

Bev Facey Community High School

School Council Meeting – Oct 13, 2015 MINUTES

Attendees: 16 families represented – _____ Meier, Cara Brandise, Donna Kristensen, Karen Shandro, Kim Vioncek, Lisa Clamp, Lori Martin, Lori-Ann Klingbeil, Martha Martinez, Maxine Mackay, Michelle Dugan, Roswitha Latta, Sandy Stor, Sheara Wilson, Sherri Kaldenhoven, Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen

7 school reps – Principal Bill Schlacht, Asst Principals Trudi Willhamson, Sharon Gach, Teachers Karin Holt, Nicole Mayr, 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: 7:03 pm

- Introduction of all in attendance

Additions to the agenda – move Graduation Survey follow-up and next steps first

Approve AGM September 2015 minutes

Accepted as drafted with correction of “Schlacht” spelling
(Motion: Sandy Stor, seconded by Lori Martin) Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. Graduation survey follow-up and next step

Wendy Wong provided an update on her work as the lead of the 2016 graduation planning. Many parents attended today’s Parent Council meeting to have a voice and hear where things are at in the planning. Today Wendy Wong met with a number of grade 12s. The grad plan has yet to be finalized. Of those polled today:

- 91 want banquet including dance,
- 27 dance and stand-up reception,
- 12 not planning to attend

Action 1: Wendy Wong will complete development of drafted survey shown at parent council.

It will go only to this year’s grade 12’s and a comment box will be added, and the ability to go back in the digital survey in case parents want to change their responses as they learn more. The survey will be up for one week starting sometime the week of October 13th.

Action 2: Wendy Wong will put a HOLD on the last weekend in May 2017 banquet and ceremony combo at Northlands Expo Centre/Agricom as in previous years for Grad 2017 as requested by grade 11 parents at the Parent Council meeting. This will mean this opportunity is available as an option, regardless of the decision of this year’s grade 12’s.

2. 2015-16 School Fees

Parents have been calling and asking questions about fees. Examples include but are not limited to questions about the noon hour supervision fee, lock fee, learning resource fee, volleyball fees (and the opportunity to decide as parents how much optional clothing is purchased).

3. Social AP

Karin Holt spoke to parents about the changing curriculum of European History/Social Studies Advanced Placement and how it is more of a challenge to mesh it with the Alberta curriculum requirements. Ten have written this AP exam in the last 5 years.

Action 3: At the next Bev Facey AP open house, we (likely Karen Holt) will be sure to explain clearly this change in Social Studies AP and outline how it is being addressed in Elk Island Public Schools once the plan is finalized.

4. School Education Plan

Included in Administration Report and BRING FORWARD to November Meeting

REPORTS:

1. Chairperson

Action 4: Sandy Stor will book the November date(s) for the Learning Clicks session at Bev Facey. Grade 10, 11 and 12 students and parents should attend.

2. Administration

Principal Bill Schlacht passed out copies of the School Education Plan to parents. Each upcoming meeting we will take 20 minutes at Parent Council to talk about one of the topics in the plan in more depth.

To increase parent engagement at Bev Facey, he has been calling grade 10 parents to see how things are going for their families at the school. Facey staff completed 410 individual contacts, 190 of which were personal phone calls to parents during the first time period measured.

Rita Lal will be a voice back to Facey staff on what parents voice as ideas and concerns at Parent Council. She is working on her Masters and is happy to be the bridge of communication.

3. Student

Student Voice is meeting for the first time later this week, so still no rep for Parent Council.

4. Committee of School Councils

Sandy was not able to attend. However Trina Boymook was present and she highlighted the substance abuse presentation on fentanyl by Parents Empowering Parents. (see attached info sheet on fentanyl).

5. Trustee

September 28: Board Chairs and Superintendents from 5 local school boards met with the Minister of Education. It was an opportunity for him to get to meet us and hear about our success and challenges and to share our views of the needs of the education system.

October 5: We hosted a joint meeting with all three of our region's MLAs. We used this time to provide our MLAs an overview of EIPS: how we serve our diverse communities, what makes us unique and some of the challenges we face.

October 8 & 9: The board and the superintendent held a board retreat. The retreat was used to have deeper conversations that will provide direction to our senior administration team, establish priorities of the board and develop the board's work plan.

October 26: I (Trina) will be attending my quarterly meeting with the Mayor of Strathcona County. We will be discussing school zone times, providing an update on capital projects and joint use agreement.



... Wendy Wong for all her detailed research into grad celebration options
... to Lori Martin for attending the COSC meet and greet on behalf of our parent council

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59 pm

The Next Meeting: Tuesday November 17, 2015 (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)