Co-Chairs: Jennifer Ip, Wendy Steinberg  
Minutes: Patricia Kitagawa  

Attendees: Carol Takagi, Diane Daccord, HaeYung Yim, Hashmat Khan, Jenn Costas, Jennifer Ip, Joanna Yu, Karen Drakes, Laleh Marashi, Lucy Tao, Meiling Wong, Mita Bera, Norm Maddeaux, Parm Jandoo, Patricia Kitagawa, Paul Woods, Sandra Pieperias  

1. Review of Minutes - Jennifer  
   • Minutes of February 27, 2012 meeting approved as Paul reviewed the minutes and then passed around one hard copy. Attendees were asked to view the BHES website to view minutes.  

2. School Council - Jennifer  
   • No update  

3. BHES Admin Update – Paul and Carol  
   a) Eco Schools – Meiling Wong  
      Ms. Wong informed us that this week was earth week – walk to school Wednesday, earth pledging ceremony, and intermediate yard clean up on April 19th – there is also an eco art sculpture contest in class  
      We have an artist in twice a week to work with Eco Team students who are creating a mural in stairwell. The Green Belt Foundation will talk to grade 6’s once mural is complete.  
      Outdoor classroom (Carol) – we are waiting for grant money – once approved we will build behind the current rock area in the back of the school and will add more rocks and plants - Diane informed us that Adrienne Clarkson just completed their outdoor classroom and it was about a two year process. Paul knows Tracy, the VP, and will follow up.  
   b) BHES – Inquiry Based Learning Mentorship of Community Schools/Network Learning/Instructional Core  
      Inquiry Based Learning (handout) - IBL is based on higher order of thinking skills and levelling field with other schools. BHES is a model school with expert staff. We have our own learning hoops with the IBL model with new staff. It is from JK to grade 8. Grade 6 to 8 draw on resources and other schools come in to visit. Ms. Wong has also gone to other schools such as Devins Drive and Aurora Senior and ACPS. As a model school, we have to support other schools and kids here explain their work to visiting students.  
      Our Trustee visited and was very impressed with what she saw. She has sat in on classes and collaborated planning.
Adrienne Clarkson (ACPS) – watched inquiry framework based on 4 inquiries – co plan, co teach, co debrief, co reflect. This model has been around for 3 years in inquiry math and we are now using is in other subjects in all schools.

Being a mentorship school is intense, but very rich and saturating. As a result, it feels like staff is doing more professional development this year.

Critical Thinking (handout) – How to take a question and rephrase it into critical thinking. Based on Garfield Newman – great speaker. Students figure out a reasonable answer, instead of teachers teaching the answer. Teachers help them develop the tools to do this successfully.

Instructional Core (handout) – Richard Elmore theory – What are you doing well? Take it and assign a task to it. Engage learner with what they like. Recognize the student’s voice. They have an equal voice in what they are doing.

c) Spirit of Math Program

Feedback from staff was not overwhelming on this program. Instruction was one size fits all and was not engaging for all students. Students were required to pay $4 – not all students paid and we may need school council to cover some of the cost. It was suggested that a note or email go home to parents who did not pay.

Staff believe it may have opened up an idea for enriched programs outside of school.

d) Literacy at School

Mr. Grant is using the iPad’s we purchased from JK to grade 8 and Paul has a presentation to show at the end of the meeting on what they are learning.

e) Grade 8 Grad

Last year, grade 8 raised grad funds by selling freezies – this year they cannot sell them and have to come up with some other way of raising funds. A request for $2000 was previously approved, and they are now asking for $3500. A motion was passed and approved.

f) Air Conditioning

On behalf of the teachers, Ms. Wong is asking school council to consider air conditioning in the library again this year. Every year the staff ask, and every year the Board says no. The staff and students complain about the extreme heat in the library. Paul is to contact Board. If the Board does not approve a/c, council cannot pay for it. Sixteenth Avenue PS has air conditioning – it may be since they have Summer Institute program there.

g) School Programs/IB/IBL

This topic was brought up by parents. Baythorn arts program is now staying. The shut down of the arts program blindsided everyone and the parents protested and held a meeting.

IB at BHES was taken away and parents feel there was no warning, yet we knew it was under review for 2 years. We have lost the IB branding, but the teacher practice remains the same within the IBL model that is now Board wide. One thing that is affected by the IB program loss is that French will start in grade 4. This year it is grade 2/3/4, next year grade 3/4/ and the third year grade 4.
At the community meeting held on April 12\textsuperscript{th} at BHCC, Diane G said that the IBL project is just a pilot. Paul said it is being piloted provincial wide and that York Board is going ahead with it.

Bill Crothers SS has a piloted sports program that is only offered at their school and will not be offered at other schools due to the extreme cost of the program.

h) Community Meeting April 12\textsuperscript{th}

On April 12\textsuperscript{th}, our city councillor, Castro Liu, held a community meeting on the new development of 85 houses at the corner of Leslie and Major Mackenzie. At this meeting, 21 children were projected from this new development. The Board Planning Dept, Sonja Meehan said that BHES has to get rid of the “cheaters” who attend our school and live outside the neighbourhood. She said she takes credit that the day care children do not attend BHES. She also said that the builder and the Board will let new buyers know there is no room at BHES before they purchase, and that they would be relocated due to over enrollment at our school.

4. Sub-committee reports

- Parm informed us that the Chess Program was extended, and the first day of the second session was today with approximately 60 students. The Chess Club would like more people on Tuesdays.

- Hae Yung and Karen asked for an advance of $500 for the Dance a thon and it was approved. Dance a thon is taking place this Friday, April 20\textsuperscript{th}. We will be selling pop and chips. Posters are up. Playbook has been donated by Wendy Tan. Golden Ridge golf vouchers were donated by a parent who owns it. Toys R Us gift cards were donated by Lucy Tao. For every $25 raised, the student’s name will be entered into the draw which will take place the week after the dance. The DJ has been booked.

- Diane reported on sports night and that the kindergartens are too young for ball hockey, and they are doing other things on the side, while Diane teaches the grade 1 to 3’s.

- The grade 4’s were moved to Volleyball with Mira at the later time of 8 to 9 pm, and Diane reported this is not working well, as the grade 4’s are too young to play with the grade 8’s. It was suggested that we have three sessions next year. One for primary, one for junior, and one for intermediate.

- Diane asked where the funds go that we collected, and Paul said they go into a school generated fund

- Karen reported that once the Dance a thon is over, the focus will be on the Carnival. She confirmed that M&M’s has been booked.

- Hae Yung mentioned that we need someone to run the Pizza Program next year, as this is her last year as well as Karen’s, Evy is on maternity leave, Katty may be moving and this is Norm’s last year. Diane Daccord volunteered if Norm agreed to help her.
5. Treasurer’s Report

- School expenditures – 2 month period there has been no new activity – 7 month period on projections - $152,245.

- Paul mentioned that more whiteboards are needed and this is not in the budget.

- As of the end of March, not all $85,000 that we approved in December has been processed, and Paul said it should all go through by June

- Lucy asked if we could do a walk through to have a look at the equipment school council has purchased, and Paul agreed we could do it at the next council meeting on May 28th

- Lucy will send an email to council with the budget notes

6. Next meeting

- The next council meeting is Monday, May 28, 2012 at 7:10 pm.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:35 pm.

Once the meeting was adjourned, Paul showed a presentation on his computer of what Mr. Grant is teaching on the new computers to all grades from JK to grade 8. No minutes were taken on this presentation.