



BalACLAVA Elementary School

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Meeting Minutes

BalACLAVA School Council

Thursday, September 25, 2025 @ 6 p.m. in BalACLAVA School Library

In Attendance: Erin Bell, Jen McCarney, Kyrsten Koverko, Anna Ricci (principal), Shannon Cassidy (teacher rep)

1. Welcome/Introductions/meeting dates

- Introductions

School Council Meet Dates:

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Thursday, April 23, 2026

2. Election

- Jenn /Kyrsten – only election applications submitted/offered to act as co-chairs
- Members at large: Erin Bell

Co-chairs: **J. McCarney/K. Koverko**

Member at large: **Erin Bell**

3. Principal's Report:

- Reorganization taking place, affecting grades 1-6. HWDSB reviews elementary student enrolment in schools and reorganizes staffing if actual enrolment differs from spring projections. Teachers are busy with preparing and welcoming students into new classes. A remote grade 7/8 class has been added to our school. Letters home on September 26
- PD day on September 19. The focus was on belonging and School Improvement goals, teachers participated in mandatory safety compliance training in the afternoon.
- The first Fire Drill of the year happened on September 24, students safely evacuated the building in 2 min. Two more fire drills planned for the fall, with 3 more planned for the spring. Also, other drills are scheduled throughout the year and there will be a communication home prior to drills (i.e., lockdown drills).
- Meet the teacher evening will be on October 16, from 5:30-6:30 pm, currently looking to one of the Optimists Clubs to provide food. Scholastic Book Fair
- October 15th IEPs go home
- October 20th visit from Superintendent Nicole Lee



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4. Teacher's Report

- 3 pitch currently happening, cross country in October

5. New Business

- Pro Funding (Parents Reaching Out) is available to apply to. The deadline to apply is November 21st. This funding supports initiatives that identify and address local parents' needs and engagement. Is there a speaker that we could reach out to perhaps around digital media literacy and children
- Increase communication out to parent community (i.e., around extended power outages)