

# MINUTES

## Banting Memorial High School Parent Council

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*Date | time* February 17, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. *Meeting called to order by* Christa Lacey

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### In Attendance

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Nancy Arnold-Sallows, Marcell Wolf, Lisette Pastulovic, Sarah Beitz, Rosanna Finelli, Michelle Woodward, Allyson Clarke, Larry Boston, Natrisha La Rocca, Aislinn Wartman, Dana Wright, Christa Lacey, Sara Harris, Michelle St.Pierre, Deidre Nodwell, Lisa Kennedy, Moriah Cupid, Heather Cole, Patricia Hyman, Carolyn Maw, Marsha Miller, Michael Jardine

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### Approval of Minutes

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Motion to approve minutes – Larry Boston

Motion seconded – Marsha Miller

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### Principal's Report

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Principal Nancy Arnold-Sallows presented

#### Class Timetable

- Students are back to a 4 class/day schedule
- Important for students to work on their time management skills to adapt to the regular schedule once again
- Final report cards were sent home on February 22, 2022.

#### Course Selections for Next Year

- Guidance counsellors will be talking to students in their classes about course planning for next year. Please take time to discuss courses with your children.

#### Grade 8 Students

Hoping to be able to have in person visits for grade 8 students in the spring. Covid restrictions will dictate what we will be able to do. Currently meeting virtually.

#### Building Information

- Excited about the announcement of the new High School to be built. Trustee Beitz to share more info later in the meeting.
- Repainting occurring/completed
- - Library
  - Staff room – now being used as a meeting lunch space for students
  - Student artwork will be mounted
  - Murals are planned to be painted by students

## Covid Restrictions Easing

- With the easing of restrictions, the following will once again be available to students:
  - Lunch time activities- math help/clubs/teams & intramurals.
  - Sports-Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, Jr. Boys Golf, Jr and Sr. Boys Rugby, Girls Rugby, Jr. and Sr. Girls Soccer, Jr.Tennis, Track and Field, Ultimate frisbee and Badminton.

## New Teachers

- Banting has welcomed 16 new staff this semester.
- A staff photo tree will be on display outside the library to help students to recognize staff and get to know them.

## Leadership

- Many staff volunteers.
- Met as a leadership group last evening to discuss spring possibilities.
- An activity schedule for students is being drafted to bring school spirit back to the building. Some of the following are upcoming events being considered:
  - Colour run for mental health
  - Cultural diversity day/week
  - Pink shirt day
  - Spirit days- St. Patrick's Day/Jersey Day/Comfy clothing, PJ Day
  - Hoping Prom and Commencement may be able to occur in person this year, waiting to hear Covid 19 updates. Both events require tremendous planning and volunteers.

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## Student Update – Moriah Cupid

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Held two spirit days so far:

- Backpack day- anything but a backpack
- Valentines' day festivities, which included wearing red, white and pink and having hearts around the school with students' names on them. Scavenger hunt to find your name.
- February 23 – Pink shirt day –Anti bullying day

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## Teacher's Update

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Excited to be back to the 4 class/day schedule

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## Committee Reports

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Special Guest-

SCDSB Trustee – Sarah Beitz

Announcement of new Banting rebuild

- The new building is to have a capacity of 1288 students
  - The ideal size of a high school is 900 students per the Ministry of Education
  - A second high school will be required as Banting's current student population is around 1582
- Estimated timeline is 3 years
- Criteria for the new site: walkability, local to the highest population of kids, located somewhere in Alliston
- A full analysis will need to be conducted
- Town staff and board staff have met and are discussing utility hookups for the potential site around Alliston.

New Priorities

- The province has put out a call for priorities once again.
- Five priorities will be put forward, three from the old list and two new ones, per instructions provided by the ministry.

Board meetings

- All of the boards meetings are live streamed, and they are posted along with the minutes.

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## Next Meeting

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May 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., virtually (zoom link to be provided)

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## Motion to Adjourn

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Motion brought at 7:32pm – Dana Wright

Seconded – Marsha Miller