

Balmoral Elementary School
Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2023

In attendance- Tiffany Perreault, Bekki Stemp, Cindy Schaeffer, Mark Lawson, Allison Murray, Kaleigh Poirier.

Regrets: Victoria Schindle, Laura Kirby.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

1. Secretary's Report:
 - a. Last meeting minutes- Tiffany reviewed, and she put forth a motion to approve the minutes. Cindy seconded. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's Report: No report at this time.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Hot lunch - residents at Spruce Woods, & Sylvia at the general store received turkey dinner meals left over from the Christmas lunch in December. Grade 7 and 8 students delivered the meals to people's doors. They all were appreciative.
 - b. Fundraising - no report - new business to discuss some options
4. Principal's Report: Mark Lawson Staffing updates
 - a. Mrs. Buchan is currently on medical leave.
 - b. Laura Jane Bonville has started at the school 70%.
 - c. Mrs. Loehmer has taken over K/1
 - d. ISD is currently recruiting supply teachers, substitute teachers and substitute support staff
 - Current kindergarten registration is down for next year. If anyone knows of anyone who would be eligible, encourage them to register.
 - Recent School events
 - e. January 19 – Well-Being & Self-Regulation Presentation by Julie DeGroot (ISD OT) and Christina Rambarran (ISD Mental Health Clinician)
 - f. Judo Presentation
 - g. Rugby Presentation
 - h. MB Hydro Presentation
 - i. Take Pride Winnipeg Presentation
 - j. I Love to Read Month
 - k. Weekly Skating
 - l. Weekly gr. 7/8 Curling
 - m. Burn Awareness Presentation
 - n. Sun Safety Presentation
 - o. Burrowing Owl Visit

- p. Extra-curricular clubs: DI, Chess, Coding & E-Sports, Floor Hockey Intramurals, Volleyball Intramurals, Basketball Intramurals, Reading, Drawing, Pokémon, MY Girls and Boys Basketball
- Upcoming Events
- q. ISD Virtual Budget Meeting – Wednesday March 8th @ 7:00pm
- r. ISD Virtual Parent Education Presentation – March 15 @ 8pm
- s. DI Tournament – March 15
- t. MY Divisional Basketball – March 15
- u. MY Divisional Curing – March 22-23
- v. Pop-Up Clothing Sale (including youth sizes) – March (before spring break)
- w. Balmoral School Wellness Week – March 20-24
- x. Grade 4-6: Sources of Strength Curriculum
- y. Grade 6-8 “The Counsellor in the Classroom” program with Kids Help Phone
- z. Positive Parenting Program – April 12-May 17
- PAC Events
- aa. Babysitting Course
 - i. Next Steps?
 - ii. Rebekka received information from Kelly Kimball. Weekend day selection (it is a full 8 hours) to offer the course. She charges \$45 per child and requires a min. of 10 kids, and up to a max of 25.
- Wishlist Updates:
- bb. Gym Wall Padding (Quotes: \$5185.06, \$9592.24)
- cc. School Wide Field Trip (~\$9 x # of students)
 - 1. Oak Hammock Marsh
 - 2. Manitoba Museum
 - 3. Fort Whyte Alive
 - i. LAST YEAR: Camp Manitou – June 7, 2022 (\$1869, plus buses)
- dd. Garage
 - i. Capital D projects may occur with the coming school budget

5. Teacher/Faculty Report: Grade 4/5 room Kaleigh Poirier

- Novel study- Where the Red Fern Grows
- Math- fractions and decimals
- Science- healthy body
- Social studies- early explorers and early colonization.
- Focus on kindness and respect- acts of kindness goals
- Destination Imagination- tournament is in 2 weeks. 4 teams involved. The students have raised money for the supplies needed through a bake sale. She asked if PAC would be willing to cover the cost of the tournament fees of \$250. Cindy put forth a motion to have PAC cover the \$250. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

- Looking to bring Indigenous perspectives into the classroom, possibly creating drums. Tiffany, Cindy, and Bekki all have suggestions of possible contacts to look for elders or others that could come and facilitate some workshops.

6. Old Business:

- Babysitting Course- we need to have a certain number of students to run the course. Instructor charges \$45 per student. PAC would need to go through the division to hire a division employee to be at the school to supervise, as well as cover the cost of having this employee. Students have to be 11 years old or older to participate. Bekki will send out a google form for families in our community to sign up. After, Tiffany made a motion to pay Community Use of Schools fee for a future date to have the course, up to \$80.00. Cindy seconded. Motion carried. More info to follow.
- Scoreboard update- Mark talked to maintenance, and moving the projector would cost a lot. However, moving the screen does not cost very much. Bekki reported that we will factor in all costs for students who register, however would like to keep the cost as low as possible for families.
- Change rooms- one is now usable, the other is still used for storage. Until the school can get a garage built, there is no place for storage, and the one change room will continue to be used for storage.

7. New Business:

- Fundraisers- the group discusses some options for fundraisers ideas: local honey, Purdy's chocolates, Bud, spud, and steak at the Rock, World's Finest. Committee decided we will try Purdey's. Bekki will talk to Allison to get the details and Tiffany and Cindy will help. Tentative date of fundraiser would be April 17-28, with chocolate arriving before mother's day.

*****Post meeting Update- Purdy's was not an option for fundraising at this time. Bekki emailed committee members and we decided on Kernels Popcorn. A letter and order form was sent to families, orders due March 24 before the break. Popcorn will be ready around April 21.

Next meeting: May 3, 2023 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.