

School Council Minutes W. Edward Balmer School
May 31st 2018

Present

Principal: Karlene Ross

Teachers: Renee Underwood, Stephanie Dec

Parents: Melanie Blain, Sharyn Tritone

Community Members:

Movie Night

The Balmer movie night is scheduled for June 15th (outside at Balmer) at 8:00 p.m. The licensing has been purchased and is valid for one year. The movie night will be postponed to Fall should the weather be rainy. The money raised from the event will be used to purchase furnishings for the courtyard, which will also be able to be used at the new school (if it is built). The price will be \$15 per family.

Refreshments will be sold and it was agreed that the School Council will assist with the procurement of the refreshments. Renee offered to pick up the items at BJ's prior to the outing. Items recommend for purchase were small bottles of Gatorade and small bottles of water, Ring Pops, Airheads, Goldfish crackers. A popcorn machine with the related supplies has been donated for the event.

NOTE: The annual (optional) Balmer Backyard Picnic, welcoming Balmer students back to school, is scheduled for Thursday August 23rd from 5-7 p.m.

Summer Reading

The school is seeking a book for a school-wide summer reading assignment (for all grades) that could then tie into the classroom lessons in the Fall. The book *Weslandia* by Paul Fleischman has been recommended as the school-wide summer reading book. The school would purchase a number of copies to lend out through the school library and also through the public library for those students needing access to the book.

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Mrs. Ross will be asking teachers of their interest in serving on the School Council for the upcoming school year. Parent members, Sharyn Tritone and Melanie Blain have been invited back to the School Council as they have children who are/will be students at Balmer. Melanie and Sharyn are asked to email Mrs. Ross regarding their interest for remaining on the School Council for the upcoming school year.

Strategic Plan

All schools will be updating their strategic plans in alignment with the new district plan due out in August. The completed school plans are due in October and therefore may require additional School Council meetings in the beginning of the school year to complete.

School Building Update

A meeting was held with owners of property on Mason Avenue. A second neighborhood meeting is scheduled for June 16th with all surrounding neighborhood streets.

Next Meeting: TBD - September 2018