



Bev Facey Community High School

School Council Meeting – Tuesday January 13, 2015 (School Office meeting room)

Attendees: 5 *parents* - Sandy Stor (Chair), Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen (Secretary), Lori Martin (Member at Large), Sheilah Lorenz, Maxine MacKay ; 3 *school reps* – Principal Bill Schlatt, Asst Principal Sharon Gach, Teacher Christina Gieringer, ; 1 *Student Voice reps* – Brett Golka (Gr 12)

Regrets: Barb McNeill (Elk Island Public School Trustee), Susan Ballash (Vice Chair), Louise Laforet and Michelle Dugan (Members at Large)

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Additions to agenda: New Business 3: Grade 10 students and 20 level courses

Nov 4, 2014 Minutes: Approved (Motion by Lori Martin Seconded by Sandy Stor CARRIED

BRING FORWARD: Fall 2015 AGM: Minutes of 2014 AGM are officially approved

Ongoing Business for Next Meetings:

- Review of Action Items (every meeting)

The **October 2014 action items outstanding** are:

ACTION 3: Tracey Howell will attend the EIPS PD day in October on behalf of both FRH and Facey and report back at the Nov 4th School Council meeting. (Tracey was not at the November meeting and to our knowledge no written update was sent.) CANCELLED as now outdated and no communication from Tracey since October meeting.

ACTION 5: Ask Sharon Gach if she will provide a 20 minute presentation on "Powerschool gets practical" at an upcoming School Council meeting. Now set for January 13, 2015 meeting COMPLETED

ACTION 6: Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen (and Lori Martin) will put together a Facey website scavenger hunt for the February School Council meeting. For example, where to find the **Daily Bulletins** from which your students get their news <http://www.bevfacey.ca/index.php?page=1770> - DELAYED as new website not up - **Moved to February meeting as website going live on February 9th.**

BRING FORWARD

- 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. Powerschool gets practical

The Powerschool system was on screen and council and parents asked questions and were guided through its functionalities by Asst Principal Sharon Gach. Powerschool was originally built in the U.S. so needs adaptation to work in the way our school system is organized. As our school has a DAILY BULLETIN, we do not use the school announcement tab in Powerschool. Find the Daily Bulletins on the Parent section of the www.bevfacey.ca. Anything in blue on Powerschool you can click on and more information is available. Greater than 94% of parents are now on Powerschool and paying their fees this way. Powerschool is not used by students in some of the Special Education programs. Here parents stay connected with their student's schooling through communication linked with their IPPs such as telephone, e-mail communication with teachers and educational assistants.

Parents – please remember to use your parent login (not the student) as you have more information there including fees and the link to pay them.

2. Grade 10 students and 20 level courses

Parents commented that they see some valid reasons for grade 10s to take 20 level courses in 2nd semester. In recent years at Bev Facey this opportunity was not very common, yet at some schools this is planned for to get in all the academic courses for some students. Bev Facey administration is considering these requests more again. Of course in filling classes each semester grade 12's have first rights to 30 level courses, grade 11's to 20 levels and finally grade 10's can take 20 levels early.

Reports:

1. Chairperson Report: Nothing to report.

2. Administration: Principal Bill Schlatt provided updates on the semester one exams. Although there were technical problems in some schools around Alberta with English Part A it went smoothly at Bev Facey. Staff are focused on fixing timetables with students for second semester and adding teachers for some subjects to reduce class size and to cover maternity leaves.

A growing issue is students missing exams during the semester and at finals for lack of preparedness, sports and music commitments with other organizations or vacations. Parents are encouraged to ensure students are in attendance throughout the school year and throughout the final exam time period. Another issue is the amount of students arriving late to class. Parents at the school council meeting discussed ideas with Mr. Schlatt and there will be some new attention to this issue in second semester.

Bev Facey is down one administrator as Mrs. Sheryl Tscilas has gone to support another EIPS school mid year. Mr. Schlatt is covering the grade 10 administrator role. They may hire a Facey staff to cover the role for 2nd semester.

Staff member Jennie Camp has been leading the update to the new Bev Facey website. It was decided that in late January 2015, members of school council can review the updated website and provide feedback to Jennie for consideration.

We can expect the new EIPS Superintendant (Mark Liguori) to visit Bev Facey CHS in second semester.

Grade 12 parents will want to ensure they are signed up for REMIND 101 for graduation which is scheduled for Saturday May 30th, 2015.

3. **Student:** Brett updated us about a Wake-a-thon being planned for students for Friday February 27th 8 pm to 8 am Sat. This is a fundraiser where students support a community charity.
4. **Committees of School Councils:** Sandy attended the most recent COSC meeting and she said the decision is the status quo for the school calendar. It's important to note 2015-16 school year starts August 31st before the long weekend. See <https://www.eips.ca/cosc-meetings> for COSC agenda and minutes.
5. **Trustee:** The Board highlights are up for the December 18th, 2014 meeting. Go to <http://www.eips.ca/board-meeting-documents> . EIPS trustee for Facey (Barb) was not at the meeting and did not submit a report.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 10th, 2015 (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) (at Bev Facey CHS)