



Meeting Agenda
Balaclava School Council
February 8, 2022 @ 6pm - MS Teams Virtual Meeting

Item #	Discussion	Name
1	Welcome	Erin Meanchoff/Hannah Wright
2	School Council Update	Erin Meanchoff/Hannah Wright
3	School Report	Kelly Rizzo/Lesley Ardron
4	Home and School Update	Ellie Millard
5	New Business	All

Meeting Commenced: 6:05pm

Attendance

Hannah Wright, Kelly Rizzo, Lesley Ardron, Erin Bell, Cheryl Hue, Jacky Small, Eurena Banerjee, Ellie Millard, Sarah Zinke, Nancy Lenarduzzi, Lasha Hukezalie

Item 1: Welcome

- Welcome & virtual meeting best practices
- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance
- Review & approval of minutes from December 7, 2021
 - Motioned by Erin Bell and seconded by Lesley Ardron

Item 2: School Council Update

- PRO Grant application – Brainstorm
 - Jacky looked online and noticed that the submission deadline is January 28, 2022
 - Kelly is going to see if we can get an extension
 - Review of the pro grant and its intent. The Pro Grant is to be used for parents and caregivers to support them in their education journey with their children. Intended to improve home and school connections.
 - Erin raised the topic of equity and diversity – Kelly and Jacky are going to look for various potential speakers. Yarina mentioned that a speaker and a book give away would be a good option. Perhaps we pick a book and everyone can discuss what they've learned from reading it
 - There are a lot of learning tools that the HWDSB has developed for children around intersectionality of identity, anti-racism and anti-oppression, diversity, equity, etc. It will be great to have these topics discussed with parents.
 - The Learn, Disrupt and Rebuild modules should be on the board website for parents/caregivers to review

Item 3: School Report

- Cognitive
 - First term reports cards go home on February 18th. There will be no designated interview day however the educators will always make themselves available to connect
 - In February the staffing for next year starts. Cannot confirm who is teaching what

- grades/subjects until this process is complete in June.
- Kindergarten registration opened February 7th for those born in 2018. The expectation for 2022/23 year is ~30 students. Orientation will likely be virtual this year, but still TBD
- EQAO has returned this year and will be done in the Spring. The window has been extended to a longer period of time (May 4th to June 24th) and it will be online.
- Environment
 - HVAC – rooftop units for gym and learning commons had some backordered parts. Subsequently found that the pressure in the gas lines was not strong enough to support the units. They have come up with an interim solution until they are up and functioning
 - Lockdown (if a threat is imminent within the school) and Shelter in Place (because of environmental factors) have taken place
 - Will have a second Lockdown and Hold and Secure (due to event happening in community) in the upcoming weeks and then 3 more fire drills in the warmer months
 - Learning Commons – going to use some budget on some technology to support the new vision discussed at the December meeting. Have had a company out to provide some insights on design and items to incorporate and quotes. The school has reached out to the Carlisle Optimist Club for financial support.
- Community
 - Now have two reps for Student Senate in place
 - Giving Tree – were able to send 138 gift cards which was an overwhelming response
 - Extracurriculars are slowly returning to normal with the help of Mr. Nicks
 - Grad photos and retakes have been postponed to April (likely 6th)
 - February has several events hosted by the Student Council including Chinese New Year, Quebec's Carnaval, Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Family Day
 - Exploring becoming a human rights friendly school which targets governance, relationships, environment, and curriculum
 - Vaccine clinics being planned for schools – unsure of dates yet. This is not mandatory to be able to attend school. It is for students, 5-11 years of age. Community clinics are available for families and staff to access. Information about Community clinics is posted to our webpage.

Item 4: Home & School Update

- Next meeting is Feb 9th and invite will be sent out tonight.
- Food days – are on a school by school basis – Kelly will need to revisit this as her understanding is that the only food programs allowed are nutrition programs deemed essential
- Playground update
 - Still have \$10K earmarked for playground – Kelly is hoping to have a finalized list as of this upcoming Friday
 - The previous walkthrough that was complete to provide quotations may be outdated. However, this quotation was not itemized. Kelly has asked for this to be itemized to support the process.
- Yearbook Status
 - It is hoped that the grad photos and retakes are no later than April 8th as it makes it difficult for yearbook
- 2022 Fundraising
 - Fundraising for remaining of 2022 is still TBD
- Annual General Meeting

Item 5: New Business

- Next School Council meeting date
 - April 12, 2022 6PM – look to have this as an outdoor in person meeting if possible

Meeting Adjournment

- 7:04pm