding and use of canopies and/or flags for sporting events
- Classroom allocation: \$10,000
 - \$400 per classroom intended to cover expenses to enhance classroom experience
 - Discussion ensued on appropriate classroom allocation and purpose for use of funds
- Principal's discretion to support student need: \$5,000
- 5 Yamaha flutes for rejuvenation of band program: \$3,000
- Motion raised and motion passed to approve 2023/2024 Enrichment budget as presented

5. Spirit Wear (Andrea Bee in lieu of Allison Lort)

- Presented update on Winter Spirit Wear Launch
 - Orders through holiday season and deliveries after winter break
- Presented update on Spring Spirit Wear Launch
 - Looking for designers to support development of Spring wear

6. Social and Community Events (Rachel Gordon)

- Presented update of upcoming community events:
 - Trivia night – limited space; tickets go on sale in New Year
 - Planning underway for new social event to support capital improvement fundraising
 - 100th year event – April 18
 - Mayfair – May 25, 20024; Committee members needed
 - Street Crawl – TBC; Event hosts needed

9. Principal's Report (Janet Bambrick)

- Topics discussed:
 - Kindie Concert
 - Bessborough Athletic Council
 - 100-year Celebration

10. Next School Council Meeting:

- Scheduled for February 28 at 7pm

11. Meeting concluded at approximately 8:15 pm