

Barnwell School Council November 1st, 2023

In attendance:

Paige Batorski, Lindsay Bullock, Tristie Wood, Elly Ruggles, Shayla Anderson, Angela Johnson, Mandy Wojtowicz, Barb Arend, Sh'Nell Torrie, Missy Foster, Mandy Waldie, Maggie Hudson, Lori Fowler, Natasha Wood, Angela Goertzen, Candice Gibb.

1. Meeting opened at 6:36 pm.
2. Motion to adopt agenda, carried.
3. Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting, carried.
4. a.) Natasha has put up a school council communication board.

It is located by the kitchen, under the T.V. Council made a poster to advertise School Council.

b.) Discussion on filling the position of secretary. Shayla nominated Angela Johnson for the position of secretary, seconded by Missy. All in favor.

c.) Discussion on how to spend the \$500.00 grant from Alberta School Council Engagement Grant. Some ideas were a road safety course, Society workshop, and mental health coaching. The village might be doing something with road safety soon. Shayla motioned to spend \$210.00 on the ASCA workshop that will inform us on how to run a society, seconded by Maggie. Motion carried. Shayla will look into the fees for a mental health coach that she has heard and recommends.

d.) Twinkle Lights discussion: Twinkle lights will be held in conjunction with Santa at the library. It was decided that parents will serve hot chocolate and cookies. Cookie dough will likely be purchased from Costco. Paige and Shayla will be the organizing committee.

Shayla reported that the village would like to help expand this event to include the wider community. Possible ideas include going to the light park, train or hayrides, a scavenger list. Another idea was to hold a snowman building competition during school hours. Shayla motioned to support the village in adding to the Twinkle Lights event, seconded by Mandy. Motion passed.

5. Principal's Report:

Term 1 report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 10th. There is a new report card format for that teachers are using and as stated in September, core classes will be graded using a percentage. Option classes are graded using the Alberta Education CTF assessment

outcomes. Elementary has the same marking criteria, however, letters will be on the report card instead of colours. Our attending teacher rep shared that she noticed her students taking their marks seriously when they are in percentages.

Ms. Yanke's leave and Mr. Edlund's leave have been extended, so Ms. Flockhart will remain as the JH Language Arts teacher for the next term and Mr. Johnson will continue to be the Grade 3-7 Math teacher.

Both of our Tier 1 Teams won divisionals and are participating in zones this weekend. Our Tier 2 Girls 7 /8 team also won divisionals. With Mr. E away for this season, the role of Athletic Director was shared amongst the staff and it was a huge learning curve and overall, things went well. Try-outs for basketball will happen after zones has finished.

Barb shared some of the things that school leadership class has been doing: organizing events such as the monthly Purple Pride Assemblies, Orange Shirt Day, Halloween, maintaining bulletin boards in both parts of the school to keep kids informed, communicating with teachers. Barb commented that the kids are learning valuable leadership skills.

The Book Fair raised over \$3000 and our library/public library gets to select 40% of that amount in new books for our library which currently has over 24,000!

Reminder that Barnwell School longer no longer receives class pictures for free as our family population does not purchase a lot of packages. They can be purchased separately for \$7 each.

In the next meeting Barb will discuss the Alberta Education accountability pillar results.

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 pm.

Next meeting TBD