

Belfast Home And School Minutes
Mr. Munro's Classroom
Sept 19, 2023

Present: Debbie Cooper Beck, Melanie Harris, John Munro, Kelley Carpenter, Trish & Ben Carter, Sylvie DeSousa, Tonia Fraser, Taliena & Brian Howden, Murial Knox, Tracy Knox, Lynn Docherty, Colleen Creed, Caitlin Bradley

Recorder: Melanie Harris

1. **Welcome:** Sylvie called the meeting to order at 7:03

2. **Approval of Agenda for September 19th meeting**

3.

Motion to Approve: Trish/Debbie

4. **Approval of Minutes from May 2nd, 2023**

Motion to Approve: Ben/Lynn

5. **Business Arising:**

- Gaga Ball pit funding has been received, waiting on carpenter availability.
- Credit union banking account was closed, Home and school account is solely at ScotiaBank - Montague branch.
- Carey Gillis received the bus driver of the year award.

4. **Principals Report:**

- Current enrollment is 144 students. We have been able to maintain roughly the same number as the end of the 22/23 school year (150). We have had approx 20 students leave for homeschooling and Immanuel Christian School. We have had some new students join this year.
- Staffing update. Ms. Carpenter will be our permanent VP for our school. New staff include Lindsey Morton in kindergarten, Margo Willingston is teaching % and K, Maggie Johnson in grade 4, and Meg Edwards is back teaching 7-9 LA, 9 SS, and exploration. Juanita Bradley was hired as our youth and service worker.

Juanita is 50% at Belfast and 50% at Vernon river. She works full days on day 1, 5, 6 (Ms. Lea will be here days 2,3,4)

- Construction of the new ventilation system took place over the summer. It is still not complete and more work will take place on PD days and Saturdays. Thanks to Lana and Nancy for all their work getting the school ready for day 1.
- An Exploration course has been added for the grade 7-9 class. We currently have 5 hours of exploration in the 6 day schedule. The purpose of this course is to support student learning that is developmentally appropriate for students in grade 7-9. They will learn "real life" skills and be able to dig deeper into topics of their choice. Mrs. Edward, Mr. Ellis, and Mr. Johnston all teach a portion of the time.
- In sports, we are running cross country (Mr. Johnson), girls & boys volleyball (Mrs. Mackinnon/Mrs. Williston), and girls & boys golf (Mr. Munroe). Wrestling club is also gearing up for another season.
- Our school will be participating in Truth and Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt Day.
- Belfast Consolidated has joined the COSPEI Gold Rush. Gold Rush is a collaborative fundraiser that is open to all schools on PEI.
- School is looking for carpenters to build our second gaga ball pit.

5. New Business

Election of New Executives

President

Sylvie DeSousa's Term is up, and wishes to let her name stand. No other Nominations. Congratulations Sylvie.

Vice President

Position Vacant. Caitlin Bradley Nominates herself. No other Nominations. Congratulations Caitlin!

Treasurer

Debbie Beck's Term is up, wishes to step down. Tracy Knox Nominated by Colleen Creed. Tracy accepts Nomination. Congratulations Tracy!

Secretary

Melanie Harris' Term is up, and wishes to let her name stand. No other nominations. Congratulations Melanie!

Fundraising Ideas for Fall 2023

- Fundraising through maritime fundraising
- Flip give has raised \$785 on the app
Promotion of flip give needs to be better, how do we get more people on the app, newsletter promotion to continue
- Pancake raffles Via facebook
Pancake raffles to start towards christmas, Debbie and Tracey to work on this
- Bingo night. Funds raised from bingo night will go towards the spring fling being held on June 21st, 2024
Friday November 10th, Bingo committee as follows Trish, Ben, Tonya, Caitlin, Sylvie, Melanie, Taliena
- Halloween dance/spooktacular. Lights, decorations, smoke machines to be used from the old corn maze thanks to Tonya and Rose. Date TBD
Halloween dance committee Tonya, Lynn, Sylvie, Caitlin, Taliena, Melanie
- Bottle drive?

Parent leadership Grant Program

- Application due Nov 30th 2023
- Grant money of \$500 allocated for a home and school project that will get youth and parent involved
- Ideas - Art night, yoga night, healthy food seminar, Trivia night, cultural night, literacy/math night

Tulips for front Garden Beds

- Tonya to see if riverview has any bulbs left over. If not we will talk to Ann at island pride

Motion: to budget \$100 on bulbs for the front garden bed

Motion to approve: Trish/Taliena

New signing names on bank account

- **Motion:** to remove Lisa Edwards, Debbie Beck and Maddy Fortune as signing officers on the scotiabank account. Add Tracey Knox, Caitlin

Bradley and keep Sylvie Desousa as signing officers. **Motion to approve: Ben/Taliena**

6. Committee Reports

Treasurer report

- \$3976 (\$1320 of that is beautification)

Motion to Approve: John/lynn

7. Correspondence

- Semi annual provincial home and school meeting is October 23rd
- Membership fees due
- Home and school training workshops tentatively Nov 6/7

8. Date of next meeting: November 2nd, 2023

9. Adjournment Time: 8:12