

**Balmer School Council Minutes W. Edward Balmer School Council Minutes**  
**December 21st 2017**

**Present**

Principal: Karlene Ross

Teachers: Jill Cote

Parents: Melanie Blain, Sharyn Tritone, Dawn Ison

Community Members:

**Strategic Action Plan 2017-18**

A district learning walk occurred in December related to inclusive practices.

RTI has been focused on reading and fluency. With success in these areas, discussion are beginning to occur around math intervention. Students have been assessed on number sense over the past week to get an understanding as to where knowledge gaps are against the Grade 1 and Grade 2 standards.

**School Building Updates**

At the December 17th school building committee meeting a final design was chosen for a PK-5 school.

This design will be submitted to the state in early January. Over the December school break week, a drone will take aerial photos of the Balmer site. During the early part of January some tree clearing and soil sampling will occur to gather more details for estimating site work.

**Plan School Council Project**

The "Penny Wars" fundraiser was very successful in raising funds to purchase new books for the students of our sister school in Texas.

The final fundraising event will be tied to celebrating Balmer's 50th Bash. The party will be held on January 19th from 6-7:30 pm. There is a Facebook page for the organizing members to communicate for the preparedness of the event. This page will be closed now that members have had adequate time to join. The dance will be held in the cafeteria, with games in the gym. Quieter "table" games will be set up in the library. The committee will ask residents for pictures of Balmer school through the years (internal and external) to use as some decorations. The committee will need to meet either January 3rd or 5th to move the planning along.

From last month :

Dawn Ison will organize games

Melanie Blain will organize refreshments

Sharyn Tritone will help publicize

**Next Meeting:** January 25, 2018