

École Barrie Wilson Elementary School

School Council Meeting

Monday, January 17, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Parent Attendance: Beena Kotak, Crystal Kosak, Amity Sponholz (Secretary)

Administration Attendance: Principal - Colette Pedde, Vice-Principal - Ashley Phillips,
Board Representative - Cathy Peacocke

No formal agenda was prepared for this meeting, as we had some key members of parent council ill.

Meeting was mostly for information purposes only.

Call to Order at 6:08pm

1. Cathy Peacocke made a report to those present.
 - A Board meeting that was scheduled for early January was postponed to give administrators some space with the delay of school, and the restarting of school in January. Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2022.
 - The Board of Trustees expressed deep appreciation to the staff for not knowing when kids would come back to school or how.
 - At the last City Wide Parent Council Meeting there was a presentation by Peter Farmakis (P.Eng. M.Eng., Director of Facility Services, Red Deer Public Schools) explaining the ventilation in the schools in RDPSD and stating that our schools are in good shape to provide proper ventilation. He did state that isolation rooms in each school would be receiving stand alone HEPA filters to help with cleaning the air in these rooms.
 - If parents are interested in more information regarding the information presented by Peter Farmakis, they can contact Colette Pedde.
 - The Board of Trustees had a meeting with both Red Deer MLA's, Adriana LaGrange and Jason Stephen.
 - Board expressed concern with the draft curriculum that is to be implemented in the fall of 2022.
 - The Ministry of Education is going ahead with the draft curriculum in Language Arts, Math and Physical Education.
 - Board expressed that at this time introducing a new curriculum would be a real burden on schools and teachers.
 - Board requested and emphasized the need for more cross Ministry support beyond the Ministry of Education. Examples being mental health services and social services.

- Question to Cathy Peacocke of how the district would determine if and when schools or classes would go online? Would it be based on a certain percentage of student or staff absenteeism?
 - Response - There is no policy on this, and no specific percentage, but decisions to move to online learning would be based more on staffing rates.
2. Principal Colette Pedde made a report to those present.
- Rapid tests will be arriving to the school and the school has been asked to keep track of who is receiving them. Parents have been asked to fill out a Google Form.
 - Masks will not be sent home with students but be kept in the school and will be passed out in the classrooms.
 - Skating is still considered a safety risk due to Omicron and will not run school wide. Students in Grades 4 or 5 will be allowed to skate at noon if they are able to do so without assistance from staff to tie skates.
 - Hot Lunch will continue. Senior Administration at the District level has asked schools not to have guests in the schools. Hot lunch will continue with 1 or 2 parent volunteers to minimize traffic in the school. Staff will help to deliver lunches to classrooms.
 - Pizza with the Principal will still happen, but be adjusted to ensure cohorts are not crossing.
 - Career Day in January will also happen similarly to 2021 with virtual presentations by parents. Students will dress up as the career they'd like to pursue.
 - Pink Shirts were available District Wide so EBWS will not be producing their own pink shirts for purchase.
 - Pink Shirt Day is February 17. Students will be adding kind words to paper pink shirts and posting them in the windows.
 - The Christmas Market was a huge success. It was very nice to have volunteers in the school to organize and run the market. Thank you so much for the parents that put their time into this event.
3. Discussion regarding the next parent council meeting and choosing dates. Suggestion was made to reevaluate the time of the meeting as it is right at supper time for parents. Decision was for the Parent Council Executive to get back to school to confirm the date of the next meeting.

Adjourned at 7:00pm

Next Meeting: To Be Announced, via [Google Meets](#).

**École Barrie Wilson Elementary School
Parent Fundraising Association Meeting
Held after School Council Meeting**

No Meeting of the Parent Fundraising Association Meeting on January 17.