

Balaclava School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6th, 2018 6pm

Meeting Held: 6:03PM – 8:08PM

Council Members in Attendance: Cheryl Hue, Lisa Perosevic, Cathy Pyper, Jeff Lillycrop, Jennifer Lukawecky, Meagan Wilson, Chrissy Ronalds, Kim Duggan, Rebecca Newcombe, Erin Cook, Ellie Millard, Nancy Lenarduzzi, Diana Edl

Item #	Discussion	Name
1	Approval of Minutes	Jennifer Lukawecky
2	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	All
3	Principal's Report	Meagan Wilson
4	Chair's Report	Lisa Perosevic / Cheryl Hue
5	Home and School Report	Ellie Millard
6	New Business	All

Item 2: Business Arising from Previous Minutes

1. **Action** - Let Carlisle Optimist know by Jan in terms of where the school requires financial support and how much
 - Could potentially use the optimist club for the math nights
2. Attendees to Brainstorm ways to enhance the Balaclava Community (eg. Giving back activities, Movie Nights, more clubs, School Council/H&S partnering, etc)
 - Rebecca Newcombe suggested a list of engagement activities that would be curriculum created (see action below)
 - Flexible seating

Action - Discuss at next meeting if there is anything from a curriculum perspective that we can work to embed at Balaclava with the support of H&S

 - Families Worrying Less Together is a 10-week class to assist parents who have children with anxiety.
3. **Action** - Hamilton Schools Adventure Running Challenge – Balaclava needs to decide if want to take part – revisit at January meeting
4. Nan Dodman garden progress
 - Jeff mentioned we should consider a pollinator garden or maybe we should plant some bulbs now?

Item 3: Principal's Report

1. New digital sign installed out front
2. Progress reports sent out last week and parent/teacher interviews
3. Toy drive collecting for Queen Victoria School, Food to Flamborough food bank (looking for personal items as well)
4. H&S BP fundraiser on Nov. 8th will be for toys to Queen Victoria
5. Reminder to have children look in Lost and Found
6. Remembrance Day assembly will be Nov 9th
7. School Goals in 2018/19 School Year

- a. Students feeling safe, supported and accepted
- b. Student Learning and Achievement – Reading: 75% of Grade 1s reading at grade level by end of year; Grade 2-6 Teachers participated in professional development around Comprehensive Literacy
- c. Improvement in Mathematics – improving Jr EQAO and alignment between report card marks and EQAO marks

Item 4: Chair's Report

- 1. Cancellation of Pro Grants within HWDSB – alternatives for funding math nights
 - Ellie reached out to the Pro Grant committee who mentioned that the program is not cancelled but is paused.

Action – Council to follow-up to see if any progress on this
- 2. **Action** - Rural Schools Committee – the board will email the School and Council when a date has been set for the meeting
- 3. **Action** - Nomination of Secretary – No nominations were made at this time

Item 5: H&S Report

- 1. Fall Feast
 - Raised \$977. Lower attendance than last year but very successful (last year it was \$2000)
- 2. Upcoming events
 - BP fundraiser – Dine in or Take out and 10% goes to fundraiser
 - Black Tie Bingo – Jan 26th
 - Christmas Production – scheduled for Dec 19th has had a great turnout – 50+ kids and 7 moms
- 3. Support/collaboration required - Items required for Christmas Production:
 - Old fashioned phone with chord
 - Old Christmas fabric
 - Small cell phone boxes Or a box that size
 - Mrs. Claus costume
- 4. Nov 20th is next meeting at 6:30 in Library
- 5. Have a new website which will have minutes

Item 6: New Business

- 1. Dress Code at Balaclava
 - Dress code is in the agenda for all students/parents to view at anytime
 - Dress code is revisited every 3 years by the board
 - The board comes up with guidelines that the schools can use to build their codes from
 - **Action** – Parents in attendance suggested the removal of “spaghetti straps” from the code. Meagan will gather input from Student Leadership around the dress code, as well as that parents will be contacted when the child’s clothes are deemed inappropriate
 - **Action** - Meagan will ask when dress code is under review
 - **Action** - Ellie will send the process for raising policy changes at the board level
- 2. Communication tools at Balaclava between teachers, parents and students – saved for a later date

Next meetings:

Jan 15, 2019

Feb 26, 2019

Apr 9, 2019

May 7, 2019