

**Belfast School Council Meeting  
February 27, 2017 6:30pm  
Library Learning Commons – Belfast School**

**1. Call to Order**

- **Approval of this Agenda 6:35**

**2. Approval for Previous Meeting Minutes - Amber**

**3. Chair Report (20 min) Robbie-Lynn Nichol**

- **Teacher Appreciation** - thank you to everyone who helped out in any way.  
Teachers were happy, had lots of volunteers even though it was an indoor lunch
- **Change of By-laws at April Council Meeting** - official 30 days prior to announcement of by-law changes
  - **addition of We Care Club Liaison**
  - **position terms, exit strategy** even though it is a 2 year position, there is an “out” - a letter to the Principle and Council with no hard feelings, life happens. These positions are: Chair of Council, Chair of Fundraising & Treasurer. Benefit was continuity; especially over the summer. If at the end of the year, you want to be done thats ok, or the option for a second year. Decision: status quo, will be made clear on the exit strategy at the AGM.
- **Babysitting/Home Alone Course update**
  - **Home Alone: April 24-25** ages 10+
  - **Strangers and Dangers: April 3-4** Kindergarten's
  - **Babysitting: May 29-31, June 5-6** ages 10+
- **Grade 6 Farewell Committee update** Committee is formed; meeting next week.

**4. School Report (30 min)**

a. Thank you for the lunch, much appreciated - Mrs. Boud

- **School Development**

- **Teacher Appreciation Lunch - THANK YOU!**
  - Beautiful food, generous gift acknowledging how teachers use personal funds for their classroom. We feel loved.
- **Calendar**
  - Feb 28 - Residency Celebration
  - March 6-10 Grade 5/6 skiing

- March 13 - Dental screenings K-2 students
- March 16, 5pm Conference booking system opens
- March 23-24 non-instructional - P/T Interviews
  
- **Belfasty Days**
  - February 10th
  - STEAM challenges
  - Family Groups
  - Future plans
- **Artist in Residence: Rogue Naturalist**
  - AFA grant matched by Fundraising Council
  - Science through art focus
  - 6 weeks - Celebration TOMORROW
  - Teacher PD
- **Swimming**
  - Grades 3 - 6
  - Village Square Leisure Center
  - Thank you to all our volunteers
  - Kindergarten to grade 2 in June
  - Paid for by Activity Fee Budgets
- **Art Auction**
  - Collaborative project between We Care Club and Belfast Fundraising Council
  - Collaborative projects - 1 per class
  - Furniture or other substantial piece
  - Will be a raffle process
  - During Parent Teacher interviews
  - Furniture donations appreciated
- **Fees update**
  - \$4600 outstanding as of today
  - Roughly 200 have paid their fees in full.
  - About 50 have not paid fees.

- Some have paid partial fees with plans to pay through the end of the year.
  - See Kari Forrest if you need to make arrangements
  - Will impact our choices moving forward
  - **Skiing fees**
    - If we anticipate same rate we are likely looking at more than \$3000 deficit to pay for the skiing program.
    - No Waivers for Skiing
    - Next year is Out Door School
  - **PLC work and school development plan**
    - Worthy tasks worth repeating
    - Building skills from k - 6
    - PLC work
    - **Next:**
      - Cross Grade PLC's
      - Cross Curricular Connections
      - Literacy through Art
  - **Artist in Residence Celebration**
    - half of the parents will go to the performance, while the other half explores projects in classrooms; then switch. Students will be doing the exact same performance twice. Performance is expected to last approx 40 min.
- 5. Reports from Committees (20 min)**
- **Kindergarten Representatives - Mandi Henn/Caitlyn Dillman (5 min)** Kids love their time with Sarah (artist in residence)
  - **Key Communicator - Chelsey Masini (5 min)** CBE is asking parents to visit the Math Engagement on the CBE website - it is focused less on the what, more on how to do it, how do you want your child taught, what's important to you?
  - **Volunteer Coordinator - Amber Anderson (5 min)** nothing to report
- 6. Unfinished Business for Decision and Action (5 min)** nothing
- 7. Wrap up and Discussion (5 min)**
- 8. Meeting Adjournment 7:56pm**

**Next Meeting March 20th, 2017**

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