

Bev Facey Community High School

School Council Meeting – Tuesday, April 12th, 2016

Attendees: 9 families represented – Sandy Stor, Sherri Kaldenhoven, Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen, Lori Martin, Maxine MacKay, Lisa Clamp, Michelle Dugan, Rod Frank, Leah Hesson

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 – none

Elk Island Public School Trustee – Trina Boymook

Call to Order: 6:34 pm (School Library)

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

Additions to the agenda

- Communication update by Rita Lal (during Administration Report)
- Sandy Stor would like to refer back to the Technology discussion
- Clarification on timing of student marks on powerschool

Approve March 8, 2016 minutes

Accepted as drafted

Motion: 1. Lisa Clamp 2, Maxine MacKay

Motion CARRIED

ONGOING BUSINESS

Following up on the March 2016 technology discussion, Sandy who was away added her comments about its importance. As well people spoke to James last meeting after the formal meeting ended. Continue to make your ideas heard.



NEW BUSINESS

1. Alberta School Board Association General Meeting

Attendees at this parent council (April 12th) discussed and provided feedback and direction to Sandy Stor who will represent Bev Facey Parent Council at this upcoming meeting.

P16-01: Consent as an addition to the Alberta sexual education curriculum.

BF Parent Council: Accept the first proposal as written

Approximately 20 parents per year contact Bev Facey for exemptions for their children from the sex education part of CALM.



P16-02: Visual resources related to provincial assessment

BF Parent Council: Agree with the resolution with a small change in the wording to say that the student has to have been using the visual aid beforehand.

P16-03: Individualized Program Plans (IPPs)/Instructional Support Plans (ISPs) and other outcome based tools

We use the ISP format now at Facey. They are carried over within the computer so accessible when a student moves to a new school. Rita Lal spoke here to the fact we do the ISPs for September 30th and those in the special education program need a bit more time and are complete by October 7th each year. Having an IPP or ISP does not mean the child has additional funding, some do and some do not.

BF Parent Council: Accept the proposal as written to help other school jurisdiction in getting the same quality we have.

P16-04: LGBTQ access to information

BF Parent Council: Accept the proposal. Suggest Sandy clarify if this is a duplication of other toolkits that presently exist.

P16-05: Provincial support for transfer stations development in regionalized transportation systems

Funding for yellow school buses comes from Alberta Education. Elk Island Public Schools has 6 transfer stations. One for example is Salisbury Composite High School in Sherwood Park.

BF Parent Council: Accept the proposal.

2. Clarification on timing of student marks on Powerschool

Student marks such as individual assignments and tests should be up within 5 school days of the date they were due or the date of the test. At the outside range, they should be up within 10 school days. Summary grades are put up on the front page just prior to parent teacher student interviews and at the close of the school year. [If these standards are not being met, as a parent please contact the grade level administrator for your student.](#)

There are no participation marks in courses. Please call the school if you have questions.

REPORTS

1. CHAIRPERSON REPORT: Sandy Stor provided the report.

- April's Learning Clicks will take place Amit is working with Sandy to have one student session during the day in April. Parents talk it up with your child. As well there will be an evening one. Great for grade 10, 11 and 12 students.
- Gave the remarks at the Open House and parents did chat with her afterward.

2. ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Bill Schlacht provided the report.

Tomorrow EIPS leadership is doing the First Nations, Metis, Inuit blanket exercise. One of Bev Facey's administrators Sharon Gach is off on a leave. During Spring Break there were 3 successful international trips. Bill went along on the fine arts trip to Japan as the administrator.

A detailed discussion with parents ensued on how **field trips** will be handled in the future, how a local field trip can be just as important to one student as a far way trip is to another. Important to parents was that families in all economic situations are able to have a chance to get way with their fellow students.

Direction from parents: Look for opportunities for every student.

Bev Facey administration consider developing a local field trip that is inclusive and physically active.

It could of course need to avoid large risk, be reasonable in cost and be curriculum related, all of which are standards that Trina highlighted for successful field trips.



Student counselling services are located again in the general office where the school administrators are. This has increased connection as they are now again geographically co-located. Next year's grade 11 and 12 students are all now registered in their choice of courses. The upcoming number of next year's grade 10's is smaller so this will likely have an impact on the number of staff in the school next year. Now the next step is for administration to start on timetabling. Boundary exemption deadline is approaching too.

The school has new policies for reducing paper use so this has also slowed down Rita's use of parents to help with teacher's copying needs. She has appreciated the exam reader volunteers.

3. STUDENT REPORT: No students present

4. COMMITTEE OF SCHOOL COUNCILS REPORT: Sandy attended and reported that the Superintendent (Mark) spoke to EIPS technology plan. Bev Facey still needs to increase its bandwidth by December 2016; physical building of cement creates challenges. Continue to provide feedback about technology plan.

5. TRUSTEE: Trina Boymook added some information about the First Nations, Metis, Inuit teacher quality standards in relation to Bill Schlatt's update.

- Draft Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environments has been approved at our March 17, 2016 Board meeting and it now replaces the former Policy 19 Respectful Working and Learning Environments. We officially submitted Policy 19 and the three Administrative Procedures on March 22, 2016.
- With the delay in the Provincial Budget the Board has decided to defer establishing budget assumptions and approving fees until the Provincial budget is released. The province is expected to release the budget on April 14, 2016. With the Budget being released late, the Board's meeting schedule has been adjusted. We have added May 5 to the schedule where we will approve the budget assumptions and draft budget allocations. We will also set the fees for the 2016/17 school year. May 25 has been removed from the schedule. The review of the draft budget will now take place June 8, 2016. Trustees are expected to approve the spring budget at the June 16, 2016 Board meeting.
- Trustees have been out doing school tours in Sherwood Park in March. We will be out on tours again April 12, 2016.
- At the upcoming April 21 Board meeting the Board will be considering using funds from reserves to replace draperies that are not compliant with fire regulation. Bev Facey music and drama room draperies are not compliant and will cost \$13,000 to replace. The total replace cost to bring our schools compliant is \$132,000.
- National Volunteer Appreciation Week runs from April 10 – 16. This year's theme is "volunteers are the roots of strong communities". This is especially true for each of our 42 schools communities. Your time as volunteers in our schools have made a profound difference in the lives of our students and to the learning environment. Thank you for your time and commitment to students, parents, staff and education.
- April 21, 2-16 board meeting: The board will be making a decision on whether to use reserve funds to replace draperies with those that are fire retardant ones. Bev Facey is on this list to replace curtains in the drama and music room for an expected cost of \$13,000. To bring all 20 schools into compliance it will cost \$130,000.
- Alberta budget is expected to be favourable to education. It comes out April 14th.

Meeting Adjourned (8:37 pm).

NEXT MEETING
Tues May 10th 6:30 to 8:30 pm