

# School Council Minutes

## Blueberry School

### January 2024

Attendance	Erin Craig (Chair), Jen Richens (Vice Chair) Sarah C., Karlyn P., Cayla Michelle Visscher (Principal) Online: Trustee Hennig Farah Merchant (Counsellor) Amanda G. Chantal G.	
Meeting Start time	<b>6:30</b>	
Land Acknowledgement	Read by Council Chair Erin Craig - Provincial Land Acknowledgment	
Agenda Adoption (additions to Agenda) & Minute Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Agenda</li> <li>● Sarah adopted and Jen second</li> </ul> <p>February Agenda Items to Add Break out spaces in schools</p> <p>Approval of agenda Karlyn adopted and seconded by Sarah</p>	
Special Guest	Ms. Farah - Presentation on Test Anxiety	Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Universal lessons for classes leading up to finals/exams/PATs</li> <li>● Provide presentation to families</li> </ul>
Chairperson Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Erin Chairperson report             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ COSC prior to holiday break pertaining to social media                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Presentation was regarding use of social media by students including how to help students be safe on social media</li> <li>■ Erin will access and share presentation</li> <li>■ Primary use of social media is for communication and this has social benefit and a benefit of connections</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ School calendar email was sent out for feedback from parents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Erin will share presentation</li> <li>● Question from parent regarding no online access             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Connect with teacher to have paper copies provided if necessary</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● January 2024</li> </ul>	Action Items:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stakeholders Engagement Nov 2023 review</li> <li>○ Share a thought survey</li> <li>○ School newsletter is it effective?</li> <li>○ Matinee performance attendance - increase in community attendance which is wonderful, but challenged by space to seat community and student audience - suggestions?</li> <li>○ Report Card Jan 30th</li> <li>○ March Interviews - hybrid</li> <li>○ Sports update</li> <li>○ Artist in Residence - Feb 5th begins</li> <li>○ Spring Concert/Musical - Sound of Music Grds 7-9</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consider a weekly newsletter rather than monthly - conduct parent survey to determine wants/needs of families</li> <li>● Consider tickets or seating system that can be offered to families</li> <li>● Toonies for Tunes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide opportunity for families to donate after concerts if they desire (in office and/or powerschool)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Invite council to be present at Spring Concert so community knows who they are</li> <li>● Request from a parent for clarity on how to pay for items pertaining to Fundraising committee - will bring to their next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In school fundraising payment can be made in the office</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Trustee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Calendar AP Procedure and review of process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Was available on PSD website until Dec 21st</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Registration 2024-25 open in Feb 12-Feb 22nd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If done asap it helps facilitate bus routes and bus passes</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Starting Jan 15 23/24 Provincial satisfaction survey will start ADVANIS Inc has been contracted to do the survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Random selection via phone call or online survey will be sent</li> <li>○ Govt is hoping to have completed May 2024 regarding quality of education system, if system is needing needs of students, if schools are preparing inclusive environments, facilities and equipment etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Action Items: None at this time
Parent Discussion - Agenda items	<p>Question from parent online - What if families don't have internet access?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paper copies will be provided by school and pick up can occur after school</li> </ul>	Action Items: ●
Next Meeting Date	February 12, 2024	

Adjournment	<b>8:08pm</b>
Agenda Items scheduled to next meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Break out spaces in schools</li></ul>