

MINUTES

Banting Memorial High School Parent Council

Date | time November 18, 2021 | 7:00 p.m. *Meeting called to order by* Christa Lacey

In Attendance

Christa Lacey, Lisette Pastulovic, Larry Boston, Nancy Arnold-Sallows, Dana Wright, Natrisha LaRocca, Mr. Runnalls, Moriah Cupid, Michelle Woodward, Roanna Finelli, Heather Cole, Sarah Harris, Patricia Hyman, Michelle, Marsha M

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes – Larry Boston

Motion seconded – Michelle Woodward

Principal's Report

Principal Nancy Arnold-Sallows presented

Midterm Report Cards

Midterm reports card were sent home with students on Monday, November 22, 2021.

Newsletter

The school newsletter will be sent to parents/guardians via email once again this year

Sports/Clubs

Sports that have started:

- Flag Football
- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Curling

Clubs that have started:

- Equity diversity and Inclusion Club
- Mental Health and Wellness Club
- Robotics Club
- Games Club
- And many more

Sports/clubs are being run through Covid parameters and students are required to sign in when attending all sports/clubs. It is a select group that meets on a regular basis and there is a QR code that students sign into. All contacts are being traced.

Covid

No cases have been reported as of the date of the meeting.

Eating Areas

The school will be opening up additional spaces so students can safely eat inside, following covid protocols. Students are still able to eat in the cafeteria as well as the library.

More rooms will be opened up to allow for another 100 students to comfortably eat inside.

Inclement Weather reminder of bus cancellations.

BMHS is in the south Simcoe zone

On snow days students are still required to attend online classes through D2L.

Students are still able to come into the school on snow days.

Basketball Court

Mrs. Arnold-Sallows is overseeing a major Fundraising effort to create an outdoor basketball court for the students at Banting. Outdoor healthy activities are extremely positive for student mental and physical health. Students will be able to use this area during classes as well as on lunch and before and after school.

The cost of the court has increased substantially since last year to \$60K from \$20K.

Additional donors who would like to support this project are encouraged to reach out directly to Principal Arnold-Sallows. A scale sketch has been created by the design class and can be requested by emailing the Principal (narnoldsallows@scdsb.on.ca)

Semester 2

BMHS hopes to return to a normal 4 classes/day schedule in February (dependent upon the Covid situation and mandates). SCDHU will help direct the SCDSB with this decision closer to the beginning of semester 2.

Days of Excellence

Celebrating and recognizing students will be completed in their classroom the week of November 22nd, 2021 for last year's honour roll. Approximately 900 students will be recognized by receiving a certificate and an honour roll medal or a commit to character Banting pin.

Banting staff appreciation week will be held the week of November 22nd, 2021. Activities are planned each day to support the staff at Banting. All staff groups are included.

Student Update

Mirah Cupid

Leadership class has held the following these days:

- Plaid day
- Red, white day for Terry Fox
- Purple day for LGBTQ+
- Jersey Day
- Battle of the years – different colours based on grades
- Twin day
- Ugly sweater day

Halloween

Pumpkin carving competition very successful

- 3 winners – spooky/funny/creative

Costume competition

Teacher's Update

Dana Wright

Hoping for the class schedule to go back to the regular 4 classes/day schedule.

Committee Reports

Student Support and Success

Guidance and Special Education staff will be meeting with kids to come up with a plan to help with their success and identify areas of need.

Math/English help available to students at lunch.

Students can always talk to teachers to get extra help.

Guidance

Kevin Runnalds

Grade 12 Post-secondary Planning

Guidance will be meeting with every grade 12 to discuss what their post-secondary plans are.

Pins were provided for students looking to apply to university

- Applications are due January 16, 2022- recommended to complete before Christmas.

College applications also open and they are encouraged to apply before Christmas

All information is posted on the class of 2022 google classroom

Scholarships have also been identified on the class of 2022 google classroom.

Parents are also encouraged to take a look at the information on the google classroom

Students are encouraged to apply for as many scholarships

College/University in person visits - looking to open up in the spring

40 Volunteer Hours

2022 graduation class - only 20 hours required

2023 graduation class - still at 40 hours

Up to 10 hours can now be done at a job

Next Meeting

February 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., virtually (zoom link to be provided)

Motion to Adjourn

Motion brought at 7:30pm – Dana Wright

Seconded – Nancy Arnold-Sallows