

Balaclava School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2018

Meeting held 6:07pm – 7:10pm

Present: Lisa Perosevic, Liz Pietrzak, Cheryl Hue, Meagan Wilson, Cathy Pyper, Jacky Small, Jenn Lukawecky, Tina Lillycrop

Absent: Chrissy Ronalds, Ellie Millard, Vidya Dath

Item #	Discussion	Name
1	Approval of December 2017 Minutes	Cathy Pyper
2	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	All
3	Principal's Report	Meagan Wilson
4	Chair's Report	Liz Pietrzak / Lisa Perosevic
5	Home and School Report	No H&S exec present
6	New Business	All

Item 2: Business Arising from Previous Minutes and new actions

1. Parent Council Contacts – Meagan will send out an email to those interested in the School Council notifying them of the next meeting on Feb 6th, 2018
2. Pro Grant
 - a. Discussion of advertising still needed to be done:
 - i. Email to families through Balaclava School website - Meagan to add advertisement to main page of the HWDSB emails
 - ii. Facebook page for H&S and Carlisle, Carlisle Moms, Waterdown Moms, Campbellville and Flamborough – Cheryl to post
 - iii. Reminders through each classroom (eg Seesaw App, TeamApp, agendas etc.) - Meagan to send the flyer and some info to each teacher and request that they communicate this to their parents/students
 - iv. Posters have been put up at the arena, schools, post office, 4 corners
 - b. Decision made to advertise a child-minding room with the request to notify School Council by email to ensure appropriate sitter-to-child ratio – Cathy Pyper will attend and babysit any children present
 - c. Refreshments – Lisa to take care of – lemonade, water (Meagan to take care of), ice, cups, cookies, napkins

3. Home and School – No H&S executives were present to discuss the below – **Liz will attend next H&S meeting as well as reach out to Vidya to follow-up**
 - a. Discussion with Home and School Rep on how both Associations can better support each other
 - b. Budget and fundraising initiatives to be shared – will not come to School Council on this until April/May
4. Final approval of by-laws – approved by required 7 voting members in attendance

Item 3: Principal's Report

1. Christmas Concert – was a success – Question was raised as to whether the primary will continue to be in the AM because many parents were unable to attend – will take this into consideration for 2018/19 concert.
2. Bobcat Day in December was very successful. Next Bobcat day is Jan 12th and theme is Rockstar, which includes gum day to raise money for Balaclava swim team swim caps.
3. In December, band played at Jurvinski
4. In December, had toy and food drive for the Flamborough Food Bank and Queen Victoria – sent a group down to serve the turkey dinner
5. Going to be practicing safe school drills in the near future. This week, the fire department will be coming to teach the students about fire safety
6. Transition beginning with WDHS for Grade 8s
7. Kindergarten Registration beginning on Feb 5th
8. Feb 5/6 – MADD Canada coming to visit for Grade 4-6s
9. Jan 26 PA Day
10. 2 primary bathroom sinks replaced over the holidays – stall walls will be replaced on the PA day in January followed by then flooring will be sealed
11. New custodian – Kathleen Powell is daytime custodian

Item 4: Chair's Report

1. Rural Schools Advisory Committee meeting update
 - a. Discussion largely focused on schools that are closing and the transition to the new schools; how ministry approves sites/construction etc.
 - b. Ministry is now requiring water testing (Balaclava already does this)
 - c. Mention of small spending money for rural schools, based on population, that the school can spend which needs to be consistent with other schools - Schools will present ideas at the February meeting and **Meagan and Lisa will report back to School Council**

Item 6: New Business

1. Plan future meetings around H&S calendar – Cheryl to tell Heather Rickard - complete
 - a. Feb 6th 6PM – have one or two students to present Chris Vollum feedback
 - b. Apr 3rd 6PM
 - c. May 1st 6PM – Fun Fair on May 31st
2. Post Dec School Council meeting minutes – Meagan has added minutes and new meeting dates to the website now that they are approved