

Bev Facey Community High School

School Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 10th, 2016

Attendees: 8 families represented – Sandy Stor, Z'Anne Harvey-Jansen, Lori Martin, Maxine MacKay, Lisa Clamp, Michelle Dugan, Rod Frank, Leah Hesson

6 school reps – Administrators Bill Schlacht, Sharon Gach, Trudy Williamson, Amit Mali, Teachers Rita Lal, Candida Shepherd

Student Voice reps – none

Elk Island Public School Trustee – Trina Boymook

Call to Order: 6:31 pm (School Library)

- Round table introductions

Additions to the agenda

- Discussion on Final Exams; teacher's availability during that time
- Grad

Approve April 12, 2016 minutes

Accepted with the following amendments

- Michelle moves to strike Sharon Gach, and James Aithchison as an attendee, and add Gerald Chung
- Trudi moves to strike who own name as an attendee
- By accident the list was not updated from the March attendees

Motion: 1. Lisa Clamp 2, Michelle Dugan

Motion CARRIED

ONGOING BUSINESS

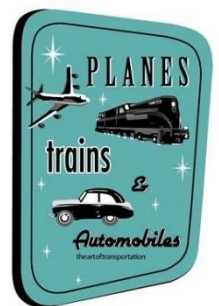
1. Understanding plans/changes for student's International Travel

A series of questions were asked by parents about who makes what decision and who plays what role (superintendent, principal, teacher initiating a field trip or international trip idea) Discussed related Administrative Procedure 260 (Last updated April 2016) – copy attached to minutes.

The potential of future New York field trip was discussed and compared with past approved trips at this and other schools.

Clarifications to parent questions:

- The board (trustees) sees Administrative Procedures but does not formally review them. (Trina)
- The Superintendent is an employee of Elk Island Public Schools (Trina)



- New supervision ratio (supervisor to student) must be addressed and the reality of the cost implications too. Still 15:1 for international travel. (Trudi)
- Students no longer allowed to go to WEM and go shopping after the physics experiment (Trudi)
- Students have to eat as a group as per the new administrative procedures. (Trudi)

Parents at the school council meeting are still looking for some new opportunities from field trips/travel, and accept that there is some risk to their children.

2. Grad 2016

- Chance of Grad being bumped due to the needs of the Fort McMurray fire
- To date Northland's says business as usual
- Tickets go on sale tomorrow May 11th
- Mrs. Wendy Wong is again Grad Coordinator this year

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Final Exams (June 2016)

- Teachers do not supervise the exam in their own subject area.
- Last day of classes June 15th

REPORTS

1. CHAIRPERSON REPORT: Sandy Stor provided the report.

- 3 students at lunch time Learning Clicks
- 41 parents at evening Learning Clicks
- Dynamic presenter
- Suggested considering a grade 10 Learning Clicks assembly

2. ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Bill Schlacht provided the report.

- Held 2016-17 school registration in the library; more proactive approach with admin and school counsellors available to answer questions (Amit)
- Bill and Amit went to the ULI conference where they looked at data on education; Canada is slipping on math exam comparisons but we are not sure why
- Budget came out Monday May 9th.

- We will be working with SAL to offer German (block 1) for students from both schools; same thing for Construction and Fabrication at FACEY. We would have to consider how transportation between the two schools would work.
- Number of students registered as of this meeting for 2016-17 is:
 - Grade 10 – 302
 - Grade 11 – 350
 - Grade 12 – 417
- Nutrition session on May 25th at EIPS central office
- Only one day to prep as a school (August 29th); registration is August 24-25 (grade 12, 11 then 10); **First day of classes Tuesday August 30th**.
- This year we contacted all the families where students had 45% to 55% – this involved 279 students. Down to 45 students with marks in this range by the end of the semester.
- Looking forward to Staff Appreciation which will be hosted again this year by parent council on Wednesday June 1st (THANK YOU Lori, Lisa, Maxine and Michelle for leading it!)



3. STUDENT REPORT: No students present

4. COMMITTEE OF SCHOOL COUNCILS REPORT:

- Sandy was at ASCA – stability in next 3 year school funding; \$45 million a day is spent on education in Alberta; P16-01 to P16-05 did pass at ASCA; she attended the mental health session on suicide prevention
- No parent was at the last COSC meeting representing Bev Facey CHS.

5. TRUSTEE: Trina Boymook

- Senior high school resource fee same since 2008.
- No transportation increase
- Trina is looking forward to attending Hairspray the school musical at Facey.
- Students did register in our school board from Fort McMurray; some are here until they can return to their home; other for the entire school year. Four registered at Facey.

See Trina's notes on the next page please as well.

School Council Report
May 2016

- At our April 21, 2016 Board meeting Trustees past a motion to write the Minister of Education with a request that School Boards be exempted/or receive a full rebate on the carbon levy and provincial fuel tax. The Board has submitted an emergent resolution concerning the new carbon levy with a request that School Boards be exempted or be rebated at the upcoming Alberta School Board's Association SGM.
- Trustees were out May 3 to tour Brentwood Elementary, Fultonvale El/Jr, Uncas Elementary and Ministik Elementary. Trustees will be out again May 25 to tour Sherwood Heights Jr High, Campbelltown Elementary, Wes Hosford Elementary, Bev Facey Composite and Pine Street Elementary. On May 30 we will be touring Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary prior to our Board meeting.
- On May 11, 2016 Vice Chair Stadnick and myself along with our Superintendent will be meeting with all three MLA's to discuss our concerns with the possible amendments to the Municipal Government Act (MGA).
- May 5, 2016 Board meeting Trustees set the Administrative Fees for 2016/17. There will be no increase to both the Learning Resource Fee and Transportation Fee. At this meeting we also approved the use of \$4.2 million from reserves to be incorporated into the budget allocations. This leaves us with \$4.5 million unallocated reserves. The recommended amount to have on hand is 2% of operations. For EIPS this \$4M. We also approved the allocations to schools and department. Schools and Departments are currently working on their budgets. The Board will be reviewing the draft budget at its June 8, 2016 Board meeting and expect to be approving the budget at its June 16, 2016 Board meeting.
- Transportation will be sending out information for next year regarding routes and fees on May 14.
- May 30 Board Meeting – public session starts at 3:30 with grad delegations taking place at 6pm.

Meeting Adjourned (8:23 pm).

NEXT MEETING
Tues Sept 20thth 6:30 to 8:30

