

Bev Facey Community High School

School Council Meeting – Sept 8, 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Attendees: 15 families represented – Cara Brandse, Donner Derwenke (sp?), Karin Gilker, Lisa Clamp, Lori Martin, Lynette Markey, Maxine MacKay, Michelle Dugan, Pam Cypher, Rod Frank, Roswitha Latta, Sandy Stor, Sherri Kaldenhoven, Yvonne Thomas, Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen
6 school reps – Principal Bill Schlacht, Asst Principals Trudi Willhamson, Sharon Gach and Amit Mali, Teachers Rita Lal, Wendy Wong;

0 Student Voice rep –

1 Elk Island Public School Trustee – Trina Boymook (our rep for 2015-16 school year)

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

- Introduction of all in attendance
- Reviewed the AGM Sept 2014 minutes (no motion)

Election of Officers

Nominations or volunteers taken from the floor for all positions

Chair – Sandy Stor (Nominated by Michelle Dugan, seconded by Lori Martin)

Vice Chair – Lori Martin (Nominated by Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen, seconded by Sandy Stor)

Secretary – Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen (Nominated by Sandy Stor, seconded by Lisa Clamp)

Members at Large**

1. **Michelle Dugan** (Nominated by Lori Martin, seconded by ____)
2. **Maxine MacKay** (volunteered)
3. **Lisa Clamp** (volunteered)

** As no past chair with Sandy doing another term we are going with 3 Members at Large

The slate of officers were accepted as nominated/volunteered. Thank you to all who agreed to serve Bev Facey in this way.

Additions to the agenda

Approve May 12, 2015 minutes

Accepted as drafted (Motion: Lisa Clamp, seconded by Rod Frank) Motion carried

Ongoing Business:

None as start of new Parent Council year

New Business:

1. 2015-16 Parent Council schedule of meetings for the year

The Chair (Sandy) reviewed the dates of the 2015-16 meeting on the school website, showing parents where they can be found on the Parent tab of www.bevfacey.ca.

ACTION 1: Bill Schlatt provide in advance the topics that will be covered at the Parent Council meeting. Rationale: Knowing the topics shows parents the interesting things we discuss, and helps them know when they would find it helpful to attend.

ACTION 2: Lori Martin (Vice Chair) represent our Parent Council on Sept 23, 2015 (4:30 – 6:30 pm) at the EIPS Public School Board meet and greet for parent councils and principals.



... to Z'Anne for noticing that we needed to get a series of Daily Bulletins back up on the website for parents
... to Sharon Gach for responding so promptly; Facey staff had that in place in minutes

Awards Night for the 2014-15 school year has been enhanced to ensure all students getting awards will be named individually and have the honour of receiving their award on stage. Parents watch for invitations in the mail for students.

ACTION 3: Sandy Stor will hand out the School Council awards at Awards Night on Wednesday October 21st

ACTION 4: Sandy Stor book Learning Clicks for November 2015.

2. Principal Schlacht's: Start-up of a New School Year information briefing, including new teaching and administrative staff

Start up of the school year went well. Lots of student course changes still being addressed in Student Services this month. Increased student population of 1131 last week, and 3 or 4 teachers hired in the last week as well. Typically working toward having the class size below 30; largest class is 34.

Taking a new approach of **sharing students** across school when that helps that student meet their educational needs. There are some **ASAA athletics** rules in flux that may affect students who change schools. For the second year running **Fashion Studies** had less than 10 students registered. Options that came back this school year due to interest were **Forensics** and Floral Design, as well as there are now 2 sections of **Spanish**. Less registered in **French** this year.

The **Advanced Placement program has changed the curriculum for Social Studies** and this has created less overlap between the Alberta Education curriculum and Advanced Placement requirements. How to handle this with our present Social Studies 20 and 30 AP students is in discussion.

ACTION 5: Bev Facey admin/social studies department reach out to parents of Social Studies AP students to work collectively on a solution that allows students to meet the AP requirements and continue to have the opportunity to write the AP exam.

3. Other

Parents raised questions about diplomas with the switch to classroom marks being weighted 70% and the diploma exam being weighted 30% in Alberta students final grades in the 2015-16 school year. In response to the change from 50% /50% it was mentioned that some universities are considering moving to using the diplomas as 100% of their determination of who is admitted.

News that students can be shared across schools resulted in some questions about new opportunities this could provide; taking 3 credit CALM through another school where matches opening in a timetable; registering in courses that are not offered at your primary school. This is an approach in its infancy and specifics would be considered and worked out on a student by student basis.

Interest in how Math 10C works were handled by Wendy Wong and a couple of parents present praised the school for this opportunity and the success it can give students.

Reports:

1. Past Chairperson

No additional reporting from Sandy Stor.

2. Administration

Mr Schlatt invited Wendy Wong, the teacher lead for Grad 2015-16 planning.

Northlands contacted Bev Facey school about a double booking issue involving our grad and another contract “for the weekend after the long weekend” which turn into the same day this year. Facey graduation is typically the LAST WEEKEND in MAY. This has spurred on the school reflecting on whether any changes should be made in how the graduation ceremony and celebration hosted by the school could occur. The cost per ticket has gone up over the years; there has been a decrease in attendance. No information was provided on whether less, more or the same number of students are participating. That is the decrease in attendance could be more/same number of students are attending with less guests OR less students are attending but those that are continue to bring quite a few guests.

2100 attended Grad banquet 5 years ago (not the largest Grad class)

1700 attended Grad banquet 2015

** To interpret we would have to know the number of students graduating and how many of these attended the grad banquet; this data was not provided

2009 - \$60 total with food \$40 of it and rest 15% gratuity + GST

2014 - \$75 total with food \$50 of it and rest 18.6% gratuity + GST plus costs of Northlands new security procedures and paramedic

This year estimate \$80 minimum; food prices are up this year

Wendy chatted about various options they are researching and a survey they are considering for students and parent. There is no student committee in place for the 2015-16 grad yet. Salisbury Composite High School is evaluating their grad opportunities too.

ACTION 6: Bev Facey Parent Council elected officers be given the opportunity to review a draft of the survey in September 2015 before it goes out to parents and students, and have their feedback considered and to some degree implemented in the final version of the parent survey and the student survey. It should state clearly the details of each option, and each options' advantages and disadvantages in an unbiased manner (e.g. impact on cost, change of date, loss of a sit down dinner etc).

ACTION 7: Bev Facey Admin and Wendy Wong as Grad Lead ensure that there is a representative sample of parents and students from Grade 12's, Grade 11's and Grade 10's as any decision to change grad would affect more than one student group, and all families across grade levels should be able to influence that decision, not just our present grade 12's. Every effort should be taken to get a good response rate.

The **School Education Plan for 2015-18** is up on the EIPS district website. Three Facey goals are: 1. Technology integration; 2. Parent Engagement; 3. Data analysis to improve student achievement.

Families are encouraged to get involved with the Facey Flyer Fun Run in partnership with the Running Room. As the discussion continued parents encouraged Facey staff to update the Sports pages, and put more things on the Athletic tab.

ACTION 8: Bev Facey Admin let the Athletics Director and teams know there has been some feedback over a number of meetings that parents would appreciate seeing the main www.bevfacey.ca website be kept up to date with the present junior and senior team members for each sport, as well as the link to other websites/calendars core to that team.

3. Student

ACTION 9: Bev Facey Admin ensure that one or more students begin attending Parent Council beginning with the October meeting.

4. Committee of School Councils

No report for new school year from Sandy Stor. COSC meeting is October 8, 2015.

5. Trustee

Trina Boymook (Board Chair for 2015-16) discussed with parents present the Education Act, the status of new school builds, timing of pre-budget consultations..

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 pm

The Next Meeting: Tuesday October 13, 2015 (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)