

Bell High School
Council Meeting
November 28, 2022
In-person and virtual
MINUTES

Attendees: Jon Harris, Karyn Curtis, Ann Matejicka, Maris Stasko, Jen Samuel, Ethan Guan, Jules Wong, Murjan Abdi

Welcome and Introductions – Ann Matejicka

Ann welcomed participants.

Approval of Agenda – Ann Matejicka

The agenda was approved, with the addition of an OCASC report under Other Business.

Approval of Minutes – Ann Matejicka

The minutes from September 26, 2022 were approved. Motion to approve: Maris Stasko; seconded: Jen Samuel.

The minutes from October 24, 2022 were approved. Motion to approve: Karyn Curtis; seconded: Jen Samuel.

Student Council Report – Ethan Guan, Jules Wong

Students have raised concerns about the lack of lighting and flickering lights in the cafeteria. The Remembrance Day ceremony went well. This was our first in-person assembly since the pandemic began.

The Club Marketplace website will be up soon.

Grade 12 students have requested another opportunity for grad photos, as the booking system was difficult and many were unable to obtain a sitting.

Leadership Camp will take place in late February, in the school. Registration ends on Wednesday. The cost is \$55 for three days and two nights. The theme is Doomsday. Parent volunteers are needed.

The Board's menstrual equity project aims to have menstrual products made available to 13 to 18-year-old students. The ministry is partnering with Shoppers Drug Mart in this regard. The co-presidents' council is working to increase access and locations.

There will be a Spirit Day in November featuring a moustache contest, in which students pay \$1 to vote on the best one.

Snowcase will take place the last day of school before holidays. It will include escape rooms and a talent show. There will be no afternoon classes.

The dance and haunted house in October were sold out. The next dance will be for Valentines Day. There will be a coat check, and student identification will be required.

The Wellness Committee has put up murals around the school.

Principal's Report – Jon Harris

Our new superintendent is Amy Hannah.

The Yearbook Committee is up and running. Yearbooks will be available for \$20.

The awards breakfast will take place tomorrow in the cafeteria.

There are two options for Commencement: a Leaving Ceremony, held in early June (no awards or medals), or a ceremony in the morning of June 28 in the gym at Bell. Jon will be meeting

with students to discuss these options.

November 25: PD day

December 1: Immunization catch-up clinic for secondary students

The Board has determined that there will be no exams for Grade 9 or 10 students, and exams for university or college classes only for senior students. Classes will not be held January 24 to 27.

Intermediate students participated in a touch football tournament in November, and will be hosting a volleyball tournament in January. The Intermediate school is short-staffed, which affects the availability of athletics.

Jon is working on establishing an additional day for grad photos.

Staff Report – Maris Stasko

There are 371 ESL students at Bell, representing over 60 countries.

Rainbow Alliance is meeting with the Ottawa Pride network.

Grade 10-12 students participated in a 3-day silkscreen workshop.

Students are working on producing a colouring book, with proceeds to go to the Food Bank.

More information will be available on the website.

We have a new scoreboard!

The senior girls' volleyball team did well. Several sports are starting soon, including wrestling, junior and senior boys' basketball, track, and junior boys' and girls' volleyball.

The after-school fitness club is up and running.

The senior boys' cross-country team won the western championships, and did well at OFSAA.

Treasurer's Report – Jen Samuel

Jen will re-submit the September and October reports, due to a minor discrepancy. She will check with the office to clarify totals.

Other Business

Fundraising – Mo Tait

The Purdy's chocolate fundraiser produced \$3,524.

Supplies will be delivered in early December.

Mo and Karyn will deliver orders to students.

OCASC Report – Ann Matejicka

Vivian Chan attended the OCASC meeting on November 17.

Bell needs to pay the membership fee of \$35.

The province used to give parent councils \$1,000 for parent involvement, but now provides the funds to boards, which disperse it. There are concerns that this will adversely affect smaller schools, such as Bell, which may lack the resources to apply for funding.

Next meeting Monday, January 30, 2023