

Balmoral Elementary School  
Parent Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2024

In attendance – Bekki Stemp, Mark Lawson, Daria Rody, Cindy Schaeffer, Laura Kirby, Jen Obsniuk, Christine Schmidt, Joanne Reimer, Robin Yates  
Virtual – Kaitlyn Peters, Scott Beaton

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm

1. Secretary's Report:
  - a. May 15, 2024, meeting minutes - read by Jen Obsniuk and she motioned for them to be approved. Seconded by Robin. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Report attached,
  - b. \$156.81 chequing; \$2,477.18 savings; \$2,021.81 available to spend
3. Hot Lunch Report:
  - a. Kiln hot lunch next week
  - b. Munch a Lunch – online ordering system; \$300 per year; eliminate paper forms
  - c. Discussion of creating an online form for free
  - d. Send a survey to ask about authorizing email for hot lunch reminders; ask payment preference
  - e. Bekki and Cindy will create survey as starting point
4. Election of the Executive
  - a. Chair – Bekki Stemp nominated by Laura, seconded by Robin, motion carried
  - b. Treasurer – Laura Kirby nominated by Bekki, seconded by Christine, motion carried
  - c. Secretary – Jen Obsniuk nominated by Robin, seconded by Joanne, motion carried
5. Committee Formations
  - a. Cindy to lead Hot Lunch, looking at transitioning in next couple of years,
  - b. Robin and Bekki for Fundraising
6. Principal's Report:
  - a. Report attached,
  - b. Scoreboard returned, discussion of different options, table decision, to investigate grants
  - c. Open House went great
  - d. Nutrition Funding \$100 per week provided by Province; snack baskets in classrooms
7. Teacher/Faculty Report:
  - a. Presented by Daria Rody,
  - b. Zones of Regulation for early years, Sources of Strength for middle years
  - c. Numeracy Program that will follow division-wide guide
  - d. New students from Russia
  - e. Miss Poirier is now Mrs. Miller
8. Old Business:
  - a. *Activate* has not responded; will not pursue
  - b. Scoreboard tabled
  - c. Volleyball nets to be installed
  - d. Badminton nets received

9. New business:

- a. Garage construction is well underway
- b. Babysitter course; Bekki is now certified to instruct and can run
- c. Meeting schedule, approved as presented
  - November 20, 2024
  - January 15, 2025
  - March 19, 2025
  - May 21, 2025
- d. Family Foods gift cards fundraiser; 10% back, will run again

Next meeting is November 20, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

**BALMORAL PAC Treasurer Report**  
**September 18, 2024**

**June, 2024**

	Credit	Debit	Balance	Comment
<b>Non-Profit Chequing</b>				
	\$ 516.50			Taco in a Bag Collected
		\$ 374.47		Taco in a Bag Cost
		\$ 33.58		Freezies for all Students Field Day
	\$ 500.00			Transfer in From Savings
		\$ 2,000.00		Cheque 119: Sensory Path, Field Trip Transport, Sports Nets
			<b>\$ 156.81</b>	
<b>Savings</b>				
		\$ 500.00		to chequing
	\$ 6.45			credit interest
			<b>\$ 2,464.83</b>	

**July, 2024**

	Credit	Debit	Balance	Comment
<b>Non-Profit Chequing</b>				
				No Activity
			<b>\$ 156.81</b>	
<b>Savings</b>				
	\$ 6.37			credit interest
			<b>\$ 2,471.20</b>	

**August, 2024**

	Credit	Debit	Balance	Comment
<b>Non-Profit Chequing</b>				
				No Activity
			<b>\$ 156.81</b>	
<b>Savings</b>				
	\$ 5.98			credit interest
			<b>\$ 2,477.18</b>	

**Balances:**

<b>Chequing:</b>	<b>\$156.81</b>
<b>Savings:</b>	<b>\$2,477.18</b>
<b>Committments:</b>	<b>\$612.63 (Scoreboard incl. tax)</b>
<b>Total Funds Available:</b>	<b><u>\$2,021.81</u></b>

## Principal's Report – Balmoral PAC Meeting September 18, 2024

1. Staffing updates
  - a. Welcome Mrs. Hannah Tuckett (grade 6/7)
  - b. Mrs. Novakowski is on leave – Welcome Don Horbas
  - c. Job Postings in ISD:
    - i. Supply Teachers
    - ii. Numeracy Lead Teacher
    - iii. Educational Assistants
    - iv. Journeyman Heating/Cooling Technician
    - v. Substitute Educational Assistants, Admin Assistants, Teachers, Custodians, Bus Drivers
  
2. Summer/Fall upgrades
  - a. Furniture



b. Garage



c. Sensory Paths





3. Thanks to PAC for:

- a. Support for last years field trip support
- b. Support for new badminton nets
- c. Support for sensory paths
- d. Support for outdoor volleyball net
- e. Pledge to support a new scoreboard (there was one purchased, but it was returned as it did not come as advertised):
  - i. [https://www.marchants.com/MacgregorMultisportIndoorScoreboard?gclid=Cj0KCQjw9Km3BhDjARIsAGUb4nx9Ha4PrNiAyhexDQe0xHpDz-xID8wvJZShND4j2zc0wiXOYC5FkeQaAuXBEALw\\_wcB](https://www.marchants.com/MacgregorMultisportIndoorScoreboard?gclid=Cj0KCQjw9Km3BhDjARIsAGUb4nx9Ha4PrNiAyhexDQe0xHpDz-xID8wvJZShND4j2zc0wiXOYC5FkeQaAuXBEALw_wcB)
  - ii. [https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B003SFP4CI?th=1&ref=as\\_li\\_ss\\_tl&language=en\\_US&linkCode=gg2&linkId=909cd22cd8f174d84149ecb705fab101&tag=keepthescor0a-20](https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B003SFP4CI?th=1&ref=as_li_ss_tl&language=en_US&linkCode=gg2&linkId=909cd22cd8f174d84149ecb705fab101&tag=keepthescor0a-20)

4. Recent School events
  - a. Open House – September 4, 2024
    - i. Is there feedback from PAC? Would a similar format be good for next year?
  
5. Upcoming Important Dates
  - a. Sept 20 – Terry Fox Run
  - b. Sept 24 – Gr 6&8 Immunizations
  - c. Sept 26 – Orange Shirt Day
  - d. Sept 26 – PAC Hot Lunch
  - e. Sept 27 – Inservice Day
    - i. Treaty Education for all teaching staff in ISD
  - f. September 30 – National Truth & Reconciliation Day (No School)
  - g. Oct 10 – Picture Day
  - h. Oct 24 (Thursday) – Progress Conversations
  - i. Oct 24 – Book Fair
  - j. Nov 7 – Remembrance Day Service
  - k. Nov 8 – Inservice Day
  - l. Dec 12 – Stage Delivery from SM
  - m. Tuesday Dec 17 – Holiday Concert (K day)
  - n. Thursday Dec 19 – PAC Turkey Dinner
  - o. Dec 20 – Last day before break
  - p. Dec 21- Jan 5 – Winter Break
  
6. Nutrition Funding Update
  - a. The government is providing a small amount of money to schools to be spent weekly on food. ISD has partnered with “Something Beautiful” and will have food deliveries each week. Classrooms at Balmoral will have baskets of snacks available for those who need it.
  
7. Field Trips
  - a. Is PAC is favor of a school-wide field trip? (e.g. Camp Manitou)
  
8. Baseball Diamond Repairs
  - a. Can PAC help Balmoral School connect with the correct folks on this?





9. **Student Use of Cell Phones & Other Personal Devices (New ISD Policy)**

- ISD students have the right to learn in environments with limited distractions and where the potentially harmful impacts of cell phones and other personal devices are minimized.
- In alignment with provincial guidelines and our responsibility for fostering safe, caring, respectful and inclusive schools, ISD will be implementing consistent expectations for student use of cell phones and other personal devices across all schools:
- Kindergarten to Grade 8:
  1. Students are not permitted to use cell phones or other personal devices during school hours, including breaks and lunch.
  2. Students requiring a cell phone or other personal device during school hours for specific educational or medical needs, outlined in a Student-Specific Plan, will be granted access by the school Principal as necessary.

10. Playground Boundaries (updated this school year)



11. Volunteers in Schools

- a. Child Abuse Registry Check, Criminal Records Check, and Confidentiality Agreement needed
- b. Including: Coaches, Parent drivers, Field Trips etc.

12. Wishlist Items:

- a. Field Trips
- b. Playground Shade
  - i. Trees
  - ii. Sun Shades
- c. Stage - \$12000ish
- d. Cement pad (Basketball court) re-surfacing (\$30000-40000)

13. Questions?