



Meeting Agenda Balaclava School Council September 20th, 2022 @ 6pm

Item #	Discussion	Name
1	Welcome	John Gris/Hannah Wright
2	School Report	John Gris
3	School Council Update	Hannah Wright
4	Home & School Update	Lindsay Petican
5	New Business	All

Meeting Commenced: 6:00pm

Attendance:

- Erin Bell, Erin Meanchoff, John Gris, Hannah Wright, Lasha, Lindsay Petican, Jacky Small, Emily Allen, Katie Krane, Sarah Zink, Laura Harris, Jennifer Lowe, Simon Lowe

Item 1: Welcome

- Welcome & virtual meeting best practices
- Land Acknowledgement
- Attendance
- Review & approval of minutes from June 7th, 2022
 - Motioned by Erin Bell, Erin Meanchoff

Item 2: School Report

- Student Council - presented by Erin (student)
 - A survey was conducted to ask classes if they are interested in getting better sports equipment. Every classroom said yes.
 - Ms. Harris suggested a school dance (Gr. 7 & 8) to raise money for an animal shelter or other charity.
 - Other fundraising/charitable activities include Christmas food or coat drive.
 - Student council will be running holiday events and contests. Ideas include guess how many candy corn and costume contest for Halloween, best christmas hat, and plaid day.
 - Turnout has been great for student council meetings.
 - Information on student council activities will be posted on bulletin boards at the front as families can come back in the school.
 - Fundraising will go towards charities as well as towards school trips .so that no students are left out.
- School website - We encourage everyone to subscribe to the school website and board website. Great resource to view school events.
- **Safety**
 - Student after-school safety has been posted on the school website (link)
 - We Help Update has been posted by the board (link)
 - Safety was a major topic of our last School Council Meeting. Updates to the facility since then include tinting of the windows, each window also has two locks and lockdowns are practiced by every teacher.
- **Program**

- School Improvement Planning - Started September 1st. There is a template for staff to follow focused on staff learning. Aligning ourselves with the board's vision and the strengths of the staff.
- Systems staff from the board will be visiting to bring wide perspective to the school
- Forest of reading - Allows students to take a look at great Canadian literature and vote on their favourite book. Allows classes to build up their classroom libraries with high quality local literature.
- Teacher Open House - Wednesday, October 5th, 5-7pm - meet the teacher open house & book fair. Looking for volunteers to help set up the book fair. Working on a bbq at the Carlisle Optimist Club.
- See upcoming dates
 - Terry Fox Run - Each class does a version of the walk with their educator
 - Families Worrying Less, program aimed at parents to overcome worrying
- Facilities
 - New windows and doors.
 - Working with facilities staff to ensure that front doors lock properly.
 - Trees will be trimmed along the back to remove low lying branches.
 - Looking at climbers, the company board has on contract needs a bit of support and will be a long-term project to get them to an ideal state.
 - Brand new gym floor, scoreboard has been fixed, working with facilities to get blue pads placed along the back wall for safety.
 - Learning commons - waiting for shelves to be put on the west wall of the learning commons, supply issues. Carlisle optimist has donated \$2,500, hoping to invite them to a school council meeting to formally thank them.

Item 3: School Council Update

- School Council Elections
 - Cheryl Hue - Secretary
 - Co-Chair - Jacky Small, Hannah Wright
- Learnings from hybrid meeting
 - Difficult to hear anyone not at the computer, need to repeat questions
- Tree was approved for Ms. Rizzo
- Parent reach out grant for \$500 to support parent engagement with the school
 - There is a great opportunities to include kids in an event
 - Ideas include math night, a nature/animal focus, or getting an author in for a reading/book night
- We will be starting fresh with the email list for School Council. Hannah to send an email to all existing emails notifying them to reach out if they wish to continue to be a part of school council.
- Review the different mandates of School Council Home & School:
 - School Council - supported by the board, guidelines are provided by the board. Mandate is to increase parent engagement, give parents a voice.
 - Home & School - Not supported by the board. Focused on fundraising, food days, Funds are used to buy things for the school.

Item 4: H & S Report

- Food days are starting soon
- First H & S meeting will be announced after the meet the teacher

Item 5: New Business

- Is food still available to supplement a student's lunch from the office? Challenge with some

students who might push the boundaries of this program but John will look at adding fruit options.

Meeting Adjournment: 6:56pm