



Meeting Attendance

Attendees:

Manal Chams, Erin Haldeman, Nia Khuong, Karyn Mui, Jacqueline Naismith, Stefanie Neale, Vicki Prince, Kara Tse, Jhennel Young

Staff Representation:

Bruno Pallotto, Principal
Joseph Roy, Vice Principal
Tania Verro-Matos, Teacher Rep

Guests:

Yathindra Dissanayake

Regrets: *Donia Hafez,*

Call to Order – 6:05 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:

Please find attached the Principal Report from January's PIC meeting.

Bellewood School Crossing Safety Notice

The City of Windsor had added a new school **crossing guard** for Bellewood Public School located at **Labelle Street and Askin Avenue**. This is wonderful news for the safety of our students and families! The addition of the new crossing guard is part of the Active School Travel program partnership. We are hoping that families embrace this great addition to help increase safety for students and reduce the amount of pedestrians cutting through traffic or crossing at California Avenue. Students and caregivers who live or park on California are **highly encouraged to walk one block East and safely cross Labelle with the assistance of the new crossing guard**. The new crossing guard, Mme Margherita Di Ponio, is scheduled before school from 7:45 - 8:15am and at dismissal from 2:30 - 3:00pm.

The School Crossing Notice from the City of Windsor was distributed to all families. We hope you can find time to review this very important notice with your children.

Out-of-District Secondary School Application and Information

All current Ecole Bellewood grade 8 students who wish to attend a GECSB Secondary School, must follow the processes as noted below:

1. Current Grade 8 students wishing to attend Sandwich Secondary School (as determined by home address) do not need to complete anything as this is our **Home French Immersion** Secondary School. Students are automatically enrolled.

2024/2025 Current Committee Members

- Co-Chairs: Donia Hafez & Stefanie Neale
- Treasurer: Kara Tse
- Secretary: Karyn Mui & Jhennel Young
- Council Members:
 - Nesreen Awad
 - Manal Chams
 - Erin Haldenman
 - Jacqueline Haismith
 - Nia Khuong
 - Tommoy Majumdar
 - Joanne McLean
 - Mozzam Vakil
 - Jhennel Young
- Note: council members are required to attend each meeting (unless regrets are sent) to maintain quorum (7) while voting on expenditures/action.
- Regrettably, Aaron Russ is no longer apart of the voting committee due to challenges with meeting attendance.

2. Current Grade 8 students wishing to attend a GECDsB Secondary School outside of the designated feeder secondary home school will need to complete the **Out of District Grade 8 to Grade 9 on-line application** which is now OPEN until Friday, January 17, 2025.

3. You must reside in Massey Secondary School boundaries if you wish for your child to attend Massey Secondary. Please complete the Out of District application for Massey noting you are selecting the English stream program (opting out of French Immersion).

Out of District Online Application For Grade 8 to Grade 9 Students:

<https://register.publicboard.ca/outofdistrict/>

* Your child's Student Number (required to complete the application) can be found at the top of your child's report card or on their online Edsby profile.

Reminder the **Out of District Secondary application deadline is Friday, January 17, 2025.**

Please reach out to your child's teacher via Edsby or call the main office team at 519-966-3890 if you have any questions.

Professional Activity Day on Friday, January 17, 2025

- Reminder No School for Students

Provincial priorities on student achievement:

1. Achievement of learning outcomes in core academic skills.
2. Preparation of students for future success.
3. Student engagement and well-being.

Elementary Teachers and ECEs will engage in a day of student assessment, evaluation and reporting in preparation for the first term report card and communication of learning. Support staff will engage in a common learning session around the key components of planning and implementation of behaviour plans. There will time focused on school teams engaging in examination of current plans and engaging in collaborative planning to meet student needs.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION occurs during February 17 th –March 3 rd , 2025.

Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, February 19 th from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Opportunity to showcase Ecole Bellewood French Immersion learning community and everything that make us special!

PIC voice regarding KG open house - why did they choose Ecole Bellewood?

Suggestions to encourage families to register at Bellewood if visiting multiple schools in the neighbourhood.

EQAO Parent/Caregiver Resources

Resources have been developed to inform parents/caregivers about EQAO's assessment program. These resources are available to the education community and the public via the link below:

<https://www.eqao.com/resources/>

PRO Grant Math Games Family Event - Two Suggestions:

Jump2Math

- organization will come out and bring large math games; invite parents and students to play large board games etc.

Sarah Jackman/Brigitte Ashton - GECDsB Program Consultants -if invited, may be able to showcase Mathologie/Mathology (K-8 Mathematics Core Resource) to parents/caregivers to continue and extend mathematics student learning at home.

Bison Celebration

Nomaan, grade 6 student, received was honoured as a winner of the Future Mobility Challenge via Windsor Essex Tech Alliance!

Congratulations on your innovative contribution and this achievement. We are Bison proud of you!

Vice Principal's Report – Mr Roy:

Rationale:

Bellewood aims to improve student well-being, inclusivity, and belonging by addressing gaps in achievement and well-being for historically underserved students. This aligns with the 2024 School Climate Survey, the GECSDB Student Mental Health and Well-Being Action Plan, the Equity Action Plan, and preparations for the 2SLGBTQIA+ Action Plan.

Actions Taken:

1. Bellewood GSA Initiatives:

- Reviewed 2SLGBTQIA+ student data from the School Climate Survey, noting key issues such as trusted adult identification and bullying.
- Feedback included more staff education on 2SLGBTQIA+ issues, normalizing pronouns, emphasizing Human Rights, and combating negative perceptions.
- Engaged a Board Social Worker specializing in 2SLGBTQIA+ support and planned a permanent Pride-themed art piece for the Learning Commons.

2. Refresh Committee:

- Grade 7-8 student artists will help create a Learning Commons art piece reflecting Bellewood's community demographics.

3. EAST Initiatives:

- Teachers exploring Black History Valise resources to enhance instructional programming, with support from an Equity Consultant.
- Expanded Equity Consultant support to prepare for Ramadan, Asian Heritage, and Jewish Heritage initiatives.

4. Create Your Future (CYF) Program:

- Invited CYF advisors to increase participation and reintroduce this program supporting racialized students academically and emotionally.

5. Caring and Safe Schools Update:

- **Ball Strike Prevention:** Committee formed to address staff injuries from ball strikes, with the goal of reducing incidents.
- **Trusted Adults Map:**
 - Surveyed students (K-8) to identify trusted adults in the school community.
 - Results showed high identification rates for trusted adults in Grades K-3 but a need for improvement in Grades 4-8 (88% with trusted adults, 11% without).
 - Goal: Increase students with trusted adults to at least 97% (reduce 11% baseline to 3% or less).
 - Approved for a grant during Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week to support this initiative.
 - VP and CYW will lead teaching sessions for younger students on identifying and utilizing trusted adults.
 - Parent/guardian feedback will be collected through the PIC to support the initiative

Teacher's Report – Mme Matos:

- Coding club has started
- Chess Club is up and running
- Carnaval will be taking place February 21st
- Grade 7 is celebrating 100th day in school
- Mid-January there will be a meeting to start planning for Multicultural night
- February is Black History Month
- Mr. Drexler is requesting \$1800 from PIC committee for Forest books to learn about Canadian authors/books

Treasurer's Report - Kara Tse

The account balance is as follows:

Food: \$2,429.67

Fundraising: \$2,679.24

Grants: \$831.68

Total: \$5940.59

Funds requested for Mr. Drexler of \$1,800

Fundraising:

- Winter Market on December 5th, 2024, made \$600 from table rentals and was a huge success with students.
- Pro grant application submitted for potential Family Game Night

As Always Parent Involvement Committee meetings are [open to any parent/guardian any time](#). Please feel free to join us to learn more about Bellewood activities and share your fresh opinions. current guidelines. French Immersion

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, February 10th, 2025, @ 6 pm.

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