

Byron Somerset Council - Meeting Minutes
Monday March 2, 2026

Attendees:

Parents: Deanna Totten, Ceara McNeil, Rashad Rahaman, Kris Kolpin, Flavia Mazza, Harpreet Johal, Ron Davey, Sabrina Poirier

Virtual: Ashlynn Adachi,, Kaitlyn Colling,

Absent: Hasina Rahman, Blair Patton, Jidé Ajamale, Fabio Eymael, Lainie Gardner,, Nicole Spicknell

School Staff: Erin Alary, Anne Fleming, Laura Held

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:35p.m.

2. Approval Items

a. Agenda

Approved by council consensus

b. Minutes

Approved by council consensus

3. Treasurer Report - *Rashad Rahamam*

General Account

Balance as of March 2, 2026 - \$39,810.22

Available Balance as of March 2, 2026 - \$34,806.22

FUNDS IN: HST Rebate: Nov, Dec, Jan \$128.84

FUNDS OUT: Effigies for Carnaval	\$364.99
VB Tournament Fees	\$160.00
Basketball Ref Fees	\$277.74
Orienteering Supplies	\$376.13
Outdoor Classroom	\$6,894.00
Class Orders	\$1,500.97

Approved Future Spends: Planters	\$1,000.00
Athletics	\$1,000.00-\$160-\$277.74 = \$562.26
Flag Purchase	\$200 + HST = \$226.00
Bluetooth Speaker	\$600 + HST = \$678.00
Classroom Supplies	100 per Class = \$2,100.00

Pizza Account

Date	Orders	Revenue	Pizza	Cookies & Juice Box	Profit	Cumulative Profit
14-Jan	298	2,251.50	896.25	136.55	1,218.70	10,343.62
28-Jan	337	2,492.00	996.00	156.98	1,339.02	11,682.64
11-Feb	310	2,314.00	911.25	140.27	1,262.48	12,945.12
25-Feb	317	2,394.50	967.50	141.62	1,285.38	14,230.50

Balance as of March 2, 2026 - *\$20,102.55

*Includes All-Year Pizza Lunch Deposits

Lunchbox

Balance as of March 2, 2026 - \$1,232.00

FUNDS IN: December Commission \$339.50

FUNDS OUT: No transactions

Snack Days

Date	Orders	Revenue	Popcorn	Bags and other Overhead Costs	Lollipops	Licorice, Nerds, Airheads	Fruit Rolls	Profit	Cumulative Profit
29-Sep	191	874.50	337.00	358.74	164.98	288.02		(274.24)	(274.24)
27-Oct	200	760.25						760.25	486.01
09-Dec	184	854.25			116.87			737.38	1,223.39
10-Feb	167	717.75	337.00			56.44	124.24	324.31	1,547.70
24-Feb	149	685.00						685.00	2,232.70

Balance as of March 2, 2026 -*\$2,116.46

*Variance \$116.24

Music Program

Balance as of March 2, 2026- \$1,253.44

FUNDS IN: Purdy's Fundraiser \$925.04

FUNDS OUT: No transactions

Games Night

Balance as of March 2, 2026 - \$27.10

FUNDS IN: Pizza Orders \$27.10

FUNDS OUT: No transactions

Movie Night

Balance as of March 2, 2026 - \$771.53

FUNDS IN: Jan 23 (81 Orders) \$1,194.75

FUNDS OUT: Popcorn \$101.10
 Juice & Water \$44.70
 Sour Keys \$40.65
 Pizza \$236.77

4. Principal Report - *Erin Alary*

- Starting to prepare for EQAO. This will involve exposing students to similar test questions, practice tests, and the tools they will use (computer, typing, calculator, having the questions read, etc).
- Acadience Mid-Year Testing FDK-Gr 2. School receives information regarding students reaching benchmarks at beginning, middle, and end of year. Parents should be able to see information on their child on the progress reports.
- CCAT Testing Completed. This is grade 3 gifted testing.
- Upcoming events:
 - Family Game Night March 5th
 - Electrical Safety Presentation March 11-12th
 - Books for Breakfast 12th FDK-Gr 1
 - March Break 16th-20th
- The organizing of next years classes will begin around April. The school receives initial student numbers in March and teacher placements in April.

5. Teacher Report - *Anne Fleming*

- Jr Volleyball co-ed is starting up
- A girls skills basketball session will be available for juniors
- Jr basketball is upcoming - both boys and girls
- Dance Club is ongoing and will be holding a school presentation on May 7
- Crochet club has started and is well attended
- Music groups are preparing for Kiwanis - Band and Recorder
- Many teachers have expressed appreciation for the funds to purchase classroom supplies. It was used by more teachers this year.
- Winter Carnival was a great day and went smoothly

6. Subcommittees

a. Hot Lunch/Pizza

Hot lunch and pizza are going well. .

b. Fundraising

Sabrina has a tentative date of June 9 for Food Truck Night. However, the food truck association only has 3 savory trucks available that night - New Leaf, a Taco truck, and a Pierogi truck. There is also a donut/ice cream truck. As there are not a lot of kid friendly options, Sabrina will chat with them and Erin to see if another day works.

Other suggestions to add to food truck night are the Photobooth, facepainting, the baskets that have been done in the past, and some games possibly run by the older students. Sabrina will talk to Ms. Singer to see if she is interested in helping with the baskets and working with Anne to approach some intermediate teachers regarding the games.

Another suggestion to add to food truck night or for another event, is an “art show” with art made by students.

A “healthy” option was added to the snack day - a fruit roll snack. It was very popular and we had good feedback on it.

7. Other

School Council By-Laws

The school by-laws need to be updated. Ceara sent out the current ones ahead of the meeting. Some suggestions for changes/additions are:

- A statement addressing attendance of meetings. Ex. If someone misses the first 2 meetings/3 meetings total you are no longer a voting member.
- Making the by-law regarding conflict of interest stronger. If a member does not properly declare the conflict, they are no longer a voting member.
- A statement addressing procedure around a conflict that might arise between the council and principal/staff.

Ceara will look to see if there is anything in the board policies that would guide us in these by-laws. If anyone has any other thoughts or suggestions please email Ceara and she will put it out to the council members online.

End of Year Field Trips

Erin asked if the council is willing to fund a portion of the year-end trips for the FDK, Primary, and Intermediate divisions. Council has the funds from the lunchbox fundraiser ear-marked for these trips. Discussion to bump up the amount from \$300 per division to \$500 per division to help with growing costs of trips/bussing.

Council Consensus to give \$500 per division = \$1,500 to help fund the year-end field trips from the Lunchbox account and general account if needed.

Once the trips are being booked, Erin can give more information on the cost of the trips and if we want to add more funds to assist.

If there are any agenda items anyone would like on future meetings, please let Ceara know ahead of the meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 13 at 6:30pm in the school Learning Commons.

Adjourned at 7:59pm

Minutes taken by Deanna Totten