

Bev Facey Community High School

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

Attendees: 6 families represented - Susan Ballash (Vice Chair), Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen (Secretary), , Maxine MacKay, Michelle Dugan (Members at Large), Evaelitza Ceballos, Lisa Clamp:

4 school reps – Principal Bill Schlatt, Asst Principal Sharon Gach, Teacher Christina Gieringer, Jenny Camp (Facey website lead); 1 Student Voice reps – Brett Golka (Gr 12)

Regrets: Sandy Stor (Chair), Lori Martin (Member at Large), Barb McNeill (Elk Island Public School Trustee), Louise Laforet (Member at Large)

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Additions to agenda: New Business 2: Accountability Pillars

January 13, 2015 Minutes: Approved (Motion by Michelle Dugan Seconded by Maxine MacKay CARRIED

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

Ongoing Business for Next Meetings:

Review of Action Items (every meeting): No Actions outstanding at this time

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. What Gems of Information are on the new Bev Facey Website?

Parents Lori Martin and Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen developed a website scavenger hunt that the attendees present completed in teams of three as a fun way to become familiar with more of the information and resources available to students and parents on the website. (Attachment 1 & 2: Blank copy of the scavenger hunt and Copy of the Answers)

2. Accountability Pillars

At least a couple of parents have been frustrated by the questions on Alberta Education's Accountability Pillars Survey because there is no location to provide any feedback; all the questions are closed-ended multiple choice. Discussion included that this question would not need to be summarized by Alberta Education but the verbatim comments would be provided back to the school as this would be an enormous amount of qualitative date across all the Alberta Schools.

MOTION: Lori Martin submitted the motion before the meeting "I move that Bev Facey School Council write a letter to Alberta Education about the Accountability Pillar Survey requesting one open ended question be included. (Z'Anne seconded CARRIED)

ACTION 7: Z'Anne develop a draft of the letter before the next meeting of School Council and the text for the finalized letter be confirmed at the March 10th, 2015 School Council meeting. (Attachment 3: Draft of letter)

Reports:

- 1. Chairperson Report: Nothing to report as Chair away.
- 2. **Administration**: Principal Bill Schlatt provided the update. North Central Teacher's Convention was helpful for networking with other staff. Hayley Wickenheiser's presentation was a highlight for Mr. Schlattl. More sections of various subjects have been added for second semester. We welcomed three new staff: Mr. Janzen (automotives), Miss Peters and Mr. Corbelo (Legal Studies). The boundary exemption application timeframe is in progress (Feb. 17th to March 13th, 2015). Mr. Schlatt had the opportunity to meet with the new EIPS superintendent. The workout room is much closer to completion with the floor going in next week and the equipment arriving in April. We encourage families to participate in our Saturday March 7, 2015 fundraiser with General Motors. For every test drive of Buicks, GM will donate \$10. The test drives will take place from Bev Facey. There has been some positive change in attendance in the early days of this initiative for second semester.

Parents asked Mr. Schally during his report about the possibility of a larger school theatre being added to the school. As well parents asked about whether incentives for attendance would be helpful. Board policy would not allow incentives to be tied to assessment. Student Voice in the coming month will also provide Mr. Schlatt with ideas on enhancing attendance.

- 3. **Student:** Brett said some students still have questions on what will be done in certain situations with the new initiative on reducing lates and increasing attendance of students.
- 4. **Committees of School Councils:** Nothing to report as Chair away who attends; See https://www.eips.ca/cosc-meetings for COSC agenda and minutes.
- 5. **Trustee:** The Board highlights are up for the January 22, 2015 meeting, and they were digitally attached to the e-mail invite to tonight's meeting. Go to http://www.eips.ca/board-meeting-documents. EIPS trustee for Facey (Barb) was not at tonight's meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 pm

Thank you's...

- Jenny Camp for all the amazing, detailed work of moving the Facey website onto the new computer platform and updating so much content thanks to the great work of many Bev Facey staff.
- Lori Martin for home baking at the School Council meeting to inspire us during our little friendly "Do you know the Facey website" competition between attendess ©.
- Z'Anne and Lori for coming up with the content of the WEBSITE SCAVENGER HUNT
- To Bill Schlatt for taking the families present on a tour of the new and old fitness areas so we understand the new opportunities it will provide for wellness for our students. (at 8:10 pm)

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 10th, 2015 (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) (at Bev Facey Community High School)