

Balaclava School Council Meeting Agenda

Date: June 1, 2021 6:00pm

Item #	Discussion	Name
1	Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2021	
2	School Report	Kelly Rizzo
3	Chair’s Report	Cheryl Hue/Erin Meanchoff
4	Home and School Report	Samantha Forrest
5	New Business	All

Attendees: Jacky Small, Erin Meanchoff, Kelly Rizzo, Lesley Ardron, Lesley Paterson, Ellie Millard, Samantha Forrest

Regrets: Hannah

Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve: Jacky Small

Second: Ellie Millard

Item 2: School Report

1. Cognitive

- Friday June 4th is a PD Day to allow teachers evaluate and prep report cards
- June 1st was last day for parents to opt in for remote – this may result in shift in staffing before the end of June to Balaclava. Currently this year approx. 9000 students learning remotely but sitting closer to 1000 now.
- Report cards will be electronic (June 24th) and will include teacher for upcoming school year. Teacher selection is final until any (if any) shifts made end of September 2021
- Mission/Vision is on website. Looking to have it printed for access at the school so it is more permanent and can be put on the “landing page”.
- Grad: waiting for more decisions to be made about returning to school.
- Questions about if rural funds could go to grad but no answers yet
- June is Indigenous history month and we are looking at altering the Land Acknowledgement so it can be more meaningful during the upcoming school year

2. Environment

- Balaclava borrowed desks from high school, which will need to be returned. This will result in a shortage primary desks. A request has been put into facilities to coordinate any surpluses. If there is a shortage, will need to use Balaclava budget to purchase
- Will be able to post staff assignments end of June. Currently waiting on if there are any incremental staff that were considered redundant that will be returning to Balaclava
- Emotion Coaching:
 - o Encourage staff to not use the word ‘but’, and change it to three ‘because’ statements
 - o Board has setup 4 90min webinars for parents throughout May and beginning of June

3. Community

- Virtual Jump Rope for Heart was May 31st
- Fundraised \$895
- Have sent out a survey re use of paper agendas for 2021. It will be available for those who want to use it for a nominal fee
- Kamloops Residential School – flags will remain at half-mast for 215 hours in honour of those 215 children that were discovered
- Will not raise pride flag until June 9th
- Mr. Meto – leaving Balaclava to join Guy Brown
- Mrs. Rozniak – retiring end of June
- Brainstorming ways of getting more council members.
 - o Ask every person who attends to ‘bring a friend’
 - o Ask for a parent representative from each class
 - o Council in future emails should include a clause that ‘if they wish to no longer receive emails, please let us know’
 - o In the future, consider having virtual and in-person

Item 3: Chair’s Report

1. 2021/22 Member recruitment – Chairs to be decided June 1 and the remaining members (Secretary and Voting members)

Item 4: H&S Report

1. Grade 8 graduation
 - Kelly has reached out to Vanessa re excess funding from Rural Schools which will support the engraving costs
 - H&S will be supporting the funding of the grad bags
2. Yearbook
 - a. deadline for page creators was May 31. 165 have been purchased.
 - b. It is difficult to reach remote learners to get photos/info form them
3. 2021/22 Member recruitment
 - a. Will be meeting this week to discuss current elected positions and will call for positions which is pending on state of the school and what is allowed in September
4. Some funds have still be set aside for playgrounds upgrades, which likely won’t be until the fall We did get the second gaga ball pit.
5. Question re Ms. Rozniak’s retirement and if would like H&S support – Ms. Rizzo is okay with it as long as it adheres to policies around gift giving and equality rules

Item 5: New Business

1. Land acknowledgement: should be said at the beginning of every meeting as well as within the school day. Balaclava is looking at ways to incorporate it in such a way that it is meaningful to the students.
2. Teacher gifts. If we are not back in the school and continue with remote learning, then will allow a drop-off period for parents. Kelly will put together a work-back plan
3. Yearend assembly/awards – Kelly put this out to staff and is getting feedback
4. Any other business