1. Review of Minutes - Wendy

- Minutes of June 18th, 2012 will be passed at the October 2012 meeting.

2. BHES Admin update – Paul

- Paul welcomed everyone.
- First day entry procedures went smoothly despite the pouring rain.

3. Class reorgs

- All classes are at cap numbers or below.
- We have 37 kids on overflow to Doncrest. All 37 kids will be transferred to BHES as of October 1st, 2012. Amongst the 37, 28 are ELL and will result in class reorganizations that will mostly affect the grade 7’s. Reorganizations will day place Sept 28th across the region.
- All split classes will remain, and most students will not move.

4. Safe and Inclusive Schools

- Stop. Start. Continue. This program gives the students an opportunity to work together and collaborate on what works, what doesn’t work, and what changes can be made.
- The grade 5’s wanted more recess and more time to eat.
- They also had a true/false questionnaire to answer.
- PLAY program. Peer Leadership for Active Youth. Run by public health nurse. Teacher support needed to run this program.

Entry/Exit Procedures

- Paul is firm this year that kids must be picked up at their exit doors and NOT in the front lobby due to fire hazards.
- Concern was raised as to what will happen when the snow and ice arrives at the back of the school hill. Paul said he will try to ensure it is well sanded and salted to avoid falls.

Traffic

- Traffic was very aggressive first week of school and is now better.
- Concern was raised about the NO LEFT TURN out of the school. This is a school sign, not a legal traffic sign.
Bussing
- Same policies as last year.
- Grade 3 and up received bus tags to identify them. Under grade 3 received bus stickers.
- Kids are monitored coming off the pass for their tags.
- Board pays per pupil. For the first time, there is a bus “police” person who spot checks on the bus.

Lateness for extra-curricular activities - Carol
- The question was raised as to how many times a child can be late in the morning or at lunch due to attending athletic programs.
- Carol advised that a letter needs to be provided from the program to indicate the frequency of lateness. Parents also need to take responsibility that they are infringing on the learning curriculum.
- There is no magic number as to how many times you can be late. It will be monitored.

5. Job Action

BHES extra-curricular activities still in place for the most part. They include:

- Grade 7 trip next week.
- Cross country.
- Music.
- Me To We Conference.
- Terry Fox
- Character Matters
- Spirit Wear
- There is NO volleyball due to no regional coordinators.
- Not sure yet about winter electives.
- Teachers will vote in one week and we will know more then.

6. Curriculum Night – Carol

- Date changed to October 10th, 2012 due to reorganization on Sept 28th.
- Due to job action, not sure if Curriculum Night will take place, as teachers volunteer.
- If cancelled, parents are invited to an “Open House” for a safety presentation by the administration. There will be no teacher handouts.
- Carol mentioned that we have 13 student teachers and one Child and Youth Worker Educator on hand, which provides additional support to students in the classrooms.

7. Other

- We have a new secretary on staff half time named Rosanne Giancola who replaces Dee McPhail.
8. Q and A asked throughout the meeting

Q. Can we find out in June who our teacher/class is to avoid chaos on first day?
A. Registrations are accepted up to the Friday before school starts, and sometimes this results in reorgs, so class info is not released in June.

Q. Why do we have split classes?
A. Split classes allow us to have a flow through model and bump kids where necessary.

Q. Is there criteria on who is placed in a split class?
A. Criteria are based on:
   - ability to self-direct
   - academic strength
   - resiliency/manage change
   - parental support (reading, homework, etc.)
   - No ELL level ones, or special ed kids

Q. How many kids do we have?
A. 830, including Doncrest overflow

Q. How do the kids like the portables?
A. The kids love them. They refer to them as cottages, and enjoy the independence.

9. School Council Elections

   a) Paul distributed the list of potential council members. The following parents who were unable to attend the meeting submitted short bios:
      1. Wendy Tan
      2. Annie Yang

There were 24 names on the election ballot. Paul went down the list and everyone gave a short bio. Ten people who did not show, or submit a bio were removed from the ballot. One person present removed their name from the ballot. We added three present people for a total of 16 names. Paul acclaimed all 16 new council members who will form the 2012-2013 BHES School Council. Congratulations to:

1. Lucy Tao
2. Wendy Tan
3. Rajesh Sharma
4. Annie Yang
5. David Chou
6. Wendy Steinberg
7. Jennifer Ip
8. Patricia Kitagawa
9. Laleh Marashi
10. Tina Sadeh
11. Nancy Lum-Wilson
12. Punita Bansal
13. Diane Daccord-Tsotsos
14. Mira Wong
15. Judy Park
16. Joanna Yu
b) After school council members were acclaimed, the past Co-chairs, Secretary and Treasurer all gave descriptions of their roles and then self-nominations were collected to fill these acclaimed positions. Congratulations to the new 2012-2013 BHES Executive Council:

Co-Chairs: Patricia Kitagawa and Wendy Steinberg
Co-Secretaries: Joanna Yu and Judy Park
Treasurer: Lucy Tao

c) Paul informed us that Norm Maddeaux, long-time community member on council will not be returning this year. If anyone knows of someone who can fill this position, please advise council. Norm kept in contact with the Board on issues, as well as on the rules of falsification of records. To be a community member, you must live in the community and not have any children who are attending BHES.

10. Sub-Committee Sign up

a) Wendy explained the roles of all sub-committees and then sign-up sheets were passed around and will be consolidated by Wendy and emailed to all members.
b) Please spread the word to non-council members to sign up.
c) All sub-committees are asked to meet and report back at the October 29th council meeting.

11. Important Dates

1. Diversity Night – Wednesday, February 13th, 2013
2. Dance-a-thon – Friday, April 12th, 2013
3. Carnival – Wednesday, June 5th, 2013
4. Staff Lunch – Friday, June 21st, 2013
5. Grade 8 Graduation – Tuesday, June 18th, 2013

12. School Council Meeting Dates

1. October 29th, 2012
2. November 19th, 2012
3. December 17th, 2012
5. February 25th, 2013
6. NO MARCH MEETING
7. April 22nd, 2013
8. May 27th, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2012 at 7:10 pm.