MINUTES

Byron Southwood P.S.
Home & School / School Council

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11/02/2026 | 6:31p.m. – 7:46 p.m. | School Library

Meeting called to order by Tonia at 6:31p.m.

Officers

President/ Chair: Tonia Siemon

Vice President/Vice Chair: Nina Rudd

Treasurer: Chelsey Gibson

Secretary: Elisha Bergeron

Fundraising Chair: Candice Avola-Lyons

Past President: Mandy Long

In Attendance

Present: Nina Rudd, Mandy Long, Chelsey Gibson, Megan Powell, Candice Avola Lyons, Elisha Bergeron, Natasha Barby, Tasha Whyte, Michelle MacDonald, Julianne March, Amber Wallace, Darbi Greensides, Angela Carter, Dayna Aalbers, Lesley Greer, Tammy Adams, Lisa Watson, Matt Ebel, Tonia Siemon

Regrets: Scott Mandich, Charlotte Kaye McQueen, Ashley Rockwood Armstrong, Allison Hillis, Meredith Lockwood, Alyssa Ostryhon, Jenn Whitty, Valerie Laufman, Adam Bujold, Amy Thompson, Sarah Barnes, Jenna Scott, Sasha Dewque

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

GEN-NOV2026-01 THAT WE APPROVE NOVEMBER AGENDA

M: Megan Powell S: Natasha Barby **Carried**

GEN-NOV2026-02 THAT WE APPROVE OCTOBER MINUTES

M: Natasha Barby S: Megan Powell **Carried**

Principal Report-Lisa Watson

- Progress report cards are in the works, and they will be coming out soon.
- The kindergarten registration opens today November 2nd, 2026.
- We will have a remembrance ceremony at the school. No parents and visitors can come due to the gym capacity.
- The weather is still nice, climbers still open.

- Girls and boys' basketball is in full swing. Mr. Ebel is busy each week with games.
- School improvement meetings were held on Monday October 26th. Dug into EQAO data. Our scores are fabulous but there is always room for improvement. Spatial sense is an area of focus in math for primary grades. There is literacy and literature teachings that can be used to help with the terms such as over and under in spatial sense math. Algebraic thinking will be a focus for intermediate students. Classrooms mathematically discourse. We will Collect data on where our kids are, and we will continue to work on their skills. Comprehension literacy, and how kids can use it in backing up text they find in their readings. Everything going well. Staff really know their students well. Will share more on what the school will do with the data. 22% of students scored at 2.9 level in math. That is almost grade level. We want to move this handful of kids to be on par with our reading and writing scores.

Staff Report-Matt Ebel

- Dale's Canvas is finished and has been paid for.
- Jana's Canvas is halfway done, not fully paid for yet.
- Mr. Ebel would like a plaque to go with the canvases. Mrs. Watson said the school will cover it.
- Mr. Ebel is willing to do 3D printing, but it can not be a Christmas item but can be something winter or ornaments. $5 toy or something creative.
- Mr. Hume would love to have a subscription to Pixton; he would use it with other classes as well. $162.72. This would be a school wide subscription. Graphic novel subscription. Home and School paid for it last year.
- Mr. Ebel would like an image generation subscription called Meshy which is $50 a month.
- We are trying to find a PC for the library, but the board site has all the computers back ordered. Would like a tower computer. Just 1 to run the apps in the library. Mr. Ebel can wait on this. Will email something more formal.
- November 30th to December 4th is the Scholastic book fair. What night do we want to stay open later? Tonia will let Tammy know what night we can have volunteers help stay till 5:30pm.
- Mrs. Adams did research on authors visit to the school. Must pay for transportation for someone to come from out of town. Laura who wrote - Marians big dig is $300 for 1 session and $250 additional session. $1550 to have author come. Judy Anne. $800 for grades 1-3, $750 for kindergartens.
- Spoke with teachers about no basket raffle this year.

    - $1500 computer ask.
    - $600 for Meshy subscription
    - $162.72 for Pixton Subscription

Vote: approval of $1500 computer, $600 Meshy and $162.72 Pixton expense as Technology line item.

All in Favour **Carried**

Carts for chrome books are fine. We have not replaced too many chrome books this year. Mr. Ebel thinks the school is in good shape for Technology.

Financing Report

October's Overview

- Balance of bank account on October 1 was $66,761.03
- Balance of bank account October 31 was $56,424.86
- (The lottery account has a balance of $220.20. It hasn't had any activity except for bank fees.)
- Income 9962.58
- Total income for the month was $9,962.58
- Total expenses for the month were $20,298.75
- We received a cheque from **Mabels Labels** for that fundraiser for $210.39
- The **Byron Pizza Adopt a school night** raised $201.18, which we have received
- We are still waiting on a cheque, but the **Western Fair** let us know that the partnership raised $97.
- The **Halloween Dance** expenses were $1861.57 and the cash from the snack bar was $932.95. The Home and School donated $1000 to the event as well. We came out covering our expenses with a positive remaining balance of $71.38.
- **Block 1 of Munch-a-lunch** is just wrapping up and will be done this week. So far, it has made $4585.53. Since this is the final week for Block 1, the numbers might change slightly as orders could come in until this past Saturday. (last year was $4783 when all was tallied). I will have the final exact numbers in January.
- The **Box of Cards and Candles** are finishing today. We have sold 100 units, and we get $11 for each. So, at $1100 profit that fundraiser.

Items we Have funded

- We did fund a few things this month. Mr. Masek's request for primary basketballs was funded for $381.30. Funded $2000 for Dale and Jana's canvas through Mr. Ebel.
- We also funded the music program for $2409.95 for new instruments, including clarinets and bass. This year's music receipt has come in. We gave $1100, $1700 was added for the best seat of the house.
- And finally, we are also getting some teacher allowance receipts in, and we have funded $600 so far there for the year.

Q- Where are we at with the Bike Racks? Mrs. Watson has no updates from facilities on installation yet.

Q – Can we have the school find a few invoices to submit to the Home and School such as music invoices from last year, grad award invoices and 30 Chromebooks from last year. Mrs. Watson will investigate this for us

Fundraising Update

- McMillians Fundraiser is due November 11. The items will be delivered December 8th to the school for pick up. 93 items so far have been purchased amounting to $2075. McMillian's is a tiered fundraiser 20% at $415 earned so far. Items 0-100 earn 20%, items 100-300 earn 25%, items 301-749 are 30% and 750+ is 35%.
- Should we consider doing the spring vendor market or spring dance? There will be no photo booth at spring dance and more snacks. There has not been a good turn out for markets lately.

Mr. Ebel thinks markets are on a downwards trend. Will decide in January on whether we do a market or dance. Consensus is no spring market this year.

- Funfair update. We are still waiting on Oakridge optimist to confirm dates. Hoping to know by January so we can confirm June 3rd is a go.
- Gift card fundraiser, we are not going ahead with this fundraiser since it's more complicated than we anticipated with how to collect money and distribute the gift cards.

New Business/ Existing Business

- Mrs. Watson would like to know whether the school should do an Angel tree or gift card drive around the holidays. Would the school be excepting of the idea. The money/ gifts would go towards other communities, not just our community. We could consider doing a pajama drive. Home and School would love to help support the school with the Angel tree. We think it's a great idea. Can look at setting something up online as well.
- Home and School will use the 3d printed fundraiser for use to fund the rest of the chrome books. Would like to set dollar amounts for 3d printed items. $10, $20. All in favour. Carried. Ornament snowflake for $10, fidget set for $20. Candice will touch base with Mr. Ebel about presales on munch a lunch.

GEN-NOV2026-03 THAT WE MOTION TO ADJOURN

M: Darbi Greensides S: Megan Powell **Carried 7:46pm**

Next Meeting Scheduled: January 11, 2026, 6:30 pm