



MINUTES

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

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05/04/2026 | 6:32p.m- 7:42p.m. | School Library

Meeting called to order by Mandy at 6:32pm

Officers

President/ Chair: Tonia Siemon/Mandy Long

Vice President: Nina Rudd

Treasurer: Valerie Laufman

Secretary: Elisha Bergeron

Fundraising Chair: Candice Avola-Lyons

In Attendance

Present: Tonia Siemon, Mandy Long, Elisha Bergeron, Nina Rudd, Candice Avola Lyons, Amy Thompson, Dayna Aalbers, Charlotte Kaye McQueen, Ismay Herbert, Darbi Greensides, Amber Wallace, Meredith Lockwood, Natasha Barby, Alyssa Ostryhon, Tammy Adams, Lisa Fleet, Matt Ebel

Regrets: Megan Powell, Michelle MacDonald, Jenn Whitty, Ashley Rockwood Armstrong, Scott Mandich, Tasha Whyte

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- **GEN-MAY2026-01 THAT WE APPROVE MAY AGENDA**
M: Charlotte Kaye McQueen S: Dayna Aalbers **Carried**
- **GENMAY-2026-02 THAT WE APPROVE APRIL MINUTES**
M: Meredith Lockwood S: Ismay Herbert **Carried**

Principal Report-Lisa Fleet

- Facilities Update
 - Sand in both sand boxes has been topped up.
 - Sand in long jump pit has been replaced.
- Extra Curriculars
 - Choir and band going strong
 - Soft ball tryouts complete.
 - Track and field ongoing.
- Upcoming Events
 - Spring Concerts
 - May 5 – grades 5/6-8 - 9:30am and 12:00pm
 - May 7 – grades 3-5 - 9:30am and 12:00pm

- May 12 – grades k-2/3 – 9:30am and 2:00pm
 - Scholastic book fair May 19-25
 - Kindergarten Open House May 6 at 4:00pm
 - June 18th Grade 8 graduation
 - Kindergarten graduation – June 19th 2:15pm.
- The Learning Agenda
 - EQAO preparation continues.
- In Memory
 - Mrs. Adams shared the memorial awards that will be given out. There are 12 spots to add names. Dale's award will go to a grad and Jana's will be presented at the year end assembly.
 - Mrs. Adam's investigated the mural and reached out to mural works andrea@muralworks.ca, going to get her to come in and get an estimate. Will update once she has pricing. Mural to go in the library in honor of Jana and Dale.

Staff Report-Matt Ebel

- Mr. Ebel reminded staff to spend their allowance, mentioned early June to staff. June 1st date deadline from the Home and School.
- Mr. Ebel is looking to see if Home and School can get top up jerseys, Mr. Ebel oversees inventory. Would love to order 10 more by next school year. The style needed are the tank jerseys from Source for sports. An estimate of around \$500 and would want them for October. Looking to vote on this in the June meeting
- Mr. Ebel was wondering about chargers/ carts for chrome books that hold 32 devices. \$1200 from Uline and they come with power bars. Could this be apart of the tech fund. Home and School will pay for this with the tech fund that has not been used.
- Mr. Ebel and students were able to sell \$150 worth of cotton candy at market then the machine broke. Mr. Ebel has ordered a new machine. This Friday Mr. Ebel plans on doing a cotton candy day to make it up to the kids. \$5 per bag and will be sold during the day.
- Question – When will the track and field practices be? Mr. Masek is in charge and Thursday they will figure out who is going for what event. Following week there will be a practice schedule and information to follow.

- Home and School have fully funded everything on the budget so far.
- Block 4 extras lunches from Donut Diva, Posh Charcutier and Cookie Nook raised \$767.75 that will go to the chrome book fundraiser. Block 4 raised \$5471 from the regular scheduled lunches. There is \$900 dollar left over from the budget lines.
- Home and School raised \$784 from the spring market plus the food trucks.
- Home and School raised \$981 from the used book sales that will go to chrome book fundraiser.
- Music budget line is fully funded, and the school can go ahead and purchase their instruments.
- Waiting for the cheque from the Halo car wash fundraiser.
- Home and School have raised \$10353 so far which allowed us to order 30 chrome books for the school. It's been confirmed no chrome books can be taken and given to other schools, as there was a letter from Shiela confirming.
- Roll over budget of \$2300 that was allocated in April's meeting- Tammy will give the receipt to home and School for the memorial items. The rainy-day bins will be ready for September. Half the equipment for outdoors that was purchased was put away for September 2026. We still have \$2200 not voted for or allocated to any item.
- Tonia/ Valerie will go over the line items and see what else the school can use for budgets not spent yet.
- Ismay wants to know if we can order decodable books as it seems there are none in the building. Mrs. Fleet is ordering some for kindergarten and primary grades. The classes have giving their wish lists of books. Home and School will revisit the ordering of books in September. 1 set 20 titles, 6 copies per. 120 total books \$471 Canadian plus tax – learning without tears in Ontario.
- \$1500 was set aside in budget for bike rack. Wavy 5 bike rack fits 5 bikes and there would be 2 of them \$1791 approx. \$600 to install. School is keeping existing bike racks, and these ones would also go out front. It would be an additional \$900 to be spent on new bike racks.

VOTE: \$900 more for bike racks

All in favour

Approved

- Nina proposed additional kindergarten yard toys for \$440, mud kitchen, collapsable soccer nets, peg people, fairy play and sand toys. If we spend \$700, we could get 2 mud kitchens.

VOTE: \$700 for kindergarten yard toys

All in favour

Approved

Fundraising Report

- **Funfair**
 - Prizes have been ordered.
 - Nina will deliver bags for bottle collecting for the bottle toss game to each classroom on Thursday. Bottle Collection will start next week.

- Sign up for Volunteers will go out tomorrow. Sign up will be sent to Home and School members first and then out to the community. Grade 8's can get hours as well as high school students for volunteering.
 - Nina will do up some posters for advertising and send out shortly.
 - Advance tickets will be available May 11. We will need to figure out the ticket pick up lines. There was some confusion last year on where to line up for prebuy tickets and people still needing to purchase.
 - Alyssa will decorate the door for the fun fair. We will not be having helium balloons this year. We could try to do regular balloons on sticks.
 - Chalk design for kindergarten yard is already booked pending the weather.
- **Fall Fundraisers** – Need to start thinking about ideas. Should we try something else? Sell box of cards again starting November. Need more volunteers for events. What if we changed the baskets and themes? The basket raffle is becoming hard to manage with not enough volunteers. We can discuss more during the June meeting.

New Business/ Existing Business

- During June's meeting we will do elections for Home and School executive roles for next school year. There will be some changes as Mandy will be moving to past president and Valerie will be stepping down. We want people to start thinking about the treasurer role and if any one is interested. New treasure needs to be apart of Home and School for 20 days before they can be elected. New rules for Home and School say that there is only allowed one president/ chair role but there can be more then one vice chair. We are looking for the treasure specific. We still need a nomination committee as well. We will only need this nomination committee if we get multiple votes for different positions.
- Home and School will do Thank-you cards for bus drivers and volunteers again. Natasha Barby has volunteered to fill these out again this year.
- Last meeting we will be going out after on June 16th, 2026 to celebrate. More to come.
- We will be doing a staff appreciation lunch again this year on June 26th. Approx. 50 teachers. We need ideas on food around \$1000. Charlotte will get a quote from Nooners Deli and Catering.

Questions to Mrs. Fleet/ Mr. Ebel

- Are we doing the school wide play day? Nothing planned yet. Candice/ Alyssa – have Freezies to use for the kids.
- How many students will the school have next year? As of right now there is 588 students.
- Will there be emails of teachers and classroom placement before the first day of school. Mrs. Fleet confirms there will be an email that goes out before school starts. Let Mrs.

Fleet know Home and School would be willing to help with first day questions and directions.

- Any Retirements? None currently – Mrs. Fleet
- How does rain days work with the climber schedule? Schedule for the climbers, even days and odd days for the different classrooms. The school just moves forward if there is a rain day.
- Is there a Family night for the bookfair? To be determined and more information to come.
- What happened to the Pride flag that use to hang on the flagpole? June is Pride month. Mrs. Fleet will investigate the flag, as she is not sure she has ever seen the pride flag since starting at Byron Southwood. The school did get new flag poles.
- Home and School would love to help with having guest speakers/ presenters to visit the school next year. -This can be discussed more in June's meeting.

GEN-MAY2026-03 THAT WE MOTION TO ADJOURN

M: Darbi Greensides S: Nina Rudd

Carried 7:42 pm

Next Meeting Scheduled: June 14th, 2026, 6:30 pm