



BalACLava Elementary School

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Meeting Minutes BalACLava School Council Tuesday March 25, 2025 @ 6 p.m. in BalACLava School Library

In Attendance: Jen Lowe (Chair), Lesley Ardron (teacher rep), Kristi Keery Bishop (Principal), Carleigh O'Brien, Charmaine Williams

Regrets: Laura Gray, Erin Bell

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Approval of agenda – Postponed until sent out by email for email vote.
- Approval of minutes – Previous minutes approved via email in January. Will send out these minutes later this week for email approval.

2. School Report

- Safety – Climbers – OSBIE rules are we close them at least Dec 1st to April 1st, and then beyond that based on weather conditions.
- Program- There is a lot of curricular and extracurricular programming occurring this spring. Eg. Bandology (music workshops gr K to 4), Indigenous Games workshops (Grades 4-6), Junglesport climbing (grades K to 8). The intent is to provide



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students with as many rich learning opportunities while still on-site.

- Program – classes are just launching into Human Growth and Development units of study in Health for grades 1 to 8. You should have received a letter from your child's homeroom teacher about the content for that grade, as well as an explanation for what teaching materials they will use to teach it. If you have questions about what is being taught, please contact your child's teacher. Kindergarten does not follow the same guidelines or curriculum so you would not receive a letter if your child is in JK/SK.
- Program – the PIC (Parent involvement committee) invites families to a day to support the well being of youth on Saturday May 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sherwood Secondary in Hamilton. All families welcome. The information and link to RSVP will be shared on the school website this week.
- Facilities – We were on bottled water for a few weeks before March break. Facilities does daily water testing and while they were adjusting certain output equipment, the chlorine numbers would fluctuate more than they would like so we were on bottled water consistently for that time. Numbers became more consistent after March break so we have gone back to potable water. Water continues to be tested every day.
- Facilities – Eco club is planning a pollinator garden this spring. The club has done fundraising through two Movie nights and some of the members have been germinating plants for it at home.



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- Teacher Report – Ecoclub having a litterless lunch on Friday. Hoping to do this once a week in the future.
 - Teacher Report – Cereal box dominos cereal food drive April 1 to April 25. All donations will go to the Flamborough Food Drive.
3. **Home and School Report (Erin Bell) – (added after the fact because Erin wasn't able to attend)** – Home and School has just purchased \$1000 in books for the library. Home and School is currently running a second FundScrip campaign for gift cards.
 4. **Pro Grant Update – (Jen Lowe)** – Reapplied for funding with the tech expert to come in and do a parent workshop (Paul Davis). Pro grant funding was gone from the board. We'll wait until the fall and re-apply then with the same idea. Home and School still willing to fund a student-centred program for the school.
 5. **New Business** – Request that Home and School Food days be added to the school calendar. Kristi to do this going forward.
 6. **Setting of Future Meeting Date(s)** – Will table for now. Wait until beginning of May to consider if there is a good date/time to do a year end meeting.



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Meeting adjourned : 6:30 p.m.