



### Meeting Attendance

Attendees:

*Yathindra Dissanayake, Donia Hafez, Nia Khuong, Karyn Mui, Jacqueline Naismith, Stefanie Neale, Vicki Prince, Kara Tse, Mozzam Vakil, Jhennel Young*

Staff Representation:

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

Guests:

*Rumane Abid, Clare Amicarelli, Kathy Quenneville*

Regrets: *Manal Chams, Erin Haldeman, Tonmoy Majumdar*

Call to Order – 6:09 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 last night's November PIC meeting; feel free to add any additional content from your notes.

### **Active School Travel Education Program**

Please join me in welcoming two City of Windsor staff, Kathy Quenneville and Clare Amicarelli, to the PIC meeting this month!

Ecole Bellewood has partnered with the City of Windsor to educate students and families about the importance of Active School Travel (walking, biking, wheeling, school buses) with the goal of improving safety for all and reducing traffic congestion around the school.

Parents/Caregivers - we need your help! We are asking all parents/caregivers to help us understand the reason behind the mode of transportation you choose for your child to get to school in the morning **by filling out the City of Windsor pre-study survey.**

Please find the very brief survey link for parents/caregivers below:

[Active School Travel - Bellewood Public School - Pre-Study Survey](#)

Thank you so much for your partnership and helping us keep our Ecole Bellewood community members safe!

The information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act. The information will only be used to

### 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 Haldeman
  - Jacqueline Haismith
  - Nia Khuong
  - Tommy Majumdar
  - Joanne McLean
  - Mozzam Vakil
  - Jhennel Young
- Note: council members are required to attend each meeting (unless regrets are sent) to maintain quorum (8) while voting on expenditures/actions

improve the City of Windsor's commitment to customer service. Questions about this collection may be made to Awele Italiano, Transportation Planning Coordinator, at (519)-255-6100 ext.6351, email [aitaliano@citywindsor.ca](mailto:aitaliano@citywindsor.ca)  
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### **Read/Move-a-thon School Fundraiser Update**

Thank you Ecole Bellewood students, parents/caregivers and larger school community!

We had an incredibly successful school fundraising campaign this year, thanks to the very generous support of our Bellewood parents, extended families, and larger community!

Funding that comes from the Ministry of Education does not cover extra things that have come to be an important part of student life at Bellewood. Fundraising helps us take care of the many resources, special events, speakers, busses for field trips and school athletic events, referees for games, Good News Tickets, student rewards, lunch monitor incentives, technology, graduation supplies, mathematics competitions, recess equipment, primary agendas, gym sports equipment and many other things that we utilize throughout the year for our students.

The top three sellers in the school will win a prize. First prize will be a tablet, second prize will be a bicycle, and third prize will be a Gift Certificate to Clip'n Climb Windsor! For each \$10.00 a student brings in, they received one ballot for a chance to win prizes. Prizes for the daily ballot draws may include popcorn, books, basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, board games and various other items. The class that brings in the most money in each division (Early Years, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate) will also receive a pizza party!

### **School Renewal Project - Ontario Builds Signage**

Ecole Bellewood is *currently* receiving upgrades to the original building (behind the scenes) to our BAS system. This includes upgrades to: Replacing old and faulty Sensors, Air Balancing, Changes to the Sequence of Operation, etc. As part of Ministry of Education requirements this year, school boards must display Ontario Builds signage at schools benefitting from school renewal projects.

### Vice Principal's Report – Mr Roy:

#### **Bullying Prevention and Mental Health Initiatives**

The staff has been reviewing the school's well-being and inclusivity action plan and the importance of identifying trusted adults in the school.

The plan includes a school-wide mantra to promote a positive mindset and self-image, stress management, and community involvement. It discusses the importance of greeting and welcoming students daily to build trust and identify trusted adults. The plan includes proactive approaches to self-regulation and mental health, enhancing the knowledge of school staff and providing clear pathways for intervention.

#### **Identifying a Trusted Adult**

Students can identify at least one trusted adult in school, whether a teacher, principal, support staff, or custodian, who they can approach with concerns. This fosters a supportive environment in which they can express any concerns they have. All Kindergarten to grade 8 students will complete a survey in the coming weeks to identify their trusted adult. Results will be shared with their identified trusted adults, and no action is required from staff, but they will be aware that the student has identified them as a trusted adult.

#### **Bullying Prevention Week and Words Matter**

Bullying Prevention Week is the 3rd week in November and will be from November 18th - 22nd.

The activities for Bullying Prevention Week include the Words Matter presentation for grades five through eight.

The presentation covers:

- The Ontario Human Rights Code and the importance of acting as an upstander against discriminatory behaviour.
- Emphasizes the need for students to report discriminatory comments and the consequences for not doing so.

The plan includes supporting affected individuals, documenting incidents, and educating staff and students on appropriate responses.

### Teacher's Report – Mme Matos:

- The Robotics club is up and running.
- There is a math competition coming up for grades 7 and 8
- MME Dandy and her team applied for a grant
- Carnaval that is coming up in the new year
- The book fair is going on November 12th -15th, and volunteers are needed for that event.
- The cereal box challenge is happening from November 4th - 22nd. Donations will be going towards the Breakfast Club for the School Board programs.
- Funds requested on behalf of the grade 8 teachers to allocate funds for our graduates for them to have a wonderful evening before heading off to high school.
- Funds requested for teachers/classrooms to support their programs to be used by May 1, 2025. We have 28 homerooms and 5 specialty teachers (33 total).

### Treasurer's Report - Kara Tse

The account balance is as follows:

Food: \$3,497.29

Fundraising: \$2,339.12

Grants: \$331.68

Total: \$6,168.09 balance at the end of October

A new document has been created to track expenses, and a form must be filled out and requested for the committee to better track funds allocated throughout the school year.

Funds requested for PIC insurance for a total of \$151.20

### Fundraising:

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

- All vendors welcome back
- All positive feedback from teachers, students and vendors
- Will have a chill-out zone for dipping dots (if vendor comes back) to help eliminate food mess
- Flyers to follow
- Vendors will come in to set up at 7:15. Loading times 7:15 – 7:50 to avoid school arrival traffic.
- Have grade 8s to assist with kindergarten kids this year.

Idea to purchase buddy benches for fundraising opportunities.

### Motions

- Stefanie Neale motion to allocate \$120 to each of the 33 classrooms for a total of \$3,960. Kara Tse seconded motion. No objections: Motion passed
- Stefanie Neale motion to allocate \$1000 towards graduation. – Karyn Mui seconded motion. No objections: Motion passed
- Stefanie Neale motion to allocate \$151.20 to PIC Insurance – No objections: Motion passed

New total at the end of the meeting is \$1,048.80 \*\*Most funds will not be allocated all at once.

### 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. current guidelines. French Immersion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Next meeting: Monday December 2nd, 2024 @ 6 pm.

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