

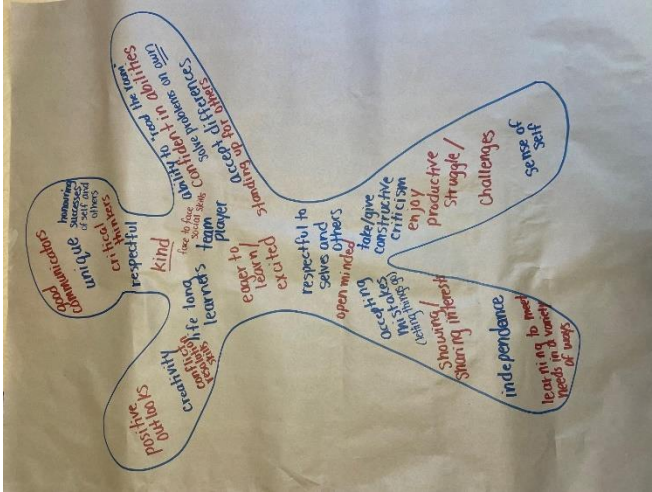
Balmoral Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2022

In attendance- Tiffany Perreault, Bekki Stemp, Mark Lawson, Ashley Hyde, Laura Kirby, Victoria Schindle, Karli Reimer, Kelly Farmer, Cindy Schaeffer

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

1. Secretary's Report: Tiffany read through the minutes from PAC meetings in March and May. She put forth a motion to approve both March and May minutes. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

2. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Kelly reviewed the budget from May 2022- \$3565.15 balance. Draft budget for this year, \$300 hot lunches, \$3000 fundraising, \$ 2500 school support.
 - b. \$934.50- paid to school for our contribution to Camp Manitou field trip from June 2022.
3. Election of the Executive
 - . Chair- Tiffany motioned to keep Bekki as Chair, Karli seconded. Motion carried.
 - a. Treasurer- Kelly put forth a motion that she and Laura will be co treasurer. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Secretary- Bekki motion that Tiffany will continue as secretary for one more year. Laura seconded. Motion carried.
4. Committees
 - . Hot lunch- Cindy will continue.
 - a. Fundraising- no one volunteered to lead the committee, so we will try to piece that together as we go through the year. Ashley Hyde volunteered to help organize things at the school when needed.
5. Principal's Report: Mark Lawson
 1. Ideal Balmoral Student: the staff brainstormed what skills the students should leave Balmoral Elementary School with. The photo shows the skills and traits that were discussed.



2. Staffing updates
 - a. This fall we welcomed Mr. J Gear as our new custodian
 - b. Current vacant EA position (was posted in September)
 - c. Substitute teachers and support staff wanted
3. School Improvements
 - . Furniture- new desks in the grade 7/8 room.
 - a. Windows
 - b. Life Skills room wall and rooms (The Room of Calm & The Reading Room)



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4. School events
 - a. Terry Fox – September 27th
 - b. Cross Country Exhibition Meet – September 28th
 - c. Reconciliation week – September 26-30th
 - d. Orange Shirt Day – September 29th
 - e. Picture Day – October 4th
 - f. Cross Country Divisionals – October 5th
 - g. K-8 Golf Manitoba - October 6th
 - h. Progress Conversations - October 27th
 - i. Book Fair - - October 27th
 - j. Picture Re-takes – November 4th
 - k. Fit Kids Healthy Kids Gym Blast Grade 1- 8 - November 17th
 - l. Wheelchair Association of Manitoba Presentations Grade 4-8 - December 6th
5. School plan highlight:
 - . Literacy
 - i. Structured Literacy (A early years focus on decoding skills and phonemic awareness)

6. Multi-age learning
 - . Family groups- these are starting up again
 - a. Buddy reading
 - b. Regular multi-class interactions (e.g. grade 4/5 and grade 5/6)
7. Admin Procedure Highlights
 - . Community Use of Schools
 - a. ICT
8. Wishlist ([shared google doc](#))

6. Teacher/Faculty Report :Ashley Hyde- the bookmobile will be starting up again this year. It is early in the year, so students are working on routines. Math and ELA activities are being enjoyed on computers. Ahsley is enjoying being able to do group work and getting back to pre-COVID activities. Growth and changes in animals has been a focus of the learning in the classroom.

7. Hot Lunch: coming up next week. Cindy is hoping to have a hot lunch once a month.

8. Old Business: we don't have any updates on the tree situation yet.

9. New Business:

a. Fundraising plan- Kelly will talk to Family Foods and see if they are willing to do the gift card fundraiser again this year. We also talked about creating a formal plan for fundraising goals at our next meeting. We all agreed that splitting our fundraising 50% towards a garage, and 50% towards other needs would be our plan moving forward..

b. Holiday wishlists- would teachers be interested in creating an Amazon Wishlist? Families could look at that when trying to find holiday gifts for teachers. Mrs. Hyde said she would look into it.

c. Extra Curricular activities - Bekki asked if the school could look into having digital safety presentations for students. Mark said this could be a possibility, and if parents want a parent info night, he would be open to organizing something. Tiffany asked about offering a Home Alone safety course, or a babysitting course. She also asked if there were any programs that the RCMP could do around safety for the students. Ashley Hyde said she will look into a connection she has and get back to us.

d. Victoria- happy to be back at one of our meetings.

Next Meeting- November 16 at 6:30 pm