1. Review of Minutes - Jennifer
   - Minutes of January 30th, 2012 meeting approved. Paul thanked Patricia for the lengthy and thorough minutes.

2. School Council - Jennifer
   - No update

3. BHES Admin Update – Paul
   - Paul informed us Carol is off with pneumonia
     a) Safe & Compassionate Schools
        - We have had a “Hold and Secure” lockdown a few times over the last 2 weeks due to our new social adjustment student who is 8 years old
        - “Hold and Secure” is when a student is a runner and they leave the class and must be located within about 5 minutes
        - During “Hold and Secure” kids cannot leave their classroom until missing student is found
        - We have created a calming room on the main floor where the old primary book room was – the walls are padded and the room is used for CPI (Crisis Prevention and Restraint Intervention)
        - Our social adjustment student was at Access/Lake Wilcox Program for an extended 6 week program (regular program is 3 to 4 weeks) and then placed at BHES
        - He is not at risk to any of our students – if he was, he would be removed immediately
        - All schools have a Community Class as part of school policy
        - He is under direct supervision at recess, with two teachers, and is on a different recess schedule – he also starts school 15 minutes later and leaves 35 minutes earlier than the rest of the students
        - Last year’s social adjustment student was a threat and was removed from our school
b) User Fees – Winter Electives

- September 2012 – Province of Ontario is moving to equalize programs and activities within elementary and secondary schools
- For example, the Arts Exchange program will end at secondary school level
- Schools can no longer ask parents to pay for things that are related to programming
- Items such as locks, agendas and French workbooks are essential and cannot be charged to the parents as they are essential tools to the daily learning skills of students
- Schools will start to rely on their councils to help pay for programming
- Winter Electives, as we have known them, will be gone next academic year – schools can no longer ask parents to pay for these programs - Winter Electives started as a one day program and were expanded to four days at BHES for winter sports - it was reduced to three days at BHES when Family Day was introduced
- Most schools only have one day of Winter Electives.
- As it is not essential to the daily programming of the phys ed program, it will likely be eliminated as the school cannot ask parents to pay for it
- The only way electives will continue is if school councils pay for each student

c) User Fees – Graduation

- How are we going to have a grade 8 graduation on site, as our gym will not safely accommodate the numbers, that is why we have our grads off site - there is no answer yet

d) User Fees – Other

- Lunchtime and after school programs (eg. Fundamentals) will continue, as they are not part of the core curriculum
- We need to continue to fundraise and plan for the $40,000 left in school council at the end of June 2012 to be put aside for programming costs in Sept 2012 school year
- One option is to conduct a fundraiser with an option for parents to make a donation instead and they will receive a tax receipt – this has been done at other schools
- Parents can write their MPP’s with their concerns
- There is no clear plan from the Province yet
- The “share the wealth” school council budgets from the wealthy schools to the needy schools has gone nowhere
- Government believes that costs levels have to be equal from school to school, regardless of where you live – this is a decision by McGuinty government

e) User Fees – BHES

- School generated funds for BHES is about $1 million per year – we were second highest last year – this amount is money that comes in and then goes out to pay for things like lockers, agendas, trips, uniforms
- School trips that are free like VORC (Vivian Outdoor Resource Centre – Grade 4) and Heritage School House (Grade 2), will continue as they are owned by the Board – school buses for these trips are paid for by the Board – approximate cost per bus is $414
- Staff need to determine essentials with a price list and present to school council to prepare for 2012/2013 year
- We need to ensure we get volunteers to run the pizza program next year
- Ms. Liss mentioned that newspapers will jump on this news – as teachers, we have to wrap our heads around this and decide how to best educate the students without all the educational trips
4. Sub-committee reports

- Punita informed us that the Chess Program would like to extend at the end of the program, and change the start time from 3:30 to 3:40 pm
- Jennifer reported that Diversity Night was fantastic and the turnout was great
- Karen reported that this year’s Dance a thon theme will be Hawaii again
- Diane will send out letter re sports night on Wednesdays starting March 21, 2012
- Punita reported that the math program event will be on April 6th, 2012

5. Treasurer’s Report

- School expenditures – some money will not be spent by year end
- Added $2,500 to discretionary fund
- Year end balance as of August 31, 2012 is currently $49,869 – we have to have this down to $40,000 by August 31, 2012
- Can we pay ahead for items for September 2012 to use up the $9,869 in budget to get us to $40,000? Money could be used for agendas for example – however, schools have been told to hold off reordering agendas at the present time (we use Auppal for our agendas)

6. Next meeting

- The next council meeting is Monday, April 16th, 2012.
- There is no council meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:30 pm.