



## Meeting Attendance

### Voting Members:

*Manal Chams, Vanesa Gonzalez, Nia Khuong, Joanne McLean,  
Karyn Mui, Stefanie Neale, Lisa Packwood, Jhannel Young*

### Attendees:

Erin Haldeman, and Jacqueline Naismith

### Staff Representation:

*Bruno Pallotto, **Principal**  
AnneMarie Symchyshyn, **Vice Principal**  
Tania Verro-Matos, **Teacher Rep***

Regrets: Kara Tse

## Call to Order – 6:04 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. Pallotto:

### *Reaching Ahead – Registration is OPEN*

The Reaching Ahead program has helped hundreds of students make the transition **from Grade 8 to Grade 9** with new skills and confidence.

Reaching Ahead is open to students who will be starting grade 9 in the **Fall of 2024**. Our program invites students to learn more about the world of work, what to expect in high school, and how to get involved in their community.

Students who successfully complete the course also earn their **first full high school credit**.

Registration for this course will close June 26, 2024.

The link below is the Reaching Ahead site to REGISTER for Reaching Ahead:

<https://www.publicboard.ca/en/summer-school/reachingahead.aspx>

## **Camp Merveille Summer Learning Program**

- For 12 selected students at Ecole Bellewood currently in Grade 2 and Grade 3
- Focus on French language acquisition

## 2023/2024 Current Committee 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  
Jhannel Young
- **Note:** council members are required to attend each meeting (unless regrets are sent) to maintain quorum while voting on expenditures/actions.

- The goal of this program is to enrich students' language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) through content rich areas, with an emphasis on culture, recreation and STEAM.

Dates: Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

### **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

**\*\*Student Attendance** – we ask all students in Grade 3 and 6 to be present and punctual for the dates above. It is imperative that student absences are minimized to complete EQAO assessments properly.

### **Class Requests for September 2024**

Class requests for 2024-2025 will be taken from parents, in writing to the Principal (or via an Edsby message) until May 10, 2024. Please date and sign all requests. Only requests with sound educational rationale and student needs will be considered. Once classes have been set for September 2024, we will not be moving students between classes. If School Homeroom Reorganization is required in mid-September, then changes may be made to class lists.

- **Reorganization Day** occurs on September 16, 2024
- **Currently 4 combined classrooms** (1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5)

### **Ecole Bellewood Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan 2024**

Ecole Bellewood is committed to creating an environment where students feel safe and welcomed. This plan is an integral step towards achieving this goal. In working together, we can all strive to prevent bullying and ensure that our students can thrive and succeed in school. Bullying can have a severe impact on a child's mental health and their academic performance. By implementing a comprehensive prevention and intervention plan, we can support students in ensuring that they are participating in a safe and positive learning environment while also improving attendance and overall performance in school.

<https://www.publicboard.ca/en/bellewood/bully-prevention-and-intervention.aspx>

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

#### **Upcoming Events**

We have a lot happening this month:

- This week is Staff Appreciation Week – we are having some fun with a Staff Bingo and other treats throughout the week
- This week is also Fit Week – the theme is Moving and Growing Together – Mme Scheurman has organized a daily DPA with grade 8 leaders organized by Mme Tonello. There also will be a whole school dance party on Friday. It is also Mental Health Week so many staff will be incorporating both mental and physical health activities
- Multicultural Night – this Thursday, May 9th from 4:30-7:30 – looking forward to a wonderful family event! We are having a canned food drive as part of this (until May 16th). The food will be going to the Welcome Center Shelter. Thanks to Mme Angelidis for organizing this
- Track – Monday, May 13th – special thanks to Mme Chortos, Mme Labelle, Mme Tonello and Mme Prantera for their organization of this event
- Welcome to Kindergarten on Thursday, May 23rd from 4-6 p.m.

## Badminton News

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, Adam and Kevin represented Bellewood in the singles District Tournament for Badminton. Adam kept his opponents on their toes for 6 games while Kevin continued on for an 8 game winning sweep, taking home the gold medal boys singles!

Congratulations to the mixed doubles badminton team, Erin and Alex. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, they played for the regional City & County Championship tournament and won GOLD!

They were exemplary representatives of Bellewood by playing excellently and being respectful competitors.

Thank you to all the badminton intramural players and badminton team member for an excellent season.

Badminton coaches: Mme Williams, Mr Ford and Mme Barcic

## Mental Health

The theme of this year's Mental Health week is Compassion Connects. We continue at Bellewood to have a focus on kindness, compassion and inclusion. This is a yearly focus, not just this week, but this is a good time to remind ourselves of the importance of compassion towards others and ourselves. Here are two resources from the Canadian Mental Health Association that you could use with your family.

<https://cmha.ca/mental-health-week/toolkits/>

## Teacher's Report – Mme Matos:

Teacher funds were due May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 –teachers send thanks to PIC for the contribution.

EQAO – snacks for grade 3s (63 students) and 6s (86 students) – *(withdrawn from food account)*  
*Motion to support \$400 for EQAO student by Stefanie, Joanna and Manal seconds. All in favour and approved.*

Helping graduation students with awards and grad stuff – *(withdrawn from food account)*  
*Motion to allocate \$1000 by Stefanie, Nia to second. All in favour, none opposed.*

## Treasurer's Report:

Fundraising –\$ 1336.44

- \$16.94 to cover overage of Wellness fair event

School council grants -\$2004.24 (\$894 Pro grant, \$500 parent engagement grant)

\$\$ balance from previous year requires review

- Wellness fair event cost \$ 905 *(overage of \$16.94 withdrawn from fundraising account)*
- Multicultural funds \$500 *(withdrawn from parent engagement grant)*

Food account - \$ 5062.65

- \$400 for EQAO snacks
- \$1000 for graduation
- \$309.15 + coffee expenses for Digital safety event
- \$150 appreciation gift for school secretary

## Other discussions:

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

- Overall a well ran event.
- Approximately 60 families attended the event.
- Speakers and vendors were great.
- Leftover loot bags were given to Bellewood staff
- Total fund spent on event \$905.

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

- All positive feed from teachers, students and vendors
- Successful event
- Total amount raised in this event was \$540 which was deposited into the fundraising account.

**Parent Engagement Grant:** \$500 will go to multicultural event

### **Digital Safety Seminar – May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (will be withdrawn from food account)**

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

- Joanne – presentation – May 27<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm **\*\*ADULTS only\*\***
- \$309.15 to pay presenter
- Coffee to be provided
- Will be promoted once multicultural fest is over and done with
- 1.5 hrs including Q&A and information or parents to take
- Event will be held in the gym
- Flyer to follow the minutes
- Reminder to share with parents next week.

**Teacher appreciation Ideas:** *(Sign up from PIC and volunteers)*

Personal pizzas, breakfast spread etc

**Date:** June 14<sup>th</sup>, staff is usually here by 7:45 (gluten free and dairy free options)

Before school breakfast spread ideas:

Drinks: Coffee, tea, orange juice, apple juice

Hands on food: bagels, croissants, strudels, muffins

Coffee from Tim Hortons – take out box

**Appreciation gift for school secretary:** *(withdrawn from fundraiser account)*

A thank you gift to Mme McKenzie for all er support with Student Food Days.

Anything outdoors, camps, music lover – gift card

*Stefanie motions \$150 towards appreciation gift for McKenzie. Manal seconds motion. All in favour, none opposed.*

Last pizza day by school cash online of the year: June 21

**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 7:22 pm

**Next meeting:** Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 @ 6pm

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