



Blossom Park Public School  
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**Blossom Park School Council**  
**Minutes – Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

**In attendance:**

Susan Fattal (Co-Chair), Naoko Nakamura (Co-Chair), Ashleigh Calberry (Treasurer/Secretary), Jessica Bokhout, Dave Langner, Caroline Thériault (Principal), Colin Halsall (Vice Principal), Susan Al-Riffai (MLO), Maisa Almadi, Najwa Shabouk, Amber-Lynn L'Heureux, Haggag Ahmed Nayel, Rodayna Mohamed, Hanaa Rasheed, Haytham Elsaid, Limakatso Mokoka, Hawa Mohamed, Yasser Haj Hossen, Fedla Mohammed, Aiser Glaya, Maryam Almousa, Maryam Arbaawak, Abdullah Haj Hamza, Liban Mire, Dyala Alkhaf, Hammood Al Jaffal, Golestan, Shazia Zaib, Selma Yuhya, Nawal Karfakh

**Review of Minutes** from May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Approval of the minutes was moved by Ashleigh and seconded by Susan; approved.

**Election of New Officers for the 2019-2020 School Year**

Co-chairs – Naoko Nakamura and Susan Fattal

Secretary – Ashleigh Calberry

Treasurer – Ashleigh Calberry

Teacher and Student representatives to be determined by October 2019 meeting. (Student rep is optional for elementary schools)

**Chair's Report:**

- 1) Pizza
  - No more late orders for pizza
  - New process to help automate orders – teachers' names on forms and orders tracked on an excel spreadsheet
  - Continued confusion among families about using school cash on line to pay for orders
  - Discussion about possibility of offering an alternative to pizza lunches. Some parents in attendance suggested the possibility of baking and selling pies at lunch time. Naoko to collaborate with interested parents on starting this initiative off in the coming months
- 2) Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
  - October 11th is a PD day.
  - Food to be dropped off at school at 7:45
  - Susan/ Jess will look after contacting Starbucks for a donation of coffee
- 3) Ways to Engage more families
  - Providing English and Arabic translation at school council meetings
  - Better use of social media to promote School Council – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, website link designated to School Council
  - Creation of a Blossom Park School Council Facebook page
- 4) Council to explore fundraising opportunities that can increase our funds/ opportunities to support the school. Chapters fundraiser & link to chapters website through school website, more grant opportunities, etc



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### Principal's Report

- 1) Week 3 of school and things are off to a great start: Bus routes are great. Many students are participating in breakfast club. Cross country running has started.
- 2) EQAO test results (grade 6 students) have improved greatly from last year
- 3) Caroline will provide more information at the October meeting about ways to support families with math activities at home
- 4) Meet the teacher night is September 26th (later changed to October 10th). School council will have information table set up for families to learn about what council does.
- 5) Due to low class sizes, there is going to be some shifting of class compositions at the school. One kindergarten class will be lost – thereby turning the current 3 class set up into 2. Change will take place on September 30th. This will also result in some staff changes. Jessica to follow up with the school trustee and board superintendent on concerns about these changes.

### Teacher requests

In previous years, school council has financially supported 3 school-wide activities at Blossom Park. Teachers are asking for funds to do them again

- 1) Trip to Ottawa 67s game for the jr & intermediate students
  - o Request to council to pay \$2-\$3/ ticket for about 150 students = \$450
- 2) Love to Groove Workshop – activity for all students K – 8
  - o School pays \$1100 (1/2 of cost), grant from school board covers about 1/4 of cost. Request to council to pay about \$900
- 3) Mental Health Initiative through school board Wellness Week.  
Request to school council to provide \$1000 to help fund the following activities
  - o Yoga, walking
  - o Smoothies as prepared by BIP class
  - o Mindfulness activities & art
  - o Meditation
  - o Acts of kindness

### Parent requests

A parent requested homework help/ French language mentors  
Caroline will look into this

**Treasurer's Report:** the account stands at \$1956.72.

**Next meeting:** October 16, 2019, at 5:00 PM in the library.

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