

# AGENDA with MINUTES

Ballantrae P.S. School Council Virtual Meeting

Feb. 23, 2023 — 7:00pm

Council Executives: Indu Bains and Anne Dupuis, Co-Chairs | Maria Philp, Secretary | Joy Billington and Maggie Kobold, Co-Secretaries | Robyn Hadder, Treasurer | Indu Bains and Maria Philp, Social Media Officers

Voting Members: Kristy | Marny | Claudia | Michaela | Jessica | Robyn | Maggie | Anne | Amanda | Joy | Maria | Indu

Attendees: Jessica | Maria | Indu | Anne | Ashley | Marny | Amanda | Nadia | Maggie | Cindy | Robyn | Robin | Michaela

Staff Attendees: Craig Barton, Principal | Sue McKnight, Teacher | Robin Filtsos, Teacher | Betty vanHoogenhuize, Teacher

Regrets: Joy Billington

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<b>Welcome!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online meeting due to weather conditions</li><li>• Approval of minutes from January 12<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Marny and Jessica</li></ul></li><li>• Open Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No items were added to the agenda</li></ul></li></ul>	Indu Craig	
<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 to report.</li></ul></li><li>• Spirit Wear<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Orders should arrive tomorrow or early next week.</li></ul></li><li>• School Banner Update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Found the tent, still looking for the banner.</li><li>○ The tent size is 10' x 10'.</li></ul></li><li>• Update on Drop-off Situation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ For parents who drop their students at school in the mornings, parents should park at the community centre, and then parents/students should walk over to the school.</li><li>○ Parents cannot park on Aurora Rd. because it is a major road, making it a dangerous place to unload/load people.</li><li>○ Cars also cannot enter the school parking lot while buses are there. Mixing buses with cars is unsafe because it is dangerous for pedestrians to walk between buses.</li></ul></li><li>• Protocol for Evacuating Classrooms<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ If a student is acting in a disruptive manner, the class (not the student) is removed from the room.</li><li>○ Staff cannot physically move students unless there is a safety issue (danger to themselves or others).</li><li>○ By taking away the audience instead, the student has a chance to calm down.</li></ul></li></ul>	Craig	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Children act out for a reason; it is their way of communicating. It is the school staff's job to decode - what does the behaviour mean?</li> <li>○ The staff then try to give the students the skills and supports that they need so that the behaviour happens less often.</li> <li>○ Parents are not notified every time an evacuation occurs. If something violent happens, then parents are notified.</li> <li>○ The last 2 years have been incredibly hard for students. They have missed out on socializing and therefore, have been delayed in developing self-regulation skills and their typical growth in maturity has also been delayed.</li> <li>○ <b>Parent question:</b> How often are classes being evacuated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Some weeks, there are none, last week there was one. Compared to the beginning of this school year, there has been a marked decrease in these events.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Parent comment:</b> Some students feel like they are being punished when they are evacuated from their classroom.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Fundraising Plan Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update on money made so far <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The dance-a-thon raised an amazing \$6,510.18 for the school!! That amount is double what Professor Jamz had predicted that a school the size of ours would make!</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Playground painting quotes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Now we have the funds to do this.</li> <li>○ Craig is continuing to work with companies to obtain quotes. Some companies are quoting online while others want to come to the school in person to take measurements.</li> <li>○ Based on the quotes obtained so far, it will cost approximately \$4,000.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Next in line: computers and then? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chromebooks are always in-need, they reach a point where the board no longer supports them and they need to be replaced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ If they are purchased in packs of 10, they are less expensive (approximately \$3,200 for 10).</li> <li>▪ Grade 3s are using iPads, but Chromebooks would be better because students are using apps that are better supported by Chromebooks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Teacher petty cash: \$1,600 (\$100 per teacher x 16 teachers)</li> <li>○ Grad subsidy: \$500</li> <li>○ Recess equipment: \$200</li> <li>○ Mental Health night: \$500 (we might be able to reduce it if families can donate supplies)</li> <li>○ A new school banner would cost approximately \$170. Size would be 2'x10'. Would be great to bring to off-site events (ie. cross country meets). Jessica will work on this.</li> <li>○ Self-regulation equipment grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maggie will investigate this grant (she had tech issues and had to log off)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Craig	<p>Craig will get 2 more quotes for tarmac painting in the spring.</p> <p>Craig will find out the exact number of Chromebooks that are needed.</p> <p>Maggie to investigate grant for self-regulation equipment.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February WS Food Bank Drive Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$200 raised</li> <li>○ Big cheque was presented to the food bank this week.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• School Council Forum Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Both Anne and Craig were unable to attend.</li> <li>○ Indu heard feedback from others who were able to attend that the event focused on giving parents strategies to teach their kids at home and not about councils playing a role in the community (dinner was great though!).</li> <li>○ There is no recording of the night that can be accessed to those who did not attend.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Strategic Planning for 2023/24 School Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Google Form can be used to survey parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What would you like us to focus on next year?</li> <li>▪ Of what we did this year, what would you like to see happen again?</li> <li>▪ What kind of activities would you like to see happen next year?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Have responses recorded so that we are ready to go next year.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• YRPH You're The Chef (plan for 23/24) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This program could run next school year. We missed the training session for this year by a couple of weeks.</li> <li>○ The program provides training to parents and school staff.</li> <li>○ The next training takes place in October.</li> <li>○ The staff room kitchen would be the ideal location for this program.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Addressing Social Inclusion &amp; Racism – Motivational Speaker Jeff A.D. Martin with other schools (May) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We have been allocated \$800 via our PRO Grant application.</li> <li>○ We will partner with other schools to pool our grant money in order to host a speaker and offer refreshments.</li> <li>○ Harry Bowes, Wendat, Glad Park</li> <li>○ Parent presentation only (no student presentation) will be in May.</li> <li>○ Our children are watching us and we as parents need to set good examples. This speaker will give parents many take-aways and strategies.</li> <li>○ The event will likely be held at Harry Bowes because is central and can accommodate more people.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Pizza lunch program update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Spring session is coming up.</li> <li>○ This school year is the last year that Maria will be able to work on the pizza program.</li> <li>○ A new administrator will need to be found for next school year.</li> <li>○ Maria will be posting the opening on Facebook and in the school newsletter.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maria</p>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Very little work is needed until after the ducklings hatch.</li> <li>○ Teachers can take the ducklings home over the week-end</li> <li>○ They will take the ducklings back at the end of the program.</li> <li>○ Craig will ask all teachers for volunteers if council agrees to fund the program.</li> <li>○ Anne will send out an e-mail with the information and we can vote via e-mail.</li> <li>○ Amanda found a farm that will donate the program to us!!! Amanda and Anne can work together.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kernels Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$3 per bag. Would run once a month, so if we run it for a 4-month period, total cost would be \$12 per student.</li> <li>○ Need to decide on day of the week. Wed. or Thurs. would work.</li> <li>○ Would run on SCO.</li> <li>○ Flavours we'd offer would be butter and white cheddar.</li> <li>○ Popcorn would need to be picked up the day before from the mall (Newmarket).</li> <li>○ Popcorn would be handed out to students at lunch.</li> <li>○ Kernels needs to fill out a food vendor form.</li> <li>○ If people like it, then we can start it right at the beginning of next school year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Country Stop <i>Family "Take-out" Nights</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ From sales made on a certain night, a percentage of each sale would go to the school.</li> <li>○ Country Stop likes the idea.</li> <li>○ Amanda will find out which day of the week would work for Country Style (maybe their slow night would work best?).</li> <li>○ Mutually beneficial.</li> <li>○ Country Stop would give the school the agreed upon percentage of sales in the form of a donation for which they would receive a tax receipt.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● June Community BBQ Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ June 15.</li> <li>○ Would be a bigger event than Games Night.</li> <li>○ Could hold activities in the gym (ie. freeze dance and Just Dance – could use the projector and screen).</li> <li>○ Would run on SCO (ie. food choices, etc.) so that we know how much to buy/cook.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Big News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sub B. is retiring at the end of April!!!</li> <li>○ School will organize an assembly dedicated to her.</li> <li>○ We could hold a Staff Appreciation luncheon and dedicate it to Sue (<i>Sue Appreciation Day?</i>)</li> <li>○ April 19.</li> <li>○ Indu, Marny, and Michaela will organize it.</li> <li>○ Can we run a potluck this year? (COVID protocols had prevented us from holding potlucks.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p></p> <p>Jessica Michaela</p> <p>Amanda</p>	<p>Anne will send out an e-mail with the information.</p> <p>Need a completed food vendor form from Kernels.</p> <p>A day needs to be set.</p> <p>Craig will find out if we can hold a potluck.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Michaela can bring a cake</li> <li>○ In the next few days, Craig will find out if we can hold a potluck.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p> <p><b><i>Future Meeting Dates:</i></b>  <i>April 13<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm. Thank you all!</li> </ul>	Indu	