



## Bev Facey Community High School

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday September 9, 2014 (School Library)

**Attendees:** 10 parents - Sandy Stor, Michelle Dugan, Tracey Howell, Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen, Donna Burgess, Louise LaForet, Lori Martin, Susan Ballash, Wanda Sparrow, Gail Brown, 5 school reps - Principal Bill Schlacht, Asst Principals Sharon Gach & Sheryl Tsiclas, Teacher Rita Lal, Barb McNeill (Elk Island Public School Trustee)

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**Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

**Additions to agenda:** Parent Communication was added to the Agenda in 6. *Other* at the request of a parent.

**May 13, 2014 Minutes:** Approved with the following rewording on page 2. "There are 1083 students registered, including 66 students with special needs. (Motion by Sandy Stor Seconded by Louise Laforet) CARRIED

### Election of Officers:

<b>Chair</b> Sandy Stor	(Motion Michelle Dugan	Seconded Tracey Howell)	CARRIED
<b>Vice Chair</b> Susan Ballash	(Motion Lori Martin	Seconded Tracey Howell)	CARRIED
<b>Secretary</b> Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen	(Motion Sandy Stor	Seconded Donna Burgess)	CARRIED
<b>Member at Large</b> Lori Martin	(Motion Michelle Dugan	Seconded Susan Ballash)	CARRIED
<b>Member at Large</b> Michelle Dugan	(Motion Tracey Howell	Seconded Sandy Stor)	CARRIED
<b>Member at Large</b> Louise Laforet	(Motion Sandy Stor	Seconded Lori Martin)	CARRIED

**Attending Community of School Council (COSC)** Tracey Howell and/or Sandy Stor (1<sup>st</sup> Wed of month)

\*\*\*There is no Past Chair so a 3<sup>rd</sup> Member at Large was included. Sandy is the returning member of the Executive from the 2013-14 school year.

### Ongoing Business for Next Meetings:

- discussion of the options for a new school calendar (October, 2014)
- review the criteria and advertising for the Student Recognition Award (March 2015)
- update parent info handout to send out at end of school year to new students for next year (May, 2015)

### New Business:

1. **2014-15 Parent Council schedule of meetings** – proposed dates accepted  
Tuesday September 9, October 7, November 4, 2014  
Tuesday January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, 2015
2. **Post Secondary Career Planning Sessions:** Decision to go ahead with one Learning Clicks session in the fall of 2014 and winter/spring 2015.

<p><b>ACTION:</b> Tracey Howell will contact Alberta Education about possible dates for them to offer the sessions at Bev Facey, then choose the dates in consultation with administrator Sharon Gach who will check what is already</p>
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booked on the Facey calendar. Once dates are finalized Tracey will confirm them with Alberta Education, as well as host them on the night of the sessions, introducing the presenters and highlighting the role and importance of School Council for parents. Thank you Tracey for taking on this task.

3. **EIPS Community of School Councils Meet and Greet – Sept 18, 2014 at 4:30 pm** – no one on the new 2014-15 Executive is available to attend, but if anyone's time is freed up Barb McNeill encouraged the Executive to attend. Board highlights can be found at <http://www.eips.ca/board-meeting-documents> for the August 28, 2014 meeting. The Chair of the EIPS Board for the 2014-15 school year is Trina Boymook and Vice Chair is Colleen Holowaychuk.
4. **Student Recognition Award:** Discussion ensued about whether there were nominees in place and chosen for the fall 2014 awards night.

**ACTION:** Sharon Gach will determine whether there are nominees from the 2013-14 students group, and inform the School Council executive before the awards night.

5. **Principal's Report:** Bill Schlacht updated parents on the new school year. As of Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, there are 1106 students registered, over 400 of them in grade 10. A whole new team of staff are working with the principal in the school office and he said they have been doing a great job of start-up, even amidst a time where the EIPS facilities team was renovating their space. Welcome week hosted by Facey Leadership Initiative (FLI) was well received, and the school resources officers were in the school to support a positive start to the new school experience. For grade 12s they can look forward to Grad on June 6, 2015. Parking was also discussed. There will be visitor parking for when parents visit the school during the day on the north side of the parking lot where the row of trees are (signs coming). Grade 12 students who applied for parking passes on time have received their passes.

**ACTION:** Bill Schlacht will ensure that at least one Bev Facey student attends each School Council meeting to provide another perspective, beginning with the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 6. **Other – Parent Communication**

Parents discussed their need for better communication just before registration in late August. Web information was so far down in scrolling on the home page that some parents did not realize it was there. As well Synervoice and e-mail could have been sent the day before registration.

Parents continue to see the Website as a core location for up to date information, and they noticed parts of it are out of date for this school year. The principal confirmed that e-mail, the website (e.g. Daily Bulletins are posted), and Powerschool will be core communication tools. The Twitter feed will be handled by a new staff this year so it has not began yet.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:00 pm