



MEETING ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

*Manal Chams, Donia Hafez, Vanesa Gonzalez, Karyn Mui, Stefanie Neale, Lisa Packwood, Kara Tse*

Attendees

Erin Hadleman, and Jacqueline Naismith

Staff Representation

*Bruno Pallatto, **Principal***  
*Annemarie Symchyshyn, **Vice Principal***  
*Tania Verro-Matos, **Teacher Rep***

Regrets: Joanne McLean, Jhennel Young, Nerseen Awad, Heliasadat Tarjomani

2023/2024 Current Council Members

- **Co-Chairs:** Lisa Packwood, Stefanie Neale
- **Treasurer:** Kara Tse
- **Secretary:** Karyn Mui
- **Council Members:**  
Nesreen Awad  
Manal Chams  
Vanesa Gonzalez  
Donia Hafez  
Nia Khuong  
Joanne McLean  
Heliasadat Tarjomani  
Kara Tse  
Jhennel Young
- **Note:** council members are required to attend each meeting (unless regrets are sent) to maintain quorum while voting on expenditures/actions.

Call to Order – 6:10 pm

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), Lenni (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. Pallatto

**Ecole Bellewood Teaching Staff Allocation 2024-2025**

Overall down **5.5** Teaching Staff

- Down **3** Homeroom Classes
- Down **1.5** Prep positions
- LST reduced from 2.0 to **1.0 Learning Support Teacher**
- Vice Principal reduced from 0.75 to **0.5 VP position** (0.5 teaching position)
- 27 projected homeroom classes

Surplus Teachers are:

- Mme Allison Desjarlais
- Mme Sheri Masse
- Mme Stephanie McMahon
- Mme Mackenzie St. Pierre

### Other:

- No more portables. All classes will inside.
- Organization of classes are currently being worked on therefore split classes are unknown at the moment.
- 93 grade 8s are leaving
- 38 JKs enrolled

### Resources to Support Your Child's Learning

- Parent/Guardian Ministry of Education Curriculum and Resources Link

[Parents \(gov.on.ca\)](http://gov.on.ca)

Parents/Guardians can make a big difference in their child's learning by talking with them about what they are learning at school.

In addition to talking with their child about their learning, parents and families can support their child's success by finding ways to make a connection between what is being learned at school and outside the classroom, so that their child can apply their learning at home, at school and beyond. We invite you to visit this site regularly – as we add new digital versions of the Ontario curriculum in all subjects and grades, more parent guides will also be available in the website link shared above.

### Ecole Bellewood Refresh Bellewood Committee

Goals include:

- i) Representative of our School Community
- ii) Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy
- iii) French language and culture highlighted in posters/images as we are a FI school

Reimagine Bellewood Library Commons, hallways and corridors

Committee members are actively seeking student, staff and parents/guardians voice during the process.

Concept Design includes:

- nature idea (brainwave research based on Dr. Greg Wells <https://drgregwells.com/blog/leverage-the-power-of-nature>)
- connects to Mindfulness (school-wide focus and long term benefits for students)
- connects to EcoSchools goals and philosophy

**New Student Jerseys** – for team sports soccer/volleyball and basketball

40 jerseys – for Soccer/Volleyball with sleeves

40 jerseys – for Basketball

School Funds utilized for this purchase. Local company used Belle River Source for Sports.

Sublimation logos with Bellewood School colours.

### Sphero Indi Robotix Kits

- purchased two additional coding kits for Kindergarten and grade 1 students
- basics of programming; higher level thinking problem solving tasks

### Bellewood EQAO Dates

Grade 3 June 3, June 4, June 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:15am

Grade 6 May 28, May 29, May 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:15am

### Parent Webinars for the EQAO Primary (grade 3) and Junior (grade 6) Assessments

Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO's Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Participants will learn about the purpose of Ontario's large-scale assessments. EQAO staff will explain

the assessment format, highlight resources to support students, and answer questions from participants. The session is approximately 45 minutes, followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

Link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Date/Time: April 19 at 6:00 PM

Details can also be found on the EQAO website: [EQAO Website](#)

### **Vice Principal's Report – Mme. Symchyshyn**

We have a lot happening, as always, at Bellewood. A couple highlights from the past two months:

- We had 27 students participate in the Board's chess tournament at the end of February. We won the championship and received the trophy that we get to keep. Thanks to Mme Williams, Mme Silivria and M Breton for their time with that
- Our Carnaval event was a success! The students enjoyed it and the committee thanks you for your donation of the hot chocolate
- Mme Tonello and Mme McCullough finished the senior teams and then ran junior girls and boys/all gender basketball teams for grade 5 and 6 students, and the students got a chance to play a few exhibition games
- Mme Badalamenti and Mme DeLuca organized a fundraiser for Hats on for Healthcare, and we raised \$500 to donate to the hospital
- Coaches (M Ford, Mme Barcic, Mme Williams, M Zaidan and Mme Tonello) have been running badminton intramurals at recess and there was a tournament last week, where we had doubles win a bronze medal
- GECSB had the first ever Black Joy Black Excellence Symposium. We were able to send two grade 8 students, who had a wonderful day. We are hoping to be able to send even more students next year
- Mme Ali and her class organized a toy drive for Ramadan and were able to donate several toys to the Windsor Islamic Association, where they were going to be distributed
- Mme Brennan has organized Manie Musicale, where the students have been listening to French songs and voting on their favourites. We are to the semi-finals now and it's been a lot of fun and a great way to celebrate French culture
- We have had Special Assignment Teacher, Jodi Nolin, in our school on Wednesdays for the past two months doing Mindfulness Lessons with our students. She has worked consistently with 6 different classes, done Introductory lessons with many others, and is finishing this week. It has been a positive experience for our students and staff

### **GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) Conference**

- The Greater Essex County District School Board in partnership with the Run for Rocky, OSSTF, ETFO and Windsor Essex Pride Fest are very proud to host the 12th annual GSA Conference on Wednesday, May 8th. We will be sending 4 students, as well as one staff member. Mme McMahon is on the planning committee and will also be there

### **Multicultural Night**

- Save the date – Thursday, May 9th from 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- We have many staff members involved in organizing this
- If you are interested in having a booth to share your cultural heritage with our community, we would love to have you!

## **Welcome to Kindergarten Event**

- Save the date – Thursday, May 23rd from 4-6 p.m. Spring Concert

## **Spring Concert Event**

- Mme Chandler has started organizing our Spring Concert, which will be held on Tuesday, June 4th. There will be two concerts during the day and one at night from 5-7 p.m.
- She is also hoping to do a raffle of themed baskets to raise money for We Care for Kids – if you are interested in putting together a basket or two, that would be appreciated. So far, there are already baskets with the themes of Outdoor Fun, Relaxing Night In and Golf
- This is our end of the year event. If you would like to add to the evening, you are welcome to, but you don't need to. We do have a BBQ if you want to offer food ahead of the concert University of Windsor Summer Music Program

## **Summer Music Program**

- U of Windsor Lab School: Summer Music program for students ages 4-17, which consists of group music lessons for strings and flute. It runs July 8-12 (see flyer)

## **Upcoming dates:**

**GayStraightAlliance** (GSA) conference – run for rocky – may 8th

**Multicultural night** – May 9<sup>th</sup>

**Welcome to Kindergarten** – May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Spring concert** – 5-7pm June 4<sup>th</sup>

- Council to do something for the event (popcorn machine?)
- Last event of the year
- Basket from basket to raffle off

## **Teacher's Report – Mme Matos**

- Track may 13<sup>th</sup> – sandwich secondary school
- Kids event 3 events gr 3 – 8
- Former Bellewood students to help out

## **Treasurer's Report**

Teachers \$120 including taxes to be spent by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Fundraising Account –\$ 796.44

School Council Grants Account -\$2004.24 (\$894 Pro grant)

Food Account -\$4131.15

Coffee fundraising raised - \$1200

\$447 – hot chocolate expense for Carnaval

## **Pro Grant: Wellness Fair event – April 24th, 2024**

- Hours for the Wellness fair: 6pm to 8pm
- 5pm for set up
- Gather a list of vendors/partners interested in taking part of the event
- RSVP survey for attendance
- Guest speaker options.
  - 4 speakers 20-30 mins speaking in the library
  - 8-15 vendors set up in the gym
  - 3-5 vendors needs space - facial session, sound bowl meditation, dutch breathing session etc
  - Gift bags for first 100 guest
  - Door prize raffle
- Karyn's guest speakers currently: (you can see them on Instagram to see their profile)
  - Tina Huynh @ tinas\_arena
  - Kristi Simons - @confidentteenteacher
  - Dr. Adrienne DeLuca - @ Adrienne.deluca.nd – health & nutrition
- Meditation sessions with sound bowls– 10 min intervals provided over the 2hr period
- Teams meeting March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to see how many vendors etc we have.

## **Other discussions:**

### **Spring Market event – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 (during school hours)**

- Organizer will coordinate set up and take down with vendors.
- Insurance will be purchase by the organizer to cover the event.
- Posters have been delivered to the school and posted on Edsby.
- All local vendors - 25 vendors
- All items at the market will be \$15 or under
- Free gift wrapping will be provided by PIC – Karyn will pick up gift wrapping stuff
- Vendor has already given \$300 from table rentals to Bellewood.
- Parents are invited to come to the school and shop with the students during their slotted time.
- Shopping time slots have been sent to teachers but not yet finalized.
- School messenger reminder to be sent out to parents 1 week before event and the day before event, so they can send cash with kids to school.
- Any interested parents/vendors who would like to take part, please contact Christine directly @ [keepinghopelocal@hotmail.com](mailto:keepinghopelocal@hotmail.com)
- Motion \$100 budget for wrapping stuff – lisa motioned, stefanie second.

### **The Good, the Bad & the Ugly of Social Media & Your Kid**

- Joanne – presentation – May 27<sup>th</sup> – ADULTS only - 6-8 pm
- \$309 to pay presenter
- Coffee to be provided
- Flyer to follow the minutes.
- PIC interested in hosting this event at Bellewood.
- Will discuss at next meeting to see when is the appropriate time
- Next meeting to discuss more details

Thank you gift to McKeenze for all her work with pizza.

**As Always:**

- Parent Involvement Committee meetings are **open to any parent/guardian any time**. Please feel welcome to join us to learn more about Bellewood activities and bring your fresh opinions.
- If families have any questions regarding Covid Guidelines or school protocols, please contact the main office (M. Pallotto or Mme. Symchyshyn) or the Windsor Essex County Health Unit (wechu.org) or the Greater Essex County District School Board website <https://www.publicboard.ca> for reliable and current guidelines.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 14 pm

**Next meeting:** Monday, May 6th, 2024 at 6:00pm in Library

PIC Chair Contact Info: **bellewoodparents@gmail.com**