

Balaclava School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 6, 2018

Meeting held 6:04PM to 7:27PM

Present: Lisa Perosevic, Chrissy Ronalds, Cheryl Hue, Meagan Wilson, Cathy Pyper, Jenn Lukawecky, Tina(Jeff) Lillycrop, Marty Adams, Heinz Bondzio, Darren Ahing

Absent: Liz Pietrzak, Ellie Millard, Vidya Dath, Jacky Small,

Item #	Discussion	Name
1	Approval of January 2018 Minutes	Jenn Lukawecky
2	Carlisle Optimist Club Report	Heinz Bondzio
3	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	All
4	Principal's Report	Meagan Wilson
5	Chair's Report	Lisa Perosevic
6	Home and School Report	No H&S representation
7	New Business	All

Item 2: Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1. Parent Council Contacts - Meagan reached out to all parents who expressed interest in School Council
2. Home and School
 - o Action for School Council to reach out to H&S again and offer liaising/working/collaborating with them in the future

Item 3: Principal's Report

1. Chris Vollum
 - a. Grade 7/8s were given a questionnaire to help provide feedback. The consensus was that it went extremely well.
Pros: showed real-life scenarios; encouraged kids to be conservative with posts; a lot of content related to school and education; liked learning that what you post can determine your future; taught about using social media to benefit your future
Better ifs: presentation was long; didn't use the microphone; all social media sights were not treated equally
 - b. Grade 4s – content may have been a bit mature for them

- c. How come so few parents came? In comparison to other schools (eg 6 attendees out of a school population of 1000) Balaclava did well with about 25 people.
- 2. Should School Council continue to apply for Pro Grant? Agreement was Yes
 - a. **Action: Discuss topic ideas at the April School Council meeting**
- 3. MADD presentations
 - a. The Grade 4s found it extremely impactful
 - b. Will be doing the Grade 7/8s in June
- 4. Raised enough money for swim caps and some of the cost of the bus with the bubblegum fundraiser
- 5. 541 fundraiser, involving selling crafts made by the craft club, was very successful
- 6. Parent Voice survey, 2018/19 Budget Priorities, and School Year Calendar are currently available for parents to voice feedback.
- 7. Sinks were replaced in the washroom, still on the list for the stalls – hoping for March break
- 8. Teachers are spending a great deal of time on math; learning instructional practices and getting to know the children to be more focused and targeted in teaching
- 9. Kindergarten registration is open; good enrollment already and it's been a week
- 10. Report cards/communication of learning will be sent out on the 13th/16th respectively
- 11. Feb 9th is bobcat day celebrating Canada and the Olympics; H&S pasta lunch same day

Item 4: Chair's Report

- 1. Rural School council meeting Feb 21 to discuss spending money of grant and coming to agreement. Balaclava suggestion will be to fund bussing activities

Item 6: New Business

- 1. Heinz in attendance on behalf of the Carlisle Optimist club – celebrating 60th year in May' 18
 - a. provided the Purposes of the Optimist Club
 - b. Discussed the main events for Optimist Club
 - i. March 31st Easter Egg Hunt at the arena park
 - ii. March 4th – Community Breakfast at the arena upstairs
 - iii. Duck Dash at Courtcliffe – all the money raised from this event goes back to Youth (hockey, youth groups, Ronald McDonald house, Youth Unlimited, Girl Guides and Scouting, Habitat for Humanity)
 - c. Mention if there is any funding that the school may need – usually give \$200 - \$500 to music program each year. For example, bursary, Santa Clause parade
 - i. **Action: Discuss funding ideas at April School Council meeting**
 - d. Optimist will be doing the barbecuing for the Fun Fair this year (May 31st) – Suggest that Balaclava purchase pre-cooked hamburgers to avoid any issues with under/over cooking and grease etc.
 - e. **Action: Meagan/Chrissy have agreed to assist in promoting applicable events for the Optimist Club**
- 2. Jeff Lillycrop made mention of meeting he attended where it was shared that the largest portion of Flamborough residents are ages 0-14
- 3. What is BP fundraiser for? It is to raise funds for the approved Home & School budget