



MINUTES OF THE ELK ISLAND LOGOS SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. at Brentwood Elementary

ATTENDEES: Michael Schnell (President), Greg Richard (Vice President), Theresa Mackenzie (Secretary), Mark Nahnybida (Treasurer), Annelies Bronder (Teacher Care Director), Randy Bouwers (Professional Learning Director), Kindra Varty (Brentwood School Rep), Angela Gerber (Social Media Director), Mrs. Cunha (BWD Teacher), Mr. Radersma (BWD Teacher), Mr. Regehr (BWD Teacher), Mr. John Murphy (BWD Admin)

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Greg who welcomed all present. Greg opened the meeting with an opening prayer.
2. Consent agenda was provided prior to meeting. Approval the Agenda. No additions or changes. Consent agenda adopted as presented.

Motion to approve agenda: Moved by Mark Nahnybida, Seconded by Angela Gerber, All in favor, Carried.

- A. At the outset of the meeting, the quorum, a simple majority of the members of the board, was present and that quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.
3. Standing Items: A. Consent Agenda
 1. Items Arising
Tabled
4. Business Arising:
 - A. Document Review and Refresh
 1. Student Handbook
-See President section of Consent Agenda
 2. Teacher Guidelines
-Tabled
 - B. New Initiatives
 1. Chaplaincy (Michael)

Michael created document and sent out to executive – Michael sent to Aaron Tuckwood and Garry Russell to get feedback, waiting for feedback – tabled for review by admin,

upcoming meeting with school admin and Michael and Greg, tabled until after that meeting and review.

ACTION: Tabled until review/discussion completed with school administration

2. Suggested Donation

Discussion about taking offering at Chapels – and following process with any of these ideas, other idea that it is not the time or place or opportunity for that. Decided to not pursue this at this time.

Discussion about information sheet sent from BWD School Council explaining how funds are used, Mark's idea to include similar information

Discussion: -Website has information about where the \$ is going
-bookmarks, books,
-approval of document over email once document finalized

ACTION: Mark, Theresa and Kindra will draft up document

ACTION: Goal is to have it sent to families through the schools by end of September

C. Mission Statement

Discussion about Mission Statement – discussion around the phrase “Insulating the students, not isolating them”

Motion to approve Mission Statement as presented at last meeting, to read “Building Christian Community with the Community” Moved by Annelies Bronder,, Seconded by Randy Bouwers, All in favor, Carried.

D. Yearly Vision Statement
Community Building
Tabled

E. Getting Christ into the Classroom/ working with admin and teachers – ACSI

Michael and Greg have a meeting with Garry, John and Amit (BWD and SWH Administration) Thursday Sept 14 @ 9:30 am at BWD

See Kindra's consent agenda about staff update at BWD.

Randy will connect with teachers at SWH

F. Chapels

Discussion regarding Chapels and the Chaplaincy document

- see Kindra consent agenda, teachers like idea of churches coming to help with Chapels
- Greg is working on relationships with some churches to co-ordinate efforts
- SPAC would like to assist – they are welcome in Logos Chapels
- Working out a formal process, list of resources/churches to help with Chapels, etc.
- Spreadsheet/form for resource list of people
- Some work to figure out process of communicating between schools/Kindra/Greg/Churches

ACTION: Tabled to next meeting after School Administration and Michael and Greg meeting Thursday Sept 14, update to follow.

G. Social Media

Michael has created a form that links from website to social media, making posts timed and simultaneous with website.

Process update: If a board member wants something posted – send an email to Ang and Michael (cc both) and a phone text to Ang – to get the post created

ACTION: Goal is to post more things on the Social Media pages as possible and applicable

H. BWD Meet the Teacher BBQ

Was successful.

See Kindra's consent agenda update

5. New Business:

A. Sherwood Heights School Rep

Need a parent rep to fill the Sherwood Heights role.

ACTION: Executive Members to consider and brainstorm, possibly advertise on social media, etc., table to the next meeting

B. Halloween

-Discussion about Halloween
(most specifically at Elementary level)

Greg: We have had many discussions about this topic, we understand prior beliefs around the best practice to handle Halloween. Financially, this year, it is not available nor a good use of funds to take the kids out for an external field trip/activity.

What are some other ideas that we can do/incorporate:

Brainstorm Ideas

- Library escape rooms in small groups
- Movies
- Activities in classrooms

Question: How is non-Logos Halloween being handled?

Answer: After lunch, students put costumes on, go to gym, walk around, show off costumes, go back to classrooms to class party (maybe combined with another class), may have snacks, maybe movies, up to each teacher.

Michael: Would like to keep it status quo as possible, (similar to not celebrating "Halloween" in the past, if there is change, change it at the AGM to give parents a chance to have input.

Mr. Radersma: In honouring what parents have signed up for with Logos Programming according to the handbook, if we change it mid-year (now), and begin celebrating Halloween, we have not held up the Handbook and respected their understanding upon registration according to the handbook.

Kindra: We need to consider how to distract the students from the costume parade so they don't feel they are missing out.

Mrs. Cunha, Mr. Radersma: If the appropriate time to change is the AGM, to change it via a motion, change to handbook, a survey could be sent out prior but timing wise, February is the registration deadline and the AGM is not until June – so need to consider the timing of those two factors.

Mr. Murphy: It is possible to have more than one AGM in a year, to deal with this prior to the February registration deadline.

ACTION: Develop a Halloween Committee to work together to figure out Halloween Activities with the teachers, deciding on ideas, what are funds available from the Logos Society, getting volunteers to come help, idea of escape rooms seems favorable. Greg, Kindra, Ang and Mrs. Cunha have volunteered to participate in this committee.

Upcoming Meetings:

Next meeting – Tuesday October 10, 2023 7:00 p.m. @ Sherwood Heights

6. Greg closed the meeting in prayer. Michael moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

SECRETARY: 

THERESA MACKENZIE

Date: _____
October 2, 2023