



## Meeting Attendance

### Attendees:

*Manal Chams, Yathindra Dissanayake, Donia Hafez,  
Nia Khuong, Joanne McLean, Karyn Mui, Jacqueline Naismith,  
Stefanie Neale and Kara Tse*

### Staff Representation:

*Bruno Pallotto, **Principal**  
Tania Verro-Matos, **Teacher Rep***

Regrets: Nesreen Awad, Erin Haldeman, Joseph Roy (Vice Principal)  
Aaron Russ and Mozzam Wakil

## Call to Order – 6:06 PM

### 2023/2024 Current Committee Members

- **Co-Chairs:** Donia Hafez & Stefanie Neale
- **Treasurer:** Kara Tse
- **Secretary:** Karyn Mui & Jhannel Young
- **Council Members:**  
Nesreen Awad  
Manal Chams  
Erin Haldenman  
Jacqueline Haismith  
Nia Khuong  
Tommoy Majumdar  
Joanne McLean  
Mozzam Wakil  
Jhannel Young
- **Note:** council members are required to attend each meeting (unless regrets are sent) to maintain quorum (8) while voting on expenditures/actions.

## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on land and surrounded by water, originally inhabited by Indigenous Peoples who have travelled this area since time immemorial. This territory is within the lands honoured by the Wampum Treaties; agreements between the Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-e-naa-bay), Haudenosaunee (Hoe-den-oh-show-nee), Leni (Len-eh) Lenape (Le-naw-pay) and allied Nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Specifically, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwey (Oh-jib-way), Odawa (Oh-dah-wah), Potawatomi (Paw-taw-watt-oh-me) and Huron/Wendat (Wen-dat) Peoples. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture while remaining committed to moving forward respectfully with all First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

## Principal's Report – Mr. Pallotto:

### **Supporting Your Child's Success in French Immersion and Extended French - Parent Guide**

-paper resource shared and highlighted parent strategies and online resources to support student learning in French Immersion; PDF to be shared all families via Edsby with meeting minutes.

### **Automated External Defibrillator**

The Board has installed an **Automated External Defibrillator** ("AED") at **Ecole Bellewood**. This AED unit is **located** near the gym entrance - in the hallway leading into the gym.

### **What is an Automated External Defibrillator "AED"?**

- This is a portable life safety device that can audibly prompt and deliver an electrical shock.
- The intent is to revert a heart's dysrhythmic electrical activity to a more effective rhythm in the event of a life-threatening situation.
- Please note that an AED is not a stand-alone treatment. It is one step in a chain of medical care involving CPR, defibrillation, 911, EMS and hospital care.

Do you have to be trained in order to use it?

- No, **anyone** can **utilize** this life safety device.
- They are specifically designed to be fully automated, and they will walk you through step by step on usage.
- Summon on site assistance (which could include an on-site first aider if available) / immediately call for Emergency Services (911).

## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Crossing Guard is Approved!!

We are happy to share that a traffic study was completed for the corner of **Labelle St. and Askin Ave.** and it has met the warrant to place a crossing guard at this location.

- Crossing Guard Schedule is **7:45-8:15am and 2:30-3:00pm DAILY** for remainder of this school year
- Start Date: January 6, 2025
- Location: Corner of Labelle Street and Askin Avenue

The City of Windsor currently is working on installing signage and lines painted.

Students and families are encouraged to park on Askin Ave and utilize the crossing guard. As well, families walking from or parking on California Street, are **highly** encouraged to **walk the one block (East) to Askin Avenue** and utilize the crossing guard to safely cross Labelle Street (as opposed to crossing Labelle Street from California Street).

## KISS & RIDE AREA

The City of Windsor is actively partnering with Ecole Bellewood, and investigating a crossing guard in an area (on EDSBY school feed there is an Active School Transportation communication bulletin for all our parents). A crossing guard is to assist crossing streets further from the school zone.

Our parents/caregivers are respectfully directed to simply utilize the Kiss & Ride vehicle line; follow the traffic lane; **do not park**; allow students to SAFELY disembark on the **sidewalk** (supervised by a Staff member) and safely walk into the school. The vehicle can then simply exit the Kiss & Ride area.

We will continue to communicate to all our families about procedures and keeping everyone safe.

## WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT

Tuesday December 17

10:55am - 12:10pm KG to Grade 4

12:55pm - 2:30pm Grade 5 - 8

**5:00 Evening Family Performance**

Parents/Caregivers are welcome! Families are welcome to attend especially during the evening performance due to gym capacity during day performances.

## Teacher Representative Report – Mme Matos:

- Volleyball has concluded
- Basketball just starts for grades 6-8
- Chess club started for grades 2 – 8

- Over weekend Robotics competed @ St. Clair – coaches are so proud of students, not advancing
- Over the weekend Choir sang with music express
- CJMC math competition – no calculators
- Dance being held for grades 7 and 8s. Students are to bring nonperishable item as admission.
- December is perseverance month
- Bellewood students brought in a total of 66341 grams of cereal for the cereal box challenge. Homerooms winners were: Mme McCullough, Mme Drouillard and Mme Kirklands class

### Treasurer's Report:

Account balance:

Food: \$2635.17 – graduation allocated funds have been withdrawn

Fundraising: \$ 2230.44

Grants: 331.68

Total: \$5197.29

### Other Discussions:

Last months meeting to be posted will be put aside until quorum is reached; in order to approve minutes.

### **Winter Market – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (8:45 am – 4pm)**

- Shopping schedule has been sent to teachers to post on their Edsby regarding class shopping time.
- Shopping lists have been distributed to kindergarten to grade 2s to assist with shopping.
- Organizer and myself will be pre-setting up gym with chairs for vendors and placements of vendors Wednesday night.
- Organizer has wrapping paper for us. We also have paper bags and tissue paper from last years event.
- Raffle tickets
- Gift wrapping volunteers – seems to be lacking
- Mme Matos – can you email kindergarten teachers and grade 8 teachers regarding the grades 8s pairing up with kinders to assist them with shopping but also help out the kinder teachers from being overwhelmed

### **PRO Grant:**

- Submission due December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Family game night – stamp card for visiting game centres – raffle
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> tentative week – before Easter, after Ed

### **New Business:**

Mohita Mashal – voting member has moved and no longer part of PIC Executive.

Other Voting members – Aaron Russ to be consulted about being Executive Member (responsibilities) versus simply attending PIC meetings.

**Next meeting:** Monday January 13, 2025 @ 6pm

PIC Chair Contact Info: [bellewoodparents@gmail.com](mailto:bellewoodparents@gmail.com)

**Adjourned @ 7:09pm.**