



1. Welcome & Introductions

Jennifer Busko, Angela Woodley, Heather Dubrick, Margo McKee King, Monica Pyear, Jacob Bretz, Charlotte Hopkins, Ryan Day, Sarah Baxter, Jenn Harezlak & Toni Peter

2. Review of March 2021 Minutes & Agenda

-Minutes passed

3. Appreciations:

- Thanks to all of the teachers and staff for teaching our kids during these circumstances
- Thanks to all of the families supporting at home and helping with the learning program
- Thanks to Angela for running the March meeting
- BPS staff says thank you to the anonymous treat and coffee gift cards
- Thanks you to everyone involved with the yearbooks and for all the hard work that has gone into them

4. Principal's Report:

-Staffing Updates:

-Jennifer Williamson is on leave

-Shannon Nellis is on leave

-Sarah Newsler (sp?) was on leave, is back on part time and will be returning to full time shortly.

-Remote learning/distance learning intentions sent out for 2021/2022 school year. The submittal close date was extended from May 3rd to June 2nd. Less than 20 so far confirmed for BPS.

-Begun work on time tabling the school and tentative assignments.

-Class building is starting for students, no requests from parents, teachers to put forward recommendations

-Pause on Assemblies and staff learning. The focus so far this year has been on the students and on academic goals. Next year staff to start anti-racism journey.

-Welcome to kindergarten will be a virtual event this year. Gift bags will have to be picked up depending on public health guidelines. The session will be recorded and posted on the Baden PS website.

-Year end grad celebration will be a virtual celebration June 22 across the whole board. Talks with grad committee to make a pre-recorded video to be shared. The graduation this year will not include drive bys, door drop offs, no awards and no gifts.

-Grad photos couldn't happen from Lifetouch because at stay at home order. Trying to work through permission form and will be coming out to consent to use in video, will be sent on school day.

-Question: Will honour role happen?

Answer: Honour roll would be recognized

5. Teacher Staff Update/Student Report

1A has a butterfly kit on the way the week! We will be exploring the life cycles of butterflies and learning about how the sun's energy is very important to living things.

We also have Scientists in Schools coming on June 24 to help us learn more about Energy.

The sunflowers we planted before spring break are going out into gardens in Baden!

Plus, we are really coming along with our reading, despite our situation. Parents are really supportive and have been very key in the process.

My students are all showing up everyday ready to learn. They have been great. We are taking part in a raise a chick program and we are learning how to multiply using friendly numbers.

All my guys are showing up and ready to learn too. We are working on a research project about animals and presenting to families next week- they are super excited!

Please express our appreciation for all of the family support we receive for our youngest learners! We recognize how challenging it is to juggle the responsibilities of working from home, managing online schedules for one or more children, and assisting our students in areas where it's challenging for them to be completely independent. We have noticed that our kindergarten friends seem to really enjoy feeling connected to our classroom community, and we know this would not be possible for their kids their age without some help from other family members!

Please express to the council how lucky we are to be in a school where we were able to loan a number of Chromebooks out to families so students could access their digital learning platform (during all distance learning).

Also, as a primary division we have been making use of the digital text licenses that were purchased for each student SK-3. This has been a great option when we haven't been able to send actual books home with students. This has allowed students access to appropriate and leveled texts for their home reading.

My students are showing up everyday and seem engaged... they are doing some great minds on (two truths, one lie with math, worn) even making their own for each type .

Learning lots of math and even doing some of their lessons in the campers(in the driveway) or back porch by the pool.

We are reading Hatchet - they love- learning about early civilizations and indigenous people.

We are so proud of our gr 1 independence in logging in, opening and closing meets, typing in the chat, sharing their screens and submitting work! (yes most do it completely alone!!!)

I have been hugely impressed with all the students attending our French Google Meets and participating in the activities!!

Students are enthusiastically engaging in online music and drama activities. Students continue to share instruments from home and share their family's music traditions, some sing for us and we've even had tap dancing!

We play different drama games each week and are becoming experts at working in the break out rooms, then returning back to the main call and performing as one large group.

Recently, we have focused on Mariachi music (connection to Cinco de Mayo) and Canadian Indigenous music, Pow-wows and some students are making hand-drums with items from home.

We are exploring and creating online music experiments through Chrome Music Lab, Blob Opera and learning about Line Rider as a type of Music Listening Map.

My class is truly doing amazing work! They are little rockstars - joining the meets every day, completing and submitting their work. I am super proud of them.

Grade 2's just completed a research project on an animal of their choice.

Grade 3's just completed a research project on a famous structure of their choice.

Thank you also to their parents for the support!

In Core French grades 2-6, we started playing a coding game called blockly.games and we are doing a coding activity in French using a picture dictionary the students are creating. We also started writing a book about animals in French!!

I am always sharing with my families how the students are gaining some fantastic Digital Literacy skills while working remotely!

Intermediate Science

Grade 8s are learning about how water travels to their tap and back.

I shared a student sample that is partially completed.

Grade 7s are learning how to follow a series of steps to design and build a structure.

6. Treasurer's update (Sarah B)

- Thanks Sarah, love the new format.

7. Committee Update:

1. Fundraising: No Chair, No Update

(a) On hold until next year

2. WRAPSC/PIC: (Kerri ?): No Update

(a) PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) is looking for new members. Email for more info if interested and link on website

(b) info can also be found online on School Day

3. Shade Tree Project (Jacob Bretz +anyone else)

(a) No Update, wait until things return to normal as project will be a multiyear fundraiser.

4. Good Will (Sarah Scott):

(a) No Update

5. Graduation:

(a) Grad has to be virtual this year, board mandated on June 22 all across board. Video will be similar to last year

(b) Diploma pick-up yet to be arranged

(c) Two votes happened regarding cost of yearbooks being funded by parent council. It was agreed that if extra yearbooks could be secured so all students could receive a copy, that parent council would cover the funding. If extra copies could not be secured, parent council would not cover the funding.

6. Staff appreciation: (Heather/Jacob + more)

(a) Budget update received, to be discussed after meeting separate from staff

What's On Your Mind?

-Baden Public School Rules!!!! Covid19? Boooooo

-Keep up Parent Council Attendance!!! Great turn out for distance meeting.

Next Meeting: June 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Google Meet