

## Minutes

### **Bedford South School – Home and School Association**

#### **Executive Meeting**

***Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

#### **Present**

Admin present: Jane Taylor (Vice Principal), Tracy Foster (Principal), Adam Greenwood (Vice Principal)

Staff Representatives:, Cheltn Morgan,

Parents: Sarah Rushworth (Chair), Jill O'Hanlon (Treasurer), Sarah Moriarty (Secretary), Bethany Dulong (MAL), Anthony Zadeh (MAL), Maria Acosta, Lia MacDonald (MAL), Rick Mamye

**Apologies:** Kaylee Hiscock (teacher), Jannah Purchase (Parent)

#### **Call to Order**

Meeting Commenced at 7:01pm by Sarah R. Land Acknowledgement

#### **A Motion to approve April 2025 Minutes**

Motion by Sarah R, seconded by Anthony Z.

#### **Financial Report / Treasurer's Report – delivered by HSA Treasurer Jill O Hanlon**

\$8248 – General Fund, \$1773 – Playground, \$1865 Popcorn (\$682 owed to Bethany) \$1300 other donations yet to be allocated. Proceeds from Art Fundraiser to go straight to the literacy team. Grade 5 leaver t-shirts approx \$2k to be paid.

#### **Administrative Report – delivered by Tracy Foster**

Planning for next year underway. Hiring ongoing. Current projected students for next year at 745 students. Number of students as at the time of the meeting, 807.

New portable for new classroom will be confirmed for next year. 1-2 classes are currently over cap (by 1-2 students), most classes are at soft cap.

Nothing has been heard from HRCE re “bigger plans” – Sarah R has emailed Steve Gallagher of HRCE noting that parents would like to be part of the conversations and provide input to the plans.

Field trips are currently being discussed/planned. These are expensive, for example the Grade 5 trip to Rocky lake Elementary cost \$1000 (bus rental approx. \$350 a bus). Field trips are at the discretion of the teachers.

Primary orientation May 27<sup>th</sup>. Emails will be sent out to families re times.

Grade 3 provincial testing commenced May 13<sup>th</sup>.

School received a healthy school community grant, want to use it to add to the outdoor schooling – looking at picnic tables. There is enough money for 4 tables but will need to prep ground. Would like to look to next year and possibly add a whiteboard to the area if enough money is raised.

#### **Playground**

Concrete contractor fell through. There is a new operations staff member coming to the school and Anthony to liaise with him. Update to be provided. More fundraising might be required if an additional route needs to be taken to pour concrete. Cobequid want the equipment moved from their facility, Ricky to liaise with them and Tracy to find space in the school.

**Popcorn**– May 30<sup>th</sup> popcorn day postponed due to supply issue. Next school year Bethany is standing down and Katie Hart to lead with assistance from Laura Mason. Thank you to Bethany for all the tireless efforts in keeping popcorn running smoothly over the past years! We appreciate you!

**Spiritwear** – Grade 5 t-shirts order in! Will be delivered in time for end of year! James Tizzard to look into setting up an online spiritwear purchase option for next school year to remove the burden from the HSA and provide year long opportunity to families to purchase!

**ART Fundraiser** – Exceptional team effort by all to collate and distribute this in time for mothers day! Thank you so much from the HSA! \$1500 was raised to go towards the literacy group goal.

**Spring Fair** – Tickets going on sale May 26<sup>th</sup>! May madness on, collecting stuffies, chocolate, candy. Some classes are participating in collecting for class baskets for star prizes. Teachers have sent out emails if their classes are participating. Bedford Lions club are doing a BBQ and bringing 8 volunteers to man it! All is on track for a successful day! Check emails for spring fair specifics (volunteering, sponsorship opportunities, donations!)

### **Sponsorship/Donations/**

If anyone knows of anyone who could sponsor any events, Popcorn for Ipads, Spring Fair etc please let the HSA know, any assistance in the cost of the events puts more money into the school!

### **HSA Exec/2025/26 school year**

Sarah R will be stepping down as chair – if anyone is interested in the role please provide expression of interest

Bethany's MAL term is also up. Anyone who would like to step up please provide expression of interest

Ice Cream social & Curriculum night to take place prior to school start.

Information provided by Tracy highlighted that 25% of kids show up with NO stationary to school. HSA want to assist where possible how to ensure each student has the required materials to optimise their class time. Request for teachers to provide top 5 stationary items needed for each class. One suggestion is to have an area where students can choose to leave their unused stationary at year end at the school to be organised into packs for classes the next year (Parents would provide their permission)

Going into the 2025/26 year, ideas welcome on how to make the volunteering opportunities more accessible and share the events over the year. Example – a google form to be set up with all the events of the year and volunteers to choose an event they want to assist in running. Important to highlight that we appreciate everyone that turns up at the events to volunteer – but we want to show you behind the scenes also!!

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm**