



Beaver Bank Monarch Elementary School School Advisory Council

Meeting: April 13th, 2026

In Attendance: Blair MacDonald, Brendon MacGillivray, Wendy Bell, Chelsea Foley, Lyndsay Graham, Erin McInnis, Leah White (auditor)

Regrets: Billy Gillis, Kathryn Arseneau

DISCUSSION ITEMS	Minutes
Call to order:	Chelsea Foley - 3:12 pm
Approval of agenda:	Approved by Blair MacDonald
Approval of meeting summary:	Approved
Business arising from the meeting minutes:	<p>1. Playground Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tenders are closing ● We can start thinking about supplementing ● Money from Student Support Grant, leftover from last year's Spring Fair and our upcoming Spring Fair - hoping to identify matching options to put toward playground ● Typically schools have 5-6 years to prepare, but ours was more sudden ● Bike Trail/Walking Trail are parts that we would have to fund ● Playground Fundraising Committee - We have had one community member reach out. Lyndsay is also willing to join and help out. Discussed timelines for raising funds. With initial renderings shared and tenders closing, we will need to look into where and how any fundraised monies could be incorporated. Brendon to connect with Geoff Olson to ask questions. ● Depending on plans, our first step would be to set up a meeting for fundraisers. ● <u>Brendon will connect with Geoff Olson at HRCE to see how much the changes to the playground will cost for fundraising purposes.</u> ● Discussed renderings of playground set-up to replace small playground - the playground equipment will be more appropriate for pre-primary students to use as there is an age-limit of 5 to use the current playground equipment, discussed: PECS board for communication, colour (orange, NOT black), rubber flooring rather than wood chips

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questioned: Can we keep our own swings, can we direct funds for something else on the playground?
<p>Principals Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Success Planing - Operations - Cross Cultural/ Events - Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Looking at our SSP, walkthroughs, meetings, and discuss next steps ● Book Study for writing- Led by ELST teacher: <i>Powerful Writing Structures</i> by Adrienne Gear and introduced the Syntax Project (resource to support writing) ● Grade 3 Literacy/Math provincial testing is coming up on 4 days in mid-May ● Math coaching block finished up. Focus was on Computational Fluency (looking at best ways to identify gaps and support student growth) ● Parent/Teacher conferences - held student-led conferences. Well received by families and students. Encouraged accountability and leadership skills. ● We have started PALS with the upper grades and they have been going into classrooms and lower elementary playgrounds to help out ● Transition meetings for students entering primary planned for June ● Walk-throughs and school visits for grade 5s to HTB may be arranged with a bus shared between BBK and BBMD (to happen in May or June) ● Enrollment - we are set for 13 classrooms, which is what we have now. We anticipate having at least 13 classrooms. We are looking for pre-primaries who may not have been registered. Please encourage anyone who has not yet registered to do so. ● We have an upcoming Spirit Week: May 4-8. Theme is "Kindness" More details to follow. ● Some classrooms are having our Fine Arts Specialist come in for some programming in April ● Class Trips - some teachers have expressed interest and we are looking at funding options and also looking into options for next year ● School Clothing - has been successful and we are going to open it again ● Budget - HRCE is going through their process. Fiscal year ended in March. Awaiting new budget. ● We received a cheque for \$500 from the Kinsman for our Breakfast program- thank you very much!
Other:	
<p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <p>Adjournment Time:</p>	<p>June 8</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm</p>