



Beaver Bank Monarch Elementary School School Advisory Council

Meeting: April 29, 2024

In Attendance: Ed Thompson, Blair MacDonald, Angel Ryan, Lisa Taylor, BJ Nooyen, Chelsea Foley

Regrets: Tracy Spencer, Kathryn Arseneau, Madisyn LeBlanc

DISCUSSION ITEMS	Minutes
Call to order:	3:10- Lisa Taylor
Approval of agenda:	
Approval of meeting summary:	Review of Feb. 26 minutes- Minutes to be emailed to SAC members for approval and posted to website.
Business arising from the meeting minutes:	We continue to search for a community member to join our SAC. Position was advertised. One person contacted us. Not yet committed.
Principal's Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 	Future Meeting Dates: May 20—Changed to May 27 due to Holiday. Update: Bell Change: Initiated by Transportation. In September, BBMD will start at 8:40 and dismiss at 2:40. Soft start will begin at 8:20. Student-led Conferences: Second term conferences were student-led. Feedback from teachers and families was very positive. We will continue in this format again next year. First term conferences will be traditional and in-person. Second term conferences will be student-led. Kindness Spirit Week: We hosted a kindness-themed spirit week at the end of March. It was very well received. Students participated in a number of activities including a school-wide creation of a paper

kindness quilt, mystery kindness classes, and a smoothie day!

Decodable Readers: Decodable readers have arrived for each of our P-2 classrooms. They have been distributed and are being used daily in classrooms to support our work around phonics and phonemic awareness. An additional set of decodables were purchased and are available for use specialist teachers (RR, ELS, Resource) and teachers in our upper grade levels.

Book Fair: We recently held our school book fair. Students enjoyed the opportunity to browse and purchase books. We'd like to send out a big thank you to Mrs. Gaudet for organizing the Book Fair and to our families for their support. After expenses to Scholastic, we raised \$1600 to be used to purchase new reading materials for our Library.

Spring Performance: Students in Grades 3-5 presented "Who We Are" on April 23rd. The performance explored several different themes such as honesty, inclusion, growth mindset and team work. We held a dress rehearsal in the afternoon for students and staff to see the show. Evening performance was a big success!

Spring Fair: Discussions around our annual Spring Fair continue. Spring Fair will be held: June 1st. We have begun distributing donation letters in the community and are accepting donations for our silent auction and raffle. Communication shared with families via SchoolMessenger on April 25th.

School Photography: Discussed school photography. Asked SAC members for feedback. Shared feedback we received from families. Decided to continue with Pineapple Studios again next year.

School Grounds Update: HRCE Operations have been out to visit several times. Still formulating plans. Work did occur last week and a trench was built alongside the front of the school to create better drainage and redirect water from the building.

	Grade 3 Provincial Assessment: Informed SAC that Grade 3 Literacy and Mathematics assessments would be happening later this month. Dates for assessments to be scheduled between May 13- 28.
Purchases update	
Special reports and/or presentations:	Thought Exchange : Re: cell phone use in schools. Reviewed poll results collected from SAC members from across the province.
Other:	
Next Meeting: May 27th, 2024 @3:05 Adjournment Time: 3:50	