



Bev Facey Community High School

School Council Meeting – Tuesday November 4, 2014 (Library)

Attendees: 8 *parents* - Sandy Stor, Michelle Dugan, Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen, Lori Martin, Susan Ballash, Rodney Frank, Cara Brandse, Irene Mertz-LaBonte
4 *school reps* – Principal Bill Schlatt, Asst Principal Sharon Gach, Teacher Gerald Chung, Barb McNeill (Elk Island Public School Trustee)
3 *Student Voice reps* – Brett Golka (Gr 12), Amanda Stor, Spencer Cummings (Gr 10), Tara Ramsey

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Additions to agenda:

Oct 7, 2014 Minutes: Approved for accuracy with change of wording to Action 5 to reflect that a specific meeting for Sharon Gach to present on Powerschool was not set as she was not at the meeting to speak to the action item. FINAL version of minutes reflects this change. (Motion by Susan Ballash Seconded by Lori Martin 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 September 2014 action items outstanding was completed by Student Voice attending this November meeting:

ACTION: Bill Schlatt will ensure that at least one Bev Facey student attends each School Council meeting to provide another perspective, beginning with the October 7th meeting. (COMPLETED at November 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.)

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.**

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>

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. Debrief of October 22nd Student Recognition Award Gala

Discussion included whether enough emphasis is given to the majority of students invited; the honours students. Also only one of the five students getting the Parent Council Award attended which is less than hoped. New ideas will be tried next year to increase the specialness for honours students and to dress up the physical space. The food was described as fabulous. Great job to the Culinary students and the Football players who hosted. Even the timing of when awards are presented was discussed, including revisiting staying away from midterm week at the university for returning grade 12's. Suggestion was the Tuesday or Wednesday immediately after Thanksgiving Monday in case returning grade 12's are in town for this celebration.

2. Feedback about last week's student-parent-teacher interviews

Those present at the meeting talked about really liking the way it is organized currently. Most parents spoke to all of the teachers they wanted to in an hour. Thanks to teachers for encouraging the attendance of students as this helped parents who also wanted them present. The teachers spoke to both the parents and the students in the dialogue so everyone felt included. Colleen (Facey office) was available to show parents how to sign on to Powerschool and they had a chance to practice right in the moment. Parents of students in all grade show, but there is a better turnout by grade 10 and 12 parents than grade 11 parents.

3. Three year Education Plan

Community of School Councils will receive a draft plan on November 5th so the consensus was it was too early to discuss at this Parent Council meeting.

<p>Action 1: Tracey Howell, our COSC rep report back on the November 5th COSC meeting from a parent's perspective at the January 13th Facey Parent Council meeting.</p>
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4. Wifi (Mr. Chung)

New line that is direct from SHAW expected in December 2014 to increase speed for all in the school.

Reports:

1. **Chairperson Report:** Sandy expressed her appreciation to Facey admin team for providing increased communication about Parent Council meetings and opportunities for parents at the school. She also reminded us to participate in EIPS board level feedback opportunities (qualities of a new superintendent, holiday schedule).
2. **Administration:** Principal Bill Schlatt reminded people of the upcoming Fall Break new week, and spoke to the new fitness centre that is being developed in the school, in readiness for the new school year. Flaman Fitness has provided a large financial gift of all of the fitness centre's equipment. A lottery grant has been received for the structural changes to the space (mirrors, water fountains for hydration, appropriate flooring). EIPS central office is supporting the work needed on the merging of some rooms and the cooling system changes. A great partnering effort. The philosophy of the school is active living with personal fitness, eating well and sleep as a priority. Student voice is open to any student attending Bev Facey and students will meet next with Facey admin on November 7th for lunch in the conference room. Students generate ideas for the discussion at these lunches. At the last meeting 15-17 people were present.

Mr. Chung then highlighted the Petro Challenge that takes place over 4 days with 500 students involved provincially. Facey has 70-80 students in it during the 2nd week of December at the Strathcona Community Centre. The winning team is who makes the most money in the virtual challenge.

3. **Student:** Wifi issue definitely needs to be resolved; it is a valuable resource to the educational experience at the school. Mixed reviews on the new student driven version of Social Studies available this year. It uses team teaching, inquiry-based learning, progress at your own rate, many ways to demonstrate knowledge gained. Staff replied that some students switched into the new course and some switched out, and that they will be more deliberate in ensuring students know what they are getting if they are registered in this version.
4. **Committees of School Councils:** See <https://www.eips.ca/cosc-meetings> for COSC agenda and minutes.
5. **Trustee:** The Board highlights are up for the December 4, 2014 meeting (rescheduled from Public Meeting Nov 27th due to weather). Go to <http://www.eips.ca/board-meeting-documents> . As well attached is the specific written report our EIPS trustee for Facey (Barb) submitted at the November 2014 School Council meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:12 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 13th, 2015 (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) (at Bev Facey CHS)