

Barnwell School Council AGM Minutes

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

In Attendance:

Elly R., Tristie W., Candice G., Joan C., Mandie W., Paige B., Valena B., Rachelle C., Natasha., Maggie H., Lori F., Missy F., Angela J., Principal Barb Arend.

Natasha called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Lori Motion to adopt the agenda; motion carried.

Elly motioned to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting; motion carried.

Annual report as presented by the chair:

School council parents assisted Society with the Myers and St. Mary's grad banquet, and the Twinkle Lights Night. Thank you to all the parents who helped.

Barb suggested that school council no longer discuss Society fundraisers at school council meetings.

Natasha asked if anyone had any concerns or questions about the new bylaws, none were brought

forward.

Principals report:

The school currently has 197 students, and we continue to work with staffing challenges the best

we can.

Barb discussed the possibility of having grade 7's and 8's write some sort of exam while 6's and 9's

write the provincial achievement tests. Barb is also trying to decide if students should be allowed

(with parents' consent) to go home when final exams are done or if they should all stay at school

until the end of the day.

The Headstrong students are planning a symposium for May 6th, more details to follow.

38 Parents responded to the Assurance Survey. Of note was the students reporting a low percentage of ability to bounce back from stress.

A report of the results are approved by the Horizon School Board every November and then posted

on their website.

Barb discussed the possibility of using the app Class Dojo to improve communication and hopefully reduce missed assignments. It might be helpful to send teachers' emails to parents so, they know who to contact.

The Grade night Fairwell will be held in the evening this year so more family members can attend.

Track and Field and hot lunch will be held on May 23rd. Barb is considering how to hold this event in a

way that is most effective and engaging for students, splitting the day between elementary and Jr.

high was a potential option. Parents mentioned that they would be willing to help if they didn't have

to miss their child's event. There was also some concern that it is 2 days before grad. Barb was trying to pick a date that would hopefully be warm enough.

Valena offered to organize parent volunteers if needed.

There was some discussion on the desire to have a 200-meter track and a long jump pit.

The principal's full report can be found on the school website.

Natasha announced that she is stepping down as chair of Barnwell School Council.

She has enjoyed the position and clarified that since BSC and Society have become clearer on their individual responsibilities, the position of chair has become quite easy.

Those at the meeting agreed that we would reach out to parents in an attempt to fill the position by the start of the next school year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm