

Balaclava School Council



Working Together

School - Parents - Community

Agenda for Tuesday, Oct 3rd, 2017 6:00 – 7:30p.m.

Attendees: Meagan Wilson, Lisa Perosevic, Liz Pietrzak, Cheryl Hue, Jenn Lukawecky, Tina Lillycrop, Chrissy Ronalds, Ellie Millard

1. Chair's Remarks/Welcome Guests
2. Elections – Chair and secretary
Lisa Perosevic (Chair) and Liz Pietrzak (Co-Chair) and Cheryl Hue (Secretary). Chrissy Ronalds to be the liaison between Home and School and Parent Council.
3. Approval of Prior Minutes (June 6th, 2017) Approved by Chrissy Ronalds.
4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
Discussed Penny Deathe's presentation from the previous meeting. Talked about how we probably won't see any repairs to our school any time soon. They are supposed to be building a sidewalk from the four corners to Riverwalk. Chrissy spoke with Judy Partridge. She doesn't think it is going to happen. Chrissy to forward the email to Lisa.

5. Information Items:
 - a) Community Report - Tina's husband is running the Optimist learn to skate program. There are 82 families registered and 95 available. Starts Oct 16.
 - b) Home and School Report (5 min)
Chrissy spoke about Home and School. They spoke about the fun fair account merging in with main account. There is \$7000 in the bank from last year, they need to raise \$11,000 more to meet their current commitments. They were wondering what we need to fundraise for. They thought they might ask the students what they would like. If there is something big, they could then plan for it. The Fall Fest is the fall fundraiser on October 27th. It is at the Carlisle Arena. They will be doing a spaghetti dinner and then do a free skate after. Pumpkins, bake sale, etc. It is more of a community night. No costumes. They are really lacking in volunteers. Tell all your friends to come out and volunteer. If you pay the \$15, you get a voice. Cheryl mentioned that the home and school are having evening meetings. Chrissy mentioned getting more parents involved in home and school.

6. Principal's Report: Good News/Celebrations/Professional Development/Key Meeting Items:
 - a) Over the summer, the K play area had wood chips added and more stones, the front doors were painted and gym doors, painted the trim. The washrooms did not get done over the summer, but we are still on the list. Meagan has suggested they do it over Christmas break, or a long weekend, as we need the washrooms functioning asap.
 - b) Every child in grade 1 or 2 has the writing folder. Folder was passed around.
 - c) We had meet the teacher night. Tina expressed that parents would like to see the classroom. Cheryl said that her kids wanted to show their room and it was hard because they didn't know who they were.
 - d) We have had three-pitch and Terry Fox Run (they had apples). Home and School handed out

the apples and rolled the money.

e)The only school change that occurred was the 6/7 class became a 7 class. There were only 5 Grade 6's in the class.

f)EQAO- results are in - We looked at the data. Discussed Math is so low. We reflected on how the Board and Province are also low in math. Lisa mentioned the student survey results, and how only 21% of students felt they took part in the arts at Balaclava.

g)Received Board Annual Plan - handout

h)Students did a school improvement survey - staff will be looking at the results

As a school, we are looking at what are appropriate goals for our school. We met our reading goals for reading at Grade 1 level.

i)Technology - students are only allowed to use their devices during the first nutrition break inside. Seems to be going well.

j)School Budget - \$42,000, which is a little less than last year, due to fewer students.

Cross Country- Oct 13, Oct 18 Picture Day, Progress Reports - Oct 30 Nov 3rd interviews. The Kindergarten classes no longer have observations.

7. Discussion Items:

a)Policy Review-none currently

b)Pro Grant - Cheryl submitted the proposal last year. We were approved for the \$1000. We discussed some speakers last year. Chris Vollum speaks to the kids during the day and parents at night. Tina to look into speaker - My Life on Line (Blake and Dave). Lisa to look into it as well. Grant only pays for the evening event. Tuck shop funds go towards the daytime speaker. Aim for end of January.

8. Meeting Adjourned 7:40 pm

9. Agenda Items:

Sept/Oct: Elections, SIP, Budget

Nov: Grant activities

Dec.

Jan:

Feb:

March:

April: Grad/Awards

**May: Date depends on School Org from Board,
Grant proposals**

**June: Annual Report, Decide Sept/Oct. date, election
notice, PRO Grant**

Documents: Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct, Dress Code

Next Meeting: November 14th, 2017 – 6.00 PM