



## Meeting Attendance

Attendees:

*Manal Chams, Yathindra Dissanayake, Donia Hafez,  
Erin Haldenman, Nia Khuong, Tommoy Majumdar, Karyn Mui,  
Stefanie Neale, Vicki Prince, Kara Tse, Mozzam Vakil,  
Jhannel Young*

Staff Representation:

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

Regrets: Jacqueline Naismith, Nesreen Awad and Erin Russ

Call to Order – 6:10 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:

**Elections:** 15 applicants received

Co-chairs: Stefanie Neale will remain in position and new co-chair will be Donia Hafez

Treasure – Kara Tse will continue to sit in the role

Secretary – Karyn Mui with Co-chair with Jhannel Young

Council members: Nesreen Awad, Manal Chams, Erin Haldenman, Jacqueline Haismith, Nia Khuong, Tommoy Majumdar, Joanne McLean, Mozzam Vakil, and Jhannel Young

## School Reorganization September 2024

-one week earlier than last week due to parent/guardian feedback

-Increase of 1 Intermediate homeroom due to higher student numbers from Spring Projected numbers

-New grade 8 homeroom class created; shifted other students to ensure small class sizes are in place to maximize student learning; Welcome back Mme Dupuis!

-total of 28 Homeroom classes from K-8

-student population currently at 660 total students

## Portables & Field Update

The board realignment plan has been realized at Bellewood; moved to a closed boundary school.

Bellewood has zero remaining portables onsite; all students are learning in the school building.

-entire field area (existing portables site) and soccer field has been levelled and reseeded.

## 2023/2024 Current Committee Members

- **Co-Chairs:** Donia Hafez & Stefanie Neale
- **Treasurer:** Kara Tse
- **Secretary:** Karyn Mui & Jhannel Young
- **Council Members:**  
Nesreen Awad  
Manal Chams  
Erin Haldenman  
Jacqueline Haismith  
Nia Khuong  
Tommoy Majumdar  
Joanne McLean  
Mozzam Vakil  
Jhannel Young
- **Note:** council members are required to attend each meeting (unless regrets are sent) to maintain quorum (8) while voting on expenditures/actions.

### **Transportation Services reminders for Parents/Guardians**

The safety of every student remains our priority every day. City of Windsor Transportation Services asked us to share some reminders for our families.

We're reaching out to schools where there are nearby crosswalks, to provide some educational reminders about how to properly use a crosswalk. Families are encouraged to utilize the crosswalk at Labelle & Northway.

We highly encourage our students to **ride the Bus daily** in the morning and after school to alleviate traffic congestion. Walking or biking to school is also highly encouraged!

Reminder our school day **begins at 8:15am** and students arriving after that time are considered late. Please do your best to be punctual every day...merci!

### **Upgrades occurring at Ecole Bellewood**

BAS system in original build - including wiring and other infrastructure upgrades to the building.

### **EDSBY**

All parents are strongly encouraged to sign up for EDSBY which is our main communication tool between teachers and parents. Please download the app on your cellular device. Call the main office if you need an invitation to join Edsby.

### **School Fundraising Update**

Pizza days – school funds; Special Days – to PIC funds.

School Fundraiser coming soon!

What's Poppin school fundraiser – for PIC consideration as a possible fundraiser this year.

### **EQAO Data 2023-2024**

Share overview of Ecole Bellewood EQAO results 2023-2024!

Individual Student Results will be shared with students and parents/guardians later this week.

Bellewood overall data and results will be shared with all families next week.

Congratulations to our Bellewood students and educators for outstanding results! Please celebrate with your children when they bring home their individual report!

### **Vice Principal's Report – Mr Roy:**

- The students at Bellewood commemorated National Truth and Reconciliation in the themes of Early Years (Empathy), Primary (Resilience), Junior (Truth) and Intermediate (Reconciliation)
- The teachers were given an opportunity to learn about the personal experiences of vice principal's mother's time at Residential School
- The teachers were provided with learning materials/lessons to support their learning through the week of September 23rd - September 27<sup>th</sup>
- Katie Harrington provided staff with resources to provide the students with 4 key focus points. K-1 focused on empathy, grades 2-3 focused on resilience, grades 4-6 focused on truth and gr 7-8 focused on reconciliation (call to action)
- The students created artwork to represent their learning from the week and posted in many places around the building for others to see
- We had an Every Child Matters Flag Raising Ceremony on September 23 and invited families that self-identify as Indigenous
- On National Day for Truth and Reconciliation we had a moment of reflection and teachers took their classes on a TRC Walk around the building to learn about what the other classes learned throughout the week
- Shared pictures of student and teacher work with the PIC

## Teacher's Report – Mme Matos:

**Terry fox run** has launched. Forms were sent home with students October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Book fair** – will be parent-teacher interview night. Mr. Drexler will contact PIC for volunteers.

**Soccer** – country meet Thursday.

**Field trips:** Grade 1s are going to Thiessens

**Sleep** – importance of getting sleep!

In October – GECDsB – encouraging everyone to focus on proper sleep. Some of the benefits of sleep are: reduces stress, being more alert, supports learning and memories and allows boy to recharge. School age kids between 6-13 require 9-11hrs of sleep per day.

Some sleep preventions: shifting of biological lock, teens biological clock shift 2 hrs, early school start time, after school activities, busy afterschool events,

Please see attached flyers. QR code available for more details.

**Well-being** will be the focus happening next month

- School has already started activities and events to promote well being
- Report on well being will be presented by Mr. Pallotta and Mr Roy @ next month's PIC meeting

## Other discussions:

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

- All vendors welcome back
- All positive feed 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

## **PIC fundraising:**

Think about ideas

-safety/first aid kit. Kick back is a big amount. Something new.

## **French Immersion**

- Assembly –
- Lead coordinators – mme chandlers, mr Suzan – staff will always speak/introduce in French

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm

**Next meeting:** Monday November 4th, 2024 @ 6pm

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