

# AGENDA with MINUTES

Ballantrae P.S. Council Hybrid Meeting

February 22, 2024 — 7:00pm

Council Executives: Indu Bains and Kristy Karkanas, Co-Chairs | Maria Philp and Lesley Carino, Secretaries | Robyn Hadder, Treasurer | Indu Bains and Maria Philp, Social Media Officers

Voting Members (10): Lesley | Eila | Jessica | Robyn | Kristy | Maggie | Nadia | Maria | Marny | Amanda

Attendees: Indu | Maria | Marny | Jessica | Nadia | Amanda | Cindy | Lesley | Jon | Kristy | Kevin | Maggie

Staff Attendees: Craig Barton, Principal | Sue McKnight, Teacher

Regrets: Robyn, Eila

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<b>Welcome!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Land Acknowledgement (Craig)</li><li>Approval of minutes from January 2024<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amanda, Marny</li></ul></li><li>Open Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No new items were added to the agenda.</li></ul></li></ul>	Indu/Kristy	
<b>Principal's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School &amp; Board Status<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No updates.</li></ul></li><li>Outdoor field in winter/tarmac-only recess<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The school board's policy is that the field is closed until May unless there is sufficient snow covering the grass. At this time, there is not. The field will be closed until the school board re-opens all fields (it is not up to the school).</li></ul></li><li>Classroom/Library Painting<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 classrooms have already been painted and the library is next in line.</li></ul></li><li>Report Cards<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Report cards were sent home electronically this week.</li></ul></li></ul>	Craig	
<b>Fundraising Plan Status</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Improvement Plan (SIP) Update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Our school has developed the following literacy goal:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>If we use school-wide, grade specific reading screeners, then we will be able to program intentionally using current research-based reading strategies to increase our students' ability to decode and understand texts.</i></li><li>Our teachers are moving away from using reading "levels" as a way to assess a student's reading ability. Rather, they are focusing</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	Craig	

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<p>on specific reading <b>skills</b>. The program is called “UFLI” (University of Florida Literacy Institute). UFLI is pronounced like “you fly”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Details of the program that is in use will be coming soon (ie. examples, specifics about what is going on in the classrooms, why the new approach is more effective, etc.).</li> <li>▪ The school’s levelled book collection is currently being reorganized by theme/interest instead of solely by reading level.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TV/Stand for JK/SK Classroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The current smartboard is taking up a lot of room in the classroom and it is not the appropriate technology for this grade level.</li> <li>○ However, the community class does not have a smartboard and could make good use of the one that is in the JK/SK classroom.</li> <li>○ The school would like to purchase a TV/stand for the JK/SK classroom and the smartboard would be moved to the community classroom.</li> <li>○ A TV/stand allows the user to “cast” and/or use an HDMI cable. The total cost would be similar to the cost of a projector (\$1,300), but with the added bonus of it being mobile (a projector is installed and then cannot be easily moved).</li> <li>▪ <b>Motion by Lesley and seconded by Marny: Spend \$1,300 of council funds on TV/stand?</b></li> <li>▪ <b>VOTE: YES</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• YRDSB Technology Cost Sharing Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Technology cost sharing will be returning this spring. We are still waiting for the date of return.</li> <li>○ Council has earmarked \$10,000 to purchase technology.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• JK/SK/Gr. 1 Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School is planning a trip to Treetop Trekking.</li> <li>○ The cost to students is \$38/student, which is quite a bit.</li> <li>○ Would like to bring down the cost to \$28/student.</li> <li>○ Could council subsidize the trip?</li> <li>○ There will be 70 students going on the trip. In order to bring the cost down by \$10/student, \$700 would be needed.</li> <li>▪ <b>Motion by Maggie and seconded by Jessica: Spend \$700 of council funds on the Treetop Trekking trip?</b></li> <li>▪ <b>VOTE: YES</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>Craig will gather details of the UFLI program.</p>
<p><b>Financials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Current Financials (Jan. 16, 2024 – Feb. 19, 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ December 12, 2023 - December 28, 2023: Overall, we spent \$3,182.40 during this time period.</li> <li>○ School Council General Fund went up by \$447.56 (from Subway lunch program).</li> <li>○ School Council Pizza Fund - \$1,106.35 was spent on expenses (pizza cost, inventory).</li> <li>○ Balance after February 19<sup>th</sup> - \$15,112.11 (increase of \$8,049.82)</li> <li>○ These figures do NOT include the profits from the Prof Jamz Dance-a-Thon.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Robyn</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There were no questionable transactions, nor anything needing clarification.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Teachers' Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pink Shirt Day will be on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>● We currently have floor hockey happening at recess for grades 2-6. There are 2 groups and each group has a coach and a DJ. Ms. Blake's/Ms. Reynolds' classes are reffing.</li> <li>● Intermediate boys basketball is still going on. The tournament is tomorrow. There was intermediate girls basketball happening at recess.</li> <li>● Junior boys and girls basketball tryouts are coming up next week (gr. 4-6).</li> <li>● Lego robotics is finished. Our intermediates finished 4<sup>th</sup>, and our juniors finished 5<sup>th</sup>. Our intermediates won best design!</li> <li>● Unfortunately, our Knights Of Columbus athlete didn't get to participate due to an error in the competition date (incorrect date was sent out to the schools in our area). Students from our area will compete this Saturday morning to make up for it.</li> <li>● Some classes are having a special bird education presentation coming up on March 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>● Our Book Fair will be held on March 4-8. It will be open to families on the evening of Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>● Ms. McKnight has volunteered to lead a Yearbook committee this year. If families would like their students' photos in the yearbook, the proper <b>consent forms</b> must be sent into the school. A reminder e-mail is being sent out to families every 2 weeks, but many families have yet to fill them out. The school year is going by rapidly – families are running out of time to get those forms in!</li> </ul>	Sue	
<p><b>Council Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2<sup>nd</sup> Movie Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The projector cable in the gym is not working, so we must reschedule.</li> <li>○ We are getting a wireless device to replace it.</li> <li>○ Reschedule date to be determined.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Graffiti Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We voted on the 5 working sessions x 2, split into younger/older groups.</li> <li>○ The cost is \$4,500 plus \$2,000 to cover the cost of the paint supplies.</li> <li>○ The 2 walls on either side of the gym stage will be painted.</li> <li>○ We have given the vendor some dates that work for our school, and we are waiting to hear back from them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● PRO Grant Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We would like to have Paul Davis present to the students during school hours (different sessions for ages groups) and then parents in the evening.</li> <li>○ Paul Davis educates children and parents on the topic of social networking and online safety. <a href="https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/">https://socialnetworkingsafety.net/</a></li> <li>○ We hope to coordinate with a few other schools to pool our grants (Barbara Reid, Glad Park, Harry Bowes).</li> <li>○ Possibly a date in May.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Indu/Kristy	<p>Reschedule date to be set at next meeting.</p> <p>Waiting to hear back about dates.</p> <p>Indu/Craig will work on coordinating with the other schools and booking SDSS.</p> <p>Date to be chosen.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We will try to get SDSS as the parent presentation location because it can hold more people.</li> <li>○ Hope to have enough funds to cover refreshments for the parent evening.</li> <li>● Reading Partnership Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://readingpartnership.com">https://readingpartnership.com</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ From their website: <i>We believe that communities are responsible for their children’s success. We partner with key stakeholders like schools, educators, community groups, organizations, businesses and parents/caregivers to become part of the solution as we work towards sustainable literacy rates in the KGO (Kingston-Galloway-Orton Park) and beyond. Our vision is that every child in every community will have the skills and confidence they need to make positive choices for their lives and their futures. When children are given a strong and solid foundation in literacy, they’re more likely to succeed as they grow and reach new educational and career milestones.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Indu is arranging to meet with their representative.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Indu to meet with representative.
<p><b>‘FUN-Raising’ Planning/Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pizza Lunch Program Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spring session is coming up.</li> <li>○ We need more volunteers. A notice will go in the next Newsletter and on the Facebook site.</li> <li>○ Student absences have been high over the past couple of weeks. For these weeks, the school has been dropping 1 or 2 pizzas from our order so that we not left with a lot of uneaten slices. The problem is that Nonno’s cannot maintain their low price to us if we order less pizza. Craig will speak to Nonno’s about why the school has decided to reduce the order recently. This level of student absences is not expected to continue.</li> <li>○ Some students are not receiving their correct orders. But some students are not speaking up about the mix-ups, and so they go unnoticed. Craig will remind the student pizza helpers to check their lists carefully, and an announcement will go out in the mornings to encourage students to notify their student helpers and/or parent volunteers if there is ever a problem with what they receive.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Kernel’s Popcorn Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jessica, Robyn, Cindy</li> <li>○ A 3-month session will be offered for April-June.</li> <li>○ The cost will be \$27/student (9 Wednesdays).</li> <li>○ SCO will be open to take orders for 2 weeks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Subway Lunch Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It has been difficult to coordinate volunteers – we are all busy.</li> <li>○ Stouffville Subway has been delivering the orders to the school.</li> <li>○ Has been select Mondays to this point.</li> <li>○ Well-received by families.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Indu/Kristy	<p>Craig will remind student pizza helpers to follow their lists carefully when distributing lunches.</p> <p>A morning announcement will go out to the school about how to deal with incorrect/missing orders.</p> <p>Jessica will coordinate with Diana to get the Kernel’s session on SCO.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Lunch Options <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Healthy Hunger is a platform that can be used to arrange orders/delivery of food from a variety of vendors.</li> <li>○ Might be more efficient.</li> <li>○ If we choose to use Healthy Hunger, we would run it in addition to our existing pizza program.</li> <li>○ What is the profit margin? We can set our prices in order to achieve the level of profit desired.</li> <li>○ Vendors must be nut-free facilities (Tim Horton's is not nut-free).</li> <li>○ Which vendors are willing to delivery to our area?</li> <li>○ Some vendors are willing to label their items, some are not.</li> <li>○ We need to set up an account in order to find out all of the specifics. Craig will speak to Diana about setting up an account for our school.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Little Caesar's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jessica is on it.</li> <li>○ The plan is to have SCO open March 1-25 (absolutely NO orders will be accepted past March 25<sup>th</sup>); Delivery to the school will be Thursay, April 11<sup>th</sup> (noon-2pm); and family pick-up will be 2:30-6pm.</li> <li>○ Orders will be collected on SCO <u>and</u> on the Little Caesar's website link. The 2 reports will be given to our Little Caesar's rep. who will consolidate them.</li> <li>○ Jessica, Jon, Lesley, and Cindy will be able to help with the family pick ups.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Professor Jamz Dance-a-Thon Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Approximately \$4,600 was raised for the school!</li> <li>○ The donations raised per classroom is currently being calculated.</li> <li>○ Some students said that they paid the DJ to play certain songs. All song requests were supposed to be free and done online prior to the dance.</li> <li>○ In addition, some inappropriate songs were played during the dance.</li> <li>○ Craig is going to speak to the vendor about both of these issues.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Summer BBQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>; 5-8pm.</li> <li>○ We do not want to use the Lion's Club again this year (food was burned and undercooked last year).</li> <li>○ We were hoping that M&amp;M could take over the cooking this year, but their cook is hurt and cannot commit.</li> <li>○ Maybe other M&amp;M locations would be able to (Uxbridge, Newmarket).</li> <li>○ One option is Simply BBQ, but we would need at least 500 guests for their pricing to be appropriate.</li> <li>○ Easy Eats (Holland Landing) is another option. Do they fulfill the Healthy Schools requirements?</li> <li>○ Craig will check with our superintendent about the Healthy Schools requirements (the BBQ might fall under an exception).</li> <li>○ Alternatively, we could do the BBQing ourselves.</li> <li>○ Kristy can get the buns at cost.</li> <li>○ Kristy will ask the paramedics/fire truck to come earlier this year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>Craig will coordinate with Diana to set up a Healthy Hunger account.</p> <p>Jessica to coordinate with Diana to set up SCO when the time comes.</p> <p>Craig will speak to Professor Jamz regarding inappropriate songs and students paying for song requests during the dance.</p> <p>Indu to look into alternate cooking services.</p> <p>Craig to check with our superintendent about Healthy Schools requirements for our BBQ.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We could have student volunteers running a temporary tattoo station instead of hiring a balloon artist.</li> <li>○ Kristy will look into hiring a magician.</li> <li>○ Should we hire Prof Jamz again? Hold off until Craig speaks to them regarding the questionable song choices that were played during the dance-a-thon.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community Marketplace? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vendors would pay to have a table and sell their products.</li> <li>○ Could we combine this with the BBQ?</li> <li>○ Craig will check with Oscar Peterson PS to see how they run theirs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>Kristy to look into hiring a magician.</p> <p>Craig will check with Oscar Peterson PS about how they run their marketplace event.</p>
<p><b>OTHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Parent asked if the speed camera can be installed permanently.</li> <li>● The school does not make this decision.</li> <li>● The speed camera is on a regional road. York Region will be transferring the ownership of certain cameras to the town (this one might not be included in that transfer).</li> <li>● Once the town has ownership of said cameras, the town might choose to keep them where they are.</li> <li>● The best thing to do is ask our counsellor about it. The meeting on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> would be a good opportunity to do so.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm</li> </ul> <p><u>Upcoming Meeting Dates:</u> April 18, May 16, June 6</p>		