



Beaver Bank Monarch Elementary School School Advisory Council

Meeting: January 22, 2024

In Attendance: Ed Thomson, Blair MacDonald, Tracy Spencer, Kathryn Arseneau, BJ Nooyen,
Lisa Taylor, Angel Ryan, Jenny Copley, Lyndsay Graham, Madisyn LeBlanc, Lyle Mailman

Regrets: Chelsea Foley

DISCUSSION ITEMS	Minutes
Call to order:	3:05
Approval of meeting summary:	Minutes were sent ahead of time to review. No questions about the previous meeting minutes
Jenny Copley:	<p>Jenny is a Literacy coach with HRCE. Jenny discussed how both BBK and BBM are taking the lead with the new literacy curriculum based on the Six Pillars of Effective Reading Instruction. She discussed how this is benefitting all our students from Primary – grade 5. This instruction aligns with the school goals in literacy.</p> <p>The teachers lost a valuable PD when schools were closed due to a snow day on December 4. We are looking to make that day up but were unable to secure funding. Jenny is asking if the SAC will cover the cost of Substitutes so all teachers can get this valuable PD.</p> <p>Lisa went through the funds currently available in the SAC account (\$5438.35). The cost to cover the sub is \$2800. This request was approved.</p>
Principal's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 	Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes made to Excel & French location due to classroom being moved to the portable. -Math Coach continued to support teachers in grades 3-5 with Fact Fluency through December. Is currently back working with Grade 3-5 teachers over 4 days to ensure to troubleshoot any concerns and ensure everything is on track.

	<p>- February is registration month!</p> <p>-The school elevator is currently broken. A classroom will be in the portable until it is repaired. Core French and Excel are in the main building.</p> <p>- We have had a busy couple of months. SuperNova is working with some of our classes, we had Spirit week in December as well as our Winter Solstice performance. Maritime Dance was in which was fantastic, the students really enjoyed it.</p> <p>- We have Literacy week coming up next week and a Spring Performance being planned in April – either April 23 or 24, still in the planning stages.</p> <p>- Physical Activity Framework follow up. We can use Healthy Schools Grant for this. Some ideas: GaGa Ball pit, Loose parts play. Further information is needed.</p>
<p>Purchases update</p>	<p>-We have purchased round tables so all classrooms in grade Primary – 2 will have these. These were purchased from the Spring Fair fundraiser.</p> <p>-We purchased alternate/flexible seating. Healthy Schools Grant to cover these costs.</p> <p>-We reviewed the cost of new iPads from HRCE. Each iPad will cost \$420 plus the cost of a protective case. Currently have 24 iPads.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions from parents 	<p>-Mr. Mailman asked about the school garden that was a SchoolsPlus initiative, not sure the details of why it did not happen.</p> <p>-Ms. Graham asked about members of SAC. We recently lost our community member so we are in need of replacing this position. We currently have 3 parents as members which is the total in our SAC bylaws. If more people are interested in joining it would be at the beginning of the next school year. parents/guardians can request to attend a meeting in a non-voting capacity.</p> <p>-Mr. Mailman asked about having a PTA/Home and School here at BBM. It was requested this item be on the agenda of the next SAC meeting. This item will be added.</p>
<p>Zoom meeting ended</p>	<p>3:45</p>