

## **Robert Bateman Parent Council Meeting: October 30th**

**In Attendance: Mark Duly, Erin Hunter Lytle, Jill Minke, Stephen Beleck, Maralyn Ellis, Bunny Morson, Ishan Kaushal, Nura Khattab, Michelle McKenzie, Janice Currie,, James Templeton, Patricia Smele, Denise Davey, Lisa Bull.**

### **Student Council Presentation**

- Isan and Nura presented an updated on the numerous activities of Student Council including Act of Kindness Day. Upcoming - Halloween Door Decorating, Winter Clothing Drive, Spirit Week Mid-November or 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of December (ugly sweater day, flipflop day, RBHS spirit wear, ping-pong competition (teachers vs students)
- Student Council is proposing an Interfaith Room – a place where students of different religions can talk about their values and religions and pray. There are several groups at Bateman - Muslim Students Association, Christian Student group. Looking at the room across from Mr. Wood's period 1 class – he has offered to supervise.
- Nov 24 – Pancake day (charge staff for pancakes) to Student Council
- Nov – Grads in Action- Youth in Action fundraiser (auction)
- Holiday Sale (students make gift baskets)
- Student Council is also considering bringing in a motivational speaker. One option is Sunny Dee. Students are looking for a speaker who is free or low cost.

### **Update on Administrative Review**

- Denise Davy presented an update on the Administrative Review which is on-going
- The Admin Review was granted on September 5 and is focused on determining whether or not the Board followed followed the PAR process
- The Review is expected to be completed by mid-December
- The Board has appointed an architect to complete preliminary plans for the renovation at Nelson
- The Facilitator contracted for the Review Margaret Wilson has toured Bateman and has me with the HDSB Board of Trustees
- Denise Davy also updated the Council that the Provincial Children's Advocate Irwin Elman visited Bateman last week as did Robert Bateman.

### **Community Classes at Bateman:**

- James Templeton presented an update on the plans for offering community classes at Bateman
- The goal: to make RBHS a community hub for parents/students/community
- Some of the plans underway include a 'grow wall'; gardens dug out back, ready for spring; outdoor classroom/gazebo being built (Build 12 x 12 gazebo style classroom)
- Other possible classes could include meditation and yoga classes, recycling/repair, landscaping, cooking, classes in the Innovation Lab, construction area, the Auto shop

- Classes could be offered evenings and/or weekends
- There is funding available through the Parents Reaching Out Grant - \$1000. There needs to be some element of numeracy to use these funds.

### **Smoking Area**

- Denise Davy brought up the issue of students smoking in front of the school and the impact that this has on Bateman's reputation
- She asked the Principal about whether there is a way to move the students and also asked the Student Council reps if they would be willing to speak with the students who smoke
- Student Council reps said that they didn't feel comfortable with this request

### **Quiet Room**

- Denise Davy raised the issue of a Quiet Room – a place for students who were dealing with anxiety
- Mr. Duley reports that there are already two Resource rooms in use for this currently
- It was also reported that there is a sensory/quiet room for the CPP as well

### **EQAO**

- Denise Davy raised the issue of EQAO scores and how the way that these do not reflect well on Bateman
- Mr. Duley reports that this issue is beyond the purview of the Board
- Christine Hall suggested that the Parent council could speak with Bateman's Trustee Amy Collard to see if the HDSB would consider requesting from the Ministry a one-year break from administering the EQAO in Halton

### **Bateman in the Media**

- Denise Davy inquired about whether it was okay to share stories about Bateman with the media
- Mr. Duley reports that all requests must go through the HDSB media/PR team
- Denise also asked about whether or not Mr. Duley was open to reviewing and enhancing the Bateman website. Mr. Duley reports that there have been some great improvements recently but that he is open to discussing additional enhancements.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Nov 8 – Diana Lang & Nicole Roseneck – IEP 101
- Nov 15 – Jr Job Club

## Principal's Report

- Courtesy Seats – 86 requests: 51 Approved Early by School: 20 Approved Oct 12, 15 Denied, 10 to Alton
- School Improvement Plan:
  - a. Applied Learning Goal – Greater degree of agreement on questions related to community and engagement
  - b. Wellness / Engagement Goal – The number and frequency of students reporting feelings of intellectual and social engagement at school will increase
  - c. Sept 25 PD – Equity and Inclusive Education (Kim Radersma – Brock)
  - d. Oct 6 PD – Innovation, Creativity, Entrepreneurship (Rotman School) with students
  - e. Nov Staff – ELL
  - f. Dec Staff – Tech in 10
- Successful Events
  - Sept 28 - School Dance (200 tickets)
  - Oct 5 – Academic Awards Night. 262 students (60% of Grade 9, 10, 11)
  - Oct 12 – CPP Parent / Social Night
  - Oct 12 – 5<sup>th</sup> Week Reports
  - Oct 30 – LINK to movies, Phys Ed to RBG
  - Nov 16 – Midterms
  - Nov 23 – Parent / Teacher Night
  - Cross-Country – One to OFSSAA Nov 4 Petawawa
- Winter Sports – Wrestling, Jr/Sr Girls Volleyball, Jr/Sr Boys Basketball, Swimming
- Pep Rally November 14

**Next meeting scheduled for Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM**

- **Maralyn requests (15) minutes on agenda for viewing a video clip**
- **Jill requests (10) minutes for a PIC update**