

Banting and Best Council Meeting
Tuesday September 13, 2022

Call to order: 6:33

Did introduction of new and current members.

In Attendance:

Jen C, Jen.D, Erin, Paul, Rachel, Payal T. Heather Seymour

Approve Agenda:

1. Jen
2. Erin

Approve Previous Minutes:

1. Erin
2. Jen

Principal's Report:

- Staff worked very hard to have the school ready for students. Classroom moves happened in June and Mr. Vik completed a deep clean and wax of the whole school. We do not have a cleaner this year – that was a COVID measure – so Vik is on his own. We are building in the responsibility for students to look after their own spaces and clean up after themselves, particularly at lunch time.
- Student numbers are higher than we had planned for in the spring. In May, we staffed based on 150 students, and we currently have 164 registered. Across the system, student numbers are up as well. The downfall is that the funding is static, so we do not see a huge increase in school funds with the student increase. In the spring we saw \$200K less in school funding and surplus staff. We have also seen an increase in student complexity in all grades. In the spring, staff decided that the best organization was: 2 Kindergarten, 3 grade 1/2, 2 grade 3. Class sizes are higher than we have seen in the past few years – very small class sizes during COVID – and we are waiting on the September 30th student count to see if we will get any additional funds. Our grade 3 classes are the largest, and we have targeted additional EA support to this group to reduce numbers and allow for flexible groupings during our literacy and numeracy block in the morning. We are working closely with our Education Director, monitoring numbers
- We are continuing with Soft Entry this year – feedback from both staff and families was that it was a great way to start the day. Teachers are able to start instruction as close to bell time as they can, and we have seen a slight decrease in lates in the office in the morning. We continue to offer breakfast through the School Nutrition Program and lunch through Brown Bagging for Kids.
- We had our first assembly last week as a school community – it was more of a 'Assembly 101' for our kinders than anything else. We practice O Canada, the land acknowledgement, talked about why we have assemblies, how we act and shared a story with students. All in all it went well, and we only bored a few of the kinders to sleep!
- This week is busy with International Dot Day on Thursday, celebrating the book The Dot by Peter Reynolds, which encourages kids to leave their mark and embrace

their uniqueness. We also have our school wide Terry Fox run on Friday. Students have been learning about Terry Fox in class and have been awarded certificates for emulating characteristics of Terry Fox. These go into a draw box for a chance to win this year's Terry Fox t-shirt, and few other little surprises.

- Next week, we are hosting our first round of conferences, where teachers will quiz the parents on their child. This is an opportunity for families to share information about their kids, and set some goals for this year. We will be sending out a list of questions that will guide the conversation with the Bulletin on Friday. Conference bookings will open on Friday and close on Wednesday and conferences are booked through your MyCBE/PowerSchool account.
- We also have our first non-instructional day next Friday. Teachers will be engaged in work to support our School Development Plan, analyzing data from last year to set goals and targets for this year. We will utilize the Teaching Sprints process once again this year, setting small goals and revisiting them in 4-6-week intervals.
- Fall photos also happen at the end of this month, on September 26 th . We will also do class photos on the same day. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help out with photos so please reach out if you are able to spend a few hours at the school. You will need a current police clearance to volunteer, and you get a code to save a bit of money on your photo order.
- We recognize Orange Shirt Day on September 29 th , and schools are closed in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 th . Through the last week of September, students will be learning about the meaning behind Orange Shirt Day, spend time discussion residential schools and building empathy for involved. These are heavy conversations to have, but our staff does an amazing job at ensuring that discussions are age appropriate but highlight the importance of the issue.
- Finally, communication is an important piece of the school puzzle. Your child's teacher is always your first point of contact. Teachers have reached out to families previously, but if you are looking for email addresses, they are all listed on our school website. Google Classrooms will be set up shortly, and this is a place that teachers will share pictures and happenings in the classroom. General activities will also be posted here, if for some reason students aren't at school, but have the need to do some work. Raz Kids and Mathletics will also be up and running shortly. I send out a weekly newsletter called the Banting Bulletin every Friday. Please ensure that you are reading it fully as there is lots of important info inside. If you are not receiving it, its most likely because you haven't subscribed to receive messages. You can do this on the CBE homepage or check in at the office and we can help you out. Finally, follow us on our socials – on Instagram I'm @principaltuli and School Council also has a FB page

Outstanding Business

- Room parent: Payal will draft a letter to ask parents if someone would like to be a room parent. Define what the parent will do and send to Council for feedback. Send out formally after next meeting.

- Babysitters: Will do a combo of in person and virtual meetings. Could ask parents before meetings to let us know if they will require a sitter and then have a sitter only if needed. Potentially ask Naomi D.(former student as sitter).

New Business:

- Council bylaws were reviewed and sent out to Council.
- Potential subcommittee: more involvement with MOCA and potentially the Garden committee. Raise awareness for B and B school and why it's a great school (increase enrollment).

Sherwood Liasion:

- The first meeting was September 12.
- Meet the teacher on the 22nd and looking into having a ice cream truck
- Looking to have a volunteer coordinator this year.

Adjournment:

7:56 pm

Next Meeting: AGM October 11, 2022 virtual and in-person

Banting and Best Parent Society Meeting
Tuesday September 13, 2022

Call to order: 7:57 pm

In Attendance:

Paul S. Erin C., Jen D. Payal T. and Heather S.

Approve Agenda:

Erin 1st

Paul 2nd

Approve Previous Minutes:

Erin 1st

Paul 2nd

Treasurer Report:

Not available

Casino Account: gave brief description of what this account and how funds can be used.

Main Account: gave brief description of this account and how funds can be used.

Fundraiser Report:

- Continuing with Popcorn sales
- Jen C. willing to help with fundraiser things this year.
- Casino report: signed up for Deerfoot Inn and Casino for Oct-Dec 2023, will need a Casino Coordinator

Outstanding Business:

- Meet the teacher night budget \$400, will need to do an email vote

New Business:

- Reviewed current bylaws and sent out to Society
- Potential amendment of special meeting to be worded “all board members” not “4” as there are not always 4 members.
- Wish list from school; but motions and votes to be done at next meeting:
 - \$2000 Raz Kids subscription
 - \$500 Mathletics (add on to subscription already paid as there are more students).
 - \$500 Math manipulatives and clocks
 - \$2500 Tech Carts
 - \$500 headphones, balls for chairs, playdough, Kineticsand (sensory items).

- \$2800 Field trips (i.e., \$400 per classroom)
- \$1500 Graphic novels/chapter books for Learning Commons

Adjournment:

8:30

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