

Bev Facey Community High School

School Council Meeting – Tuesday, March 8th, 2016

Attendees: 6 families represented – Sherri Kaldenhoven, Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen, Lori Martin, Maxine MacKay, Lisa Clamp, Cara Brandse

6 school reps – Principal Bill Schlacht, Assistant Principals Trudi Williamson, Sharon Gach
Teachers Rita Lal, Candida Shepherd EIPS Technology Specialist James Aitchison

1 Student Voice reps – Katie Orr

Elk Island Public School Trustee – Regrets

Call to Order: 6:32 pm (School Library; Vice Chair Lori Martin)

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

Additions to the agenda – none

Approve Feb 16, 2016 minutes

Accepted as drafted with 2 typos corrected (Grade to Grad; must to much)

Motion: 1. Cara Brandse; 2, Sherri Kaldenhoven

Motion CARRIED

ONGOING BUSINESS

No items

NEW BUSINESS



1. Director of Technology (James)

- Presentation on technology in schools and classrooms and need for new infrastructure
- Demand in schools is too big for existing infrastructure – needs increased bandwidth at Facey; other schools have fibre technology
- Increase from 20 MB to 100 MB per second on the docket; should be done by end of summer; will eventually move to 200 MB/second after reassessing needs at Facey
- Internet and supernet services have been increased at EIPS central office and between schools, and negotiated a lower cost per second with Shaw service provider
- Goods news is students will be able to work quicker and more reliably with increase access points.

Questions from James (IT) for Parents:

Should we allow kids to go on “Shaw Go Wifi” services (the ones who have access to it) in order to reduce amount of internet traffic school wide?

Concerns are that only kids with families with Shaw accounts can go on it and their family may not have the built in filters expected of schools. Also does it use up that family’s maximum Shaw use for their account?



User Access to Networked Resources

A student’s digital profile will follow them from junior high to senior high. Students will have Google Chrome and Office 365 – employers want high school grads to have Microsoft Office experience, not just Google. On March 15th each family will get 5 downloads of Office 365 for home computers for free.

Where should digital files be stored:

In EIPS, 1.1 million documents have been stored in Google by students. If EIPS would have to store this amount of data it would be a huge expense.

James said **Technology improves student engagement in school.**

Mayor Carr announced funding in Strathcona County for rural intranet which will help our rural Facey students when working at home.

James spoke of encouraging RESPONSIVE, AGILE and CURIOUS students. In 2023 technology power will be equal to that human brain in terms of how it responds to a decision making tree. Our school system needs to catch our students up. Watch Brad Paisley’s “Welcome to the Future”. Technology will be come more and more multi sensory (Deep Learning).

Present idea (with a 3 year timeframe):

Kindergarten to Grade 3 – technology a maximum of 20% of child’s day

Grade 4-9 – one to one access to Chromebooks

Grade 10-12 – bring your own device

ACTION 1: Parents let your School Administrators, School Council (harvey-jansen@shaw.ca) and James in EIPS Technology know your thoughts (James@outlookenterprises.ca)

REPORTS

1. CHAIRPERSON REPORT: No Report as Sandy Stor sent regrets

2. ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Bill Schlacht shared that about 400 people attended the general high school open house held at the Agora. Now the Bev Facey school specific open house will take place March 17th (same week as other EIPS high schools).

ACTION 2: Sandy Stor will speak to parents on behalf of Parent Council at the Bev Facey Open House (March 17th; 6:30 pm). Thank you Sandy!

3. STUDENT REPORT: Involved earlier in evening

4. COMMITTEE OF SCHOOL COUNCILS REPORT: No Report as Sandy Stor sent regrets

ACTION 3: Parents read through the Issue Resolutions for Alberta School Councils Association and then Sandy Stor will represent our school at the AGM later in April. Thank you Sandy!

5. TRUSTEE: Trina Boymook let us know in advance she had to miss this meeting.

Meeting Adjourned (time not recorded by Z'Anne).

NEXT MEETING
Tues April 12th 6:30 to 8:30 pm