



## MEETING ATTENDANCE

### Voting Members

*Nesreen Awad, Donia Hafez, Vanesa Gonzalez, Karyn Mui,  
Stefanie Neale, Kara Tse, Jhennel Young*

### Staff Representation

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

### Regrets

*Jacqueline Naismith, Jhennel Young*

### 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

### SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY 2024

School boards are required to conduct anonymous school climate surveys of their students, parent/guardian/community, and staff every two years. In the Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB), we have developed our own survey with themes of school climate, equity and inclusion, anti-bullying, and mental health.

These results of the school climate surveys will help inform our Ecole Bellewood Staff and Safe School Team in determining next steps for our school and the progress we have made in relation to 2023-2024 goals.

### Parent/Guardian/Community Survey

The Parent/Guardian/Community Surveys will be open from Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

[School Climate Survey - Parents/Guardians](#)

We are asking all Ecole Bellewood parents/guardians to complete this school climate survey. **Your feedback is valued** and appreciated as we continue our partnership in the education of your children!

### 2023/2024 Current Council Members

- **Co-Chairs:** Lisa Packwood, Stefanie Neale
- **Treasurer:** Kara Tse
- **Secretary:** Karyn Mui
- **Council Members:**  
Nesreen Awad  
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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.

## Teacher Changes 2024-2025

A very heartfelt thank you to **Mme Desjarlais, Mme McMahon, Mme Masse, and Mme St. Pierre** for their dedication as valued educators here at Ecole Bellewood – as they are all moving on to other GECDsB schools next year! Congratulations to Mme Quennell on her upcoming retirement end of this school year – we wish you all the very best in your next adventure! On behalf of the students, families and entire Ecole Bellewood community we are grateful that you have touched and inspired the lives of so many students! Each of you will always be a Bison and member of our Ecole Bellewood family!



Merci to **Mme MacCara, Mme Pharand, Mme Barcic and Mme Guenter-Correa** who have been with us in various teaching positions this year! We wish you all the very best! *Thank you for all you have done for our Bison students, parents and school community!*

Welcome back **Mme Holmes** to Ecole Bellewood – joining us next year teaching Kindergarten! Mme Holmes is an exceptional teacher with high integrity and commitment towards education.

### Report Cards

Term 2 Report Cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope you take the opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and learning this year!

### Tentative Class Lists & Visiting Next Year's Teacher

Class Lists have been completed for next year based on tentative student numbers. Homeroom classes are balanced to ensure a positive learning environment for every student. On the last day of school, Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>, students will have an opportunity to visit their teacher for next year and meet their future classmates.

**Please Note:** All homeroom class lists and homeroom teachers is **TENTATIVE** until **Reorganization Day** on Monday, 16, September 2024. Based on student enrolment at that time, it may be necessary to move students and/or reorganize homeroom classes.

### Flying the Pride Flag

During the month of June, all GECDsB schools and locations are flying the Pride Flag. Flying the Pride Flag is a symbol that Ecole Bellewood is a safe and inclusive school where everyone is welcome. For more information, please visit: <https://www.publicboard.ca/en/programs-and-learning/pride-in-education.aspx>

### Bellewood Spring Concert

Scheduled for **Tuesday, June 4th at 5:00pm!** All our families are invited to attend this wonderful celebration of the Arts! Doors open at 4:45pm. What's Poppin popcorn and Montaneros Coffee will be on hand to purchase snacks and drinks. Montaneros Coffee will be at the main entrance; whereas What's Poppin will be located near the Library. In addition, it will be the last chance to purchase tickets for our **WE Care For Kids raffle**. We will be accepting cash only this evening. **Baskets** will be on display near the gym. The draw will be held at the end of the Spring Concert, however if you are not in attendance winners will be contacted the next day. Looking forward to celebrating our talented student musicians and dancers!

### Reaching Ahead Summer Learning

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>

### **Thank you to all Parent Involvement Committee Members**

Merci for your support of high expectations education and your partnership this year supporting student learning, extra-curricular opportunities and community events!

On behalf of all Bellewood Teachers, staff, and our parent community we sincerely appreciate for your time and dedication throughout this school year.

We hope you will all decide to join PIC once again next year!

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

- I will be moving to Central Public School in September as Principal. The time I have been at Bellewood has been incredible – this is a very special place, and I am grateful for the experiences that I've had and the people I've met. This information will be shared with the community tomorrow morning. Thank you for your support and for all you have done for the Bellewood students and staff.
- We are grateful for Mlle Jones and Mme Tessier who put together the beautiful bulletin board "Mieux ensemble" (Better together) using individual pictures from Multicultural Night – it really does represent our school so well.
- Mme Tonello and Mme Prantera have been working hard with our school track meet. They will be taking 110 students to Sandwich Secondary this Thursday for the Regional Track meet. We also have staff who are helping with recess practices. Depending upon how students do on Thursday, some students will be attending the District meet on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Mme Chortos and Mme Desjarlais coached the softball team. Their tournament was Saturday, May 25th at Co-An Park in McGregor and the students had a great time and displayed excellent sportsmanship!
- Our Welcome to Kindergarten was Thursday, May 23rd – we had many students visit, including those who had not been to the open house. We had two Public Health nurses here, who were giving out resources to families. Each student received a Welcome to Kindergarten bag that had been provided by the Canadian Education Warehouse. We currently have 48 students registered for JK and 2 new SKs who will be starting in September. In September, JK/SK students will be starting at the same time as the rest of the school – Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Board is offering the Summer Learning Program again for grade 2 and 3 students called Camp Merveille. We have 12 students from Bellewood attending at Brock and Mme DeLuca has been very helpful in getting that organized. She will also be one of the SLP teachers.
- Many classes have planned field trips, family visits and/or picnics, etc. It is a very busy and fun time of the year! Students are still working hard every day in their classes as well!

➤ Grade 8 graduation is Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Ciociaro

### **Teacher's Report – Mme Matos**

No funding requested for June.

On behalf of the staff, Mme Matos would like to thank the parent council committee for all they do for the school, teachers and students.

### **Treasurer's Report**

End balance– \$ 4470.26

3 other payment request still outstanding.

### **Other discussions:**

#### **May minutes – voting**

Lisa Packwood to motion pass minutes. Stefanie second motion. All in favour. No objections. May minutes passed.

**Digital Safety Seminar**- was a successful event. 55 parents showed up to the event.

- Perhaps next year to do seminar for students as well as parents.
- Payment has been made to vendor.

**McKenzie Appreciation** – MEC - \$150 egift card - Karyn to purchase

Thank you to McKenzie for all that you do for the students, the school, the staff and for PIC. We appreciate you and are extremely grateful for you.

**Teacher appreciation confirmation** (including support/custodian/office staff)

- June 14<sup>th</sup> event – breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> nutrition break @ 9:55 -10:35 – voluntary basis
- Can drop off as early as 7:30am
- How to reach more parents ?
- Sign up list to come out by Stefanie.
- Total 52 staff members.
- Volunteers for set up.

### **Reflection of the school year:**

Success – all events were great

- Area/ideas to improve – plan ahead in order to publish. Survey to be shared with PIC.
- Parent council to write experience to help educate and draw in more volunteers
- Snap shot or year end financial statement to be posted to show parents what we used the funds for.
- Survey of what people want to see from parent council.
- Pictures of synopsis to help promote

Looking ahead to next year's executive/council:

Vanesa moving so will be stepping down.

Lisa Packwood will be stepping down and not returning on council but will continue to volunteer.

Ecole Bellewood thanks Lisa for all her contributions and efforts with all the events and hard work she has put forth.

**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.

**Next meeting:** September 2024!

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

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