

Bev Facey Community High School

School Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 16th, 2016

Attendees: 9 families represented – Michelle Dugan, Sandy Stor, Sherri Kaldenhoven, Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen, Lori Martin, Rod Frank, Joanne T, Leah Hesson, Maxine MacKay

4 school reps – Principal Bill Schlacht, Assistant Principals Trudi Williamson, Sharon Gach
Teachers Rita Lal

No Student Voice reps – Invited, none showed

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

Call to Order: 6:36 pm (School Library; earlier start time now in place)

- Introduction of all in attendance
- Secretary: Lori covered for Z'Anne for 1st 30 minutes due to new earlier start time.

Additions to the agenda – returned to original agenda

Ski Trip – Joanne T

Communication in general – Rita

School Trips (international) for next year - Maxine

Approve Jan 12, 2016 minutes

Accepted as drafted (Motion: Michelle Dugan) **Motion CARRIED**

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Graduation 2016 Plans

Parent Questions:

1. Was Wendy able to book for May of next year – 2017 grads? (**Action 2 from Oct 2015 meeting** – date for grad 2017 was bookmarked; **item closed**)
2. What about a “donate” button? (**Dec Action item #1** – helping grads in need will be handled more behind the scenes or by outside organizations not through a school website donate button; **item closed**)

ACTION 1 : Next Grade update at April 2016 meeting (unless information comes available sooner)

NEW BUSINESS

Parents, let's fix this trend. Senior high students deserve our support as much as young students do. Please come help at Bev Facey; e-mail volunteer@bevfacey.ca

1. Communication (Rita)

- Daily bulletin up by 9:30 a.m. most days
- No parent volunteers have come forward to help with volunteering
- Thank you to the one retired teacher and the one member of the busy community who have volunteers



- Rita asked for ideas to engage parents even further. Parents present reminded staff that the website is great, and not to give up. Also suggested that the Parent Info Night provides a great opportunity to get parents of students coming to Facey to highlight the opportunity to volunteers. Personal inviting of individual parents works too.



- ACTION 2:** One parent stepped up to help with photocopying at the meeting (Thank you Joanne!)
- ACTION 3:** Rita will send out the request for parent volunteers (with specific opportunities) on Synervice

2. School Trips/Ski Trips

- Teachers want to do travel opportunities with their students
- **Bottom line: travel must be tied to curriculum outcomes students are registered in that year.**
- If a trip idea meets this criteria it will first be brought for conversation with EIPS Central Office before being brought forward to parents and students as an idea.
- There will be less trips next year, and ski trips may not happen next year.
- New Administrative Procedures being developed that will also help schools understand what is possible and what is not.

3. My Voice, My Future

- Talked to 100 students in grade 9-11 about what they consider an ideal school environment today (February 16, 2016) Thanks to the Bev Facey students who participated.

REPORTS

1. CHAIRPERSON REPORT: Sandy highlighted that we need a rep to attend the Alberta School Council's Association Annual General Meeting on April 22-24, 2016.

<http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?page=Conference>

Go to this link if you want to review the issues resolution proposed.

2. ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Bill Schlacht (Principal) reminded us of the Open House at Facey on March 17th. There will also be an info night about high school in general at the Agora (Strathcona County Community Centre).

Bill lead a presentation with slides on the **Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environments**. Parents and staff at the School Council meeting had a meaningful discussion about a number of areas.

- Policy 19: <http://www.eips.ca/download/69691>
- Administrative Procedure 490: <https://www.eips.ca/about-us/administrative-procedures/490>

3. STUDENT REPORT: No students present to provide report.

4. COMMITTEE OF SCHOOL COUNCILS REPORT: (covered by Sandy Stor, above)

5. TRUSTEE: Trina Boymook

EIPS and EICS presented on January 26, 2016 to Strathcona County Council Priority's meeting to formally request that Council review the effective time for school zones to be 8 am to 4:30 pm for urban schools and 7:30 to 4:30 for rural schools.

Trina presented at the Vegreville Chamber of Commerce on February 10th and the Sherwood Park Chamber of Commerce on February 11th and will be at Lamont County on March 10th to share information and answer questions about EIPS. The goal is to hear what skills and knowledge students need to have to prepare for the world of work.

The **March 17th EIPS board meeting** will be in the evening (6 pm start for public portion) and five parent councils are invited to present to the School Trustees on advocacy partnerships, health schools, mental health and parental involvement.

Boundary exemptions are underway. Go to <http://www.eips.ca/schools/boundaries/boundary-exemption-request-process>. Applications need to be into the school that the student hopes to attend by **April 14, 2016**.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

NEXT MEETING
Tues March 8th 6:30 to 8:30 pm

