

Minutes
Banded Peak School Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 21st, 2018
Banded Peak School Learning Commons

In Attendance: Trisha Gizen, Cara Haar, Simon Pols, Imke Ryder, Karen Jepp, Solita Burke, Amber Tsoi, Kristyn Schmidt, Catherine Watson, Faith McLean, Sicco Dekker, Cayley Webber, Leith Monaghan, Kelly Lepard

Welcome Trisha Gizen welcomed everyone to the meeting

Approval of Agenda 1st motion Faith McLean, 2nd Solita Burke, all in favour

Approval of Minutes from last meeting, February 28th 2018 1st motion Imke Ryder, 2nd motion Kristyn Schmidt, all in favour.

RMCA and BCCA Updates The RMCA will be holding an Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt for children under 12 years-old on March 31st. There will be Soup and Pie lunch at the BCCA this Friday. The BCPA has both a matinee Fred Penner concert and an adult performance in the evening on Saturday.

Grade 8 Garden Tower Presentation/Request ‘Creating a Community-Based Food System’ by Abby, Ahneke, Ana, Hayley, Bryn, Nyah, Jason, Tolu and Ashlyn. The students spoke about their process of brainstorming for a unique project with the goal of creating a locally grown food system. They would like to purchase 6 tower gardens for in classrooms and 2 additional tower gardens to be placed in the student gathering area. The project would cost approximately \$10,000. The students spoke about pursuing fundraising, corporate donations and potentially accessing school council funds. The amount of that fund request is yet to be determined. More information will follow as the students develop this concept further. Mr. Pols recognized the students for their hard work thus far.

Teacher Representatives; Mrs. Lepard, Mrs. Webber, Ms. Monahan ‘Grade 5/6, What Have We Been Up To?’ The teachers presented on current learning experiences in their classrooms and 5/6 team projects. They spoke about math rotations; differentiated instruction, pre-assessment and ability grouping. Recently, the 5/6 team explored an electricity innovation week with a focus on 21st century learners as innovators and creators. They also shared the current inquiry project for the students around light and the impact on our dark skies as new development becomes a reality around Calgary. They hope to host a ‘Dark Sky Festival’ at the end of May to showcase this work. A proposal was brought forward for a historic trip to Banff and area, including a visit to Lake Minnewanka, Cave & Basin Historical Site and the WW1 War Internment Camp Exhibit. Mr. Pols expressed commendations for the team and their work.

Fun Lunch Solita Burke shared that the next Fun Lunch is Pizza 73 on March 29th, Friday is the last day to place your order.

Administration's Report
Stained Glass Window for Carmen Harford

PowerSchool Feedback from parents (Discussion)

Classroom Improvement Funds (CIF) Update (Simon):

- Allocation by the Province amounted to \$41K. Of the money allocated we have upwards of \$10-15K left
- The CIF Committee will be meeting after the Easter Break to discuss how the money could be spent.
- Our proposal indicated that the money would be spent on Learning Support and/or Literacy.
- Money must be spent by June or it will be forfeited to the Province

MyRVS:

- Communication Tool and eCommerce
- Roll Out:
 - February 26th 2019 Staff PL
 - March 22nd Launch

Playground Update (Simon):

- **Design:** we have met with a few companies who have taken pictures of the existing space and are working on designs that will be available to us in the coming weeks. These are only preliminary drawings to give us a sense of the scope of the work and overall cost.
- **WinSport Canada:** we have met with Mrs. Konopaki from WinSport Canada who has offered her assistance with the project. She brought a unique, research based perspective to the project.
 - **WinSport** has offered to bring members of her team to the school closer to the end of the month and into April to do some research at no cost to the school and/or council
 - If you are interested in helping (or grade 7/8 students)
 - Items to consider:
 - What is the observation zone, use natural boundaries to define the area you are observing? Observe one area at a time. ie play structure, forested area, hill at the back of the school
 - Scan clockwise and observe each child (group of children)
 - Follow and complete the attached sheet
 - What type of play are the children engaging in and for how long?
 - Are there any adult interactions?

- Where on the playground do they gravitate, for how long, and what is the ground type?
- Are you noticing any trends with the different age groups?

2018/2019 Fees/Field Trips Dates:

- All fees for the 2018/2019 school year must be submitted to Mr. Pols by Friday, April 27th.
- This includes all sports fees, field trips, classroom activities...
- Fee list will be available to parents and posted on our website in the spring

Mind Up Training

- Mindfulness Program
- Mr. Spelrem, Mrs. Martens, Mrs. Siemens, Mr. Pedersen and Mrs. Gibbs attended
- RVS sponsored/RVS paid
- Three days of training
- **Link:** <https://mindup.org>
- **Video:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAo_ZSmjLJ4

Earth Rangers:

- Kinder through Grade 6 assembly will take place on *April 19th at 9:30.*
- The gym will be unavailable for the morning as the group sets up.
- Link: <http://www.earthrangers.org/teachers/school-assembly/>
- "The Earth Rangers School" Assembly is a dynamic and interactive presentation for Grades 1-6 that leverages the shared, innate connection children of all backgrounds have to animals. Through the power of live animal demonstrations and positive, science-based information, our high-quality program educates students about the importance of protecting biodiversity while highlighting real conservation initiatives across Canada. The program is recreated each and every year, ensuring the inclusion of current and relevant topics and staying fresh and exciting for students and teachers."

Life at Banded Peak Darryll Pedersen showed highlights from the last few weeks in a short slide show.

Chair's Report Trisha Gizen shared that the climbing wall agreement has been signed. The reciprocal agreement will mirror the Rockyview rates and will look at what community groups it will apply to. We will discuss further at a later date.

Treasurer's Report Catherine Watson shared that the numbers are very similar to last month. The fundraiser money is not in the account yet, will be deposited soon. The BP School council

account has a balance of \$22,183.00 and Friends of BP account has a balance of \$84,770.00. Going forward, there will be one account for all funds to eliminate the back and forth of money and to provide less liability for school council executive, as the school will handle the funds.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:57 by Faith McLean, 2nd Imke Ryder, all in favour. Next meeting to be held Wednesday, April 25th, 2018.