



BRIDGEWATER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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 Terese Silver, teacher assistant
 Jennifer McDonald, town council

Meeting Minutes October 16, 2018

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| Present: | Daphne Egilsson, Denise McKean, Debbie Myers, Holly Veinotte, Siobhan Doyle |
| Regrets: | Stephanie Martin, Patty Culbert, Terese Silver, Heather Dalton, Jennifer McDonald |
| Minutes of September 18, 2018 approved | |

| Agenda Item | Action |
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| <p>SAC Feeder School Bursary: Agreed that BJHS SAC will award from its funding a \$250 bursary to a Park View grade 12 student who is a former grade 7-9 student of BJHS, who graduates from Park View in 2019 with high academic achievement and who has a financial need for secondary school. Will leave the choice of an appropriate recipient to Park View staff. A similar bursary is offered by the other feeder schools to Park View students. The offering bursary will be reviewed from year to year.</p> | Daphne to contact PVEC |
| <p>Diagonal Sidewalks: Siobhan learned from Town engineer staff that a diagonal crosswalk would not be appropriate for an intersection without traffic lights.</p> | |
| <p>School Goals: Draft Student Success Plan and Annual Report will be shared with school staff this week for review and to further expand the strategies for the three goals of Literacy, Math and Safe/Inclusive Learning Environment. Some discussion of including a strategy for measuring of school spirit for the newly joined grades 5/6s. A needs assessment, which will also seek input from parents, is being organized by BJHS counselling centre regarding social/emotional issues for students. This could provide a measuring tool for goal's success.</p> | |
| <p>Approval of last year's draft SAC Minutes: Copies shared with new members. Tabled to next month.</p> | |
| <p>Crossing Walks and Student Safety: School Occupational Health and Safety Committee sent a September letter to Town Council requesting upgrades to safety measures for traffic</p> | Siobhan will contact Town on behalf of SAC voicing concerns. |

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| <p>congestion twice daily and regarding the lack of crossing guard in front of school with now excess of 300 students, ages 9-14. Suggested changes included adding crossing guard, flashing lights and real-time radar speed display. Last week, Town Council referred the issue to Traffic Committee. Meanwhile, police had somewhat increased patrols during September and transferred Dominion intersection crossing guard to school front (leaving Dominion intersection problematic).</p> <p>-Gym Teacher is planning a safety review with all grade 5/6 students as was similarly provided previously by BES. School will aim to expand the safety review to all BJHS students through Phys Ed programing.</p> <p>-Staff will direct students to primarily use school front crosswalk to help reduce congestion for pedestrian/car traffic at Dominion intersection.</p> <p>-Staff will seek method of bringing awareness to community at large of student safety issues and encourage drivers to avoid, if possible, the whole school block during student transition times twice daily.</p> | <p>Daphne will follow up on staff measures.</p> |
| <p>Free Bike Helmets from Town for Students: Tabled to next month in absence of Jennifer McDonald.</p> | |
| <p>Upstairs Water Fountain: Inspection showed fountain is working property, so pooling water may be due to student misuse.</p> | <p>Staff will keep closer eye and may review camera footage.</p> |
| <p>Cell Phone Policy: Teachers are not identifying much cell phone misuse by students at this time. It may be that the novelty of the technology is wearing off. Discussed possibility that policing a ban on cell phones may be more effort than educating students/parents on appropriate phone use at school.</p> | <p>Daphne to seek input from Regional Communications Officer for input, including education piece to assist parents.</p> |
| <p>Change of School Name: Want to aid in creating an identity for current student body, better reflecting age and grade ranges. Want to hear from the school community of students, staff and parents. New name would take affect September 2019. Notice of name change process will be shared with community via newsletter, emails, and social media and will poll for suggestions of new name with a 2-week deadline for submissions. No intention of changing school colours or Viking mascot.</p> | <p>Daphne to follow up with staff.</p> |
| <p>Student Council Reps: Process of choosing student representatives is not yet complete, but subsequently one or two reps, likely grade 9 students, will be invited to join SAC.</p> | |
| <p>Meeting Dates: Some SAC members may have a conflict with scheduling the third Tuesday of each month. The 6:30pm start time is fine.</p> | <p>Daphne will poll members to find best night for monthly meetings.</p> |

Next Meeting **Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 6:30pm** (subject to change after members' poll)