

**Bev Facey School Council Meeting
Minutes for February 20, 2024**

Attendees

Families: Marlene Crippin, Jennifer Daly, Kathi Jette, Krista Scott, Amy Dieser, Tiko Bielecki

Staff: Ken Wlos, Paul Schwartz, Corey Kropp, D'Anne Bennett

Trustee: Don Irwin

Students: Owen Inskter (Grade 12)

Call to order at 6:00pm by Marlene Crippin

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Treaty 6 Acknowledgment

I would like to acknowledge that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and show respect to the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community here at Bev Facey.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Jennifer Daly

Second: Marlene Crippin

4. Approval of January 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Marlene Crippin

Second: Krista Scott

5. **New Business**

Thrive Team Therapy is willing to give a presentation. They will discuss anxiety and the Developmental stages, why anxiety happens, general and social anxiety, and exam anxiety. I will be about 1.5hrs long on a Wednesday night (possible dates: April 17, 24), and Mr. Wlos will send out an invitation to students and staff to encourage more students to attend as well it will be publicized at Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences. Invitations will also go out to Lakeland Ridge and F.R. Haythorne. A Smore will be sent out with RSVPs requested. Fee would be \$500 ASCA grant.

There may be a hybrid meeting style for virtual attendance. Presenter will be here in person, but for parents who cannot attend there may be a virtual option (stay tuned – students and staff from Facey could do the virtual through audio/visual program at Facey).

Staff Online Recognition Form:

Staff Recognition Program was developed approximately 3 years ago. The program was tied to goals of that school's Education Plan. Parents/Guardians were able to access the form and easily send a letter of appreciation for a teacher. If a teacher got recognized through a form, School Council would send the recognition to the teacher and to the principal (if principal was recognized, the letter also went to the Superintendent). An email would be sent on behalf of School Council to the teacher with information on how it tied to a school goal. It became very meaningful and it wasn't just the same teachers being recognized each time. It's also more of an all-year teacher appreciation. If there is interest in reviving this and attaching it to school council, Krista would be willing to administer it

Q: Did it run last year, I know we talked about it a lot at school council meetings?

A: Yes it did.

Q: Do we have ones from the past?

A: Yes, they are in the docs of the system?

If data shows that respondents are going one way, we can adjust the questions if needed.

We heard from all kinds of parents: football, welding, librarian, there was always something in there in behind the scenes.

Question is what goal do we want to align with? Maybe school Goal #3 to break it down to understand it a bit better (Citizenship – The Facey Way virtues).

We will name this the 'Staff Recognition Form' vs 'Staff Appreciation Form', as we will still hold the Staff Appreciation Day in the spring.

Q: Can we kick this off this Sunday?

A: Yes, Krista will have it to Ken by end of day Friday.

6. **Student Report**

Owen Inkster (Grade 12)

Took part in the Culinary Challenge, this is Owen's 3rd year participating at the Challenge. He has been working for 2yrs at Joey Sherwood and also more recently got hired at the Fantasyland Hotel. The Culinary program has opened doors for competitions and opportunities. There is also a High School Culinary Challenge (HSCC), and this provides an opportunity for a Scholarship for NAIT for a full ride in their program. In the HSCC there are more techniques and variety of dishes. The Skills Competition helped get him the job at the Fantasyland Hotel because one of judges works at Hotel and really liked his dish and what he could do.

Q: What was your dish?

A: It was a Potato Gillette (basically a potato pancake) instead of traditional fries, a burger with melted Swiss cheese, a slaw that I made myself with a vinaigrette dressing (instead of the traditional lettuce)

Q: Do you know what the menu is for the next one?

A: It'll be pizza

Q: Is it better to know the menu or not?

A: We can prep better if know

Q: What is the difference between the High School Culinary Challenge (funded by local businesses) and Skills Comp:

A: The High School Culinary Challenge is funded by local businesses and is open to High School students who want to challenge themselves. The Skills Competition is open to post-secondary attendance as well. Owen is currently working on his Apprenticeship and has all his hours complete for his two years.

Q: How many students attend the High School Culinary Challenge?

A: Every High School that has a culinary program that has a want for it. Last year there were 28 schools and 2 of them from EIPS (Facey and Sal) that attended. Public can buy tickets to attend the event. It will be held at Convention Centre.

Q: Does Facey send a team?

A: Yes, there will be a team of three made up of Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12 students. Tryouts were held to make the team.

7. **Trustee Report – Don Irwin**

Warm Winter Greetings to All

Firstly I want to report the French Immersion plan to:

- relocate EIPS' senior high French Immersion program, grades 10-12, to Salisbury Composite High—effective when the new Sherwood Park replacement school opens, expected in the 2026-27 school year;
- adjust Strathcona County's senior high attendance boundaries for Lakeland Ridge to be redesignated to Bev Facey Community High—effective when the new Sherwood Park replacement school opens, expected in the 2026-27 school year; and
- adjust the French Immersion junior high attendance boundaries for Cambrian Crossing, to be redesignated to Sherwood Heights Junior High—effective in the 2024-25 school year.

- there will be no changes to Elementary or Junior High French Immersion locations.

Re-registration is now open for all students.

Budget preparation is underway for the 2024/25 budget expected by the end of February.

School fee parameters have been set on a cost recovery basis but not to exceed 5% if needed.

The Board has again approved a total of \$5000 so each School Council can attend the Alberta School Council Association and AGM for information on school Council operations.

The Leveraging School Achievement Grant has been assigned to two extra staff to assist Junior High students most in need.

Next Committee of School Councils (COSC) meeting will be held Wednesday March 6, 2024 6:30-8:30pm at the Board office. It is also offered On Line to save you traveling winter roads in the dark.

Questions / Suggestions

Please contact me by phone / text at 587-986-3900 or my email is don.irwin@eips.ca

Don Irwin
Trustee - Sherwood Park

Q: Do we know what Leveraging looks like? Will they be working with students directly?

A: it will be working with directly (\$101 K – Literacy and Numeracy for Jr High)

Q: Discussion about EIPS Administrative procedure (Nutrition policy 164 selling food at several schools – hot lunches), as far as you know is Admin or Board looking at revamp of policy

A: Not that Don has heard.

A: Predominantly about encouraging healthy choices (most often, sometimes, least often). There has been some talk about revisiting nutrition policy and wondering if it's been talked about.

Don will look into it and find out.

8. Information Reports

Administrative Reports

Principal's Report – Mr. Wlos

- New Staff started in the Second Semester:

Chenoah Roberts taking over for Mrs. Chalmers SS20-1, fluent in Spanish.

Jenna Parks (English last semester, worked at -4 at last school, FNMI lead at previous school in Stettler, taking over from Mrs. Sheppard). She is trying to touch base with each declared (self-identified First Nations) student and their parents.

Partnership and collaboration between Dr. Emily Milne at Grant McEwan. Bev Facey...in looking at data, our students who are self-declared, we do not stream those kids here at Facey. Other schools may put them in -2 or -4 streams. She wants to do a collaboration and we hope to learn from her also. She has an Elder that will come with her and will do meetings with students and parents. Some things we plan on doing (vertical connection, connection to Elders-grandparents-parents) to help gain an appreciation for the connections to family/genetic memory

Q: Have you gotten consent from students/parents for this?

A: Dr. Milne is under the Ethics Committee. It will be under consent and we also have consent from the Board.

Andrew Berriman has taken over from Matthew Wilson, GOALS teacher Grade 11, GOALS construction class.

- Fees Update from Jan 16 School Council Meeting for 2024-2025
- in conjunction with Parent & Board Consultation:
Primarily Basketball (cost of officials), Foods (cost of food), Art (field trip – to

include Art students along with the Photography students who already do a field trip to mountains).

- AP full year Seminar fee - \$215 (used to be 'Other Sales & Services, now a course fee)
- P&C code – will show up in attendance (Present and Comment Code – only admin and counselors and FOCUS teachers can make changes, and only the same will be able to see comments; parents will not be able to see comments – it will be under attendance section in PowerSchool), to keep students accountable and lets admin know where they are. Our procedures dictate that if a student was in class or in the bldg. they are marked present no matter where they are...some students struggling in class, would leave periodically but teacher could not change their attendance and it would lead to some students being away for majority of a unit. Can now catch these students and help them catch any barriers and help get them caught up.
- 'First Writes' room – for any assessments. We will have video surveillance for secretary while students write their exams, if unable to have a teacher physically present in the room.
- Peer Coaching – struggling to meet with Student Voice students, only have 3 students so far, hope to have it fully going by Spring Break and to have a teacher supervise.
- Northern Alberta Robotics Championship was held on Feb 3 and was awesome! Thanks for doing concession...students did really well. March 16 is Provincials.
- Open House 2024 was held February 13. It was very successful; over 890 visitors attended (290 more than last year). Ran an AP panel Q&A style. Session ran 3 times throughout the evening and was very well attended.
- Returning Student Registrations:
 - 79% of our students for next year have done their RSR
 - 80 students from out of boundary at this time (last year – 72)
 - 42 students from our boundary have chosen to leave for another EIPS school (last year – 36)
 - 27 students from out of EIPS have registered for BFCBS
- FLI Initiatives (Second Semester):
 - Valentine's Day 'Crush for your Crush' was well received by students.
 - Black History Month Event on Feb 27. Special Guests will include a DJ, an Instructor from Grant McEwan University, a Musician, and an Entrepreneur to speak on community. Students have made all the arrangements, some Alumni are helping as well; Samira Schulz will be coming back to help.
 - Pink Shirt Day on Feb 28
- Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences 2024
 - April 10 (5:00pm-7:30pm) South Gym
 - April 11 (5:00pm-7:30pm) South Gym
 - Booking Calendar will open on March 18 at 8:30am
 - 7 minute interviews
 - Students and Parents outside EIPS Registration Evening Presentation at 7:00pm

Mrs. Bennett Update:

- Feb 8-21 – Returning Student Registration
- March 6-10 – BFH will welcome families who requested Bev Facey as their non-designated school
- March 6 info night for course selection, -1, -2
- March 7-8 over to F.R. Haythorne and do individual classrooms
- March 13 & 15 – students will come to Facey to do course selection
- March 18 & 19 – our students at Facey will do their course selection
- Hope to have everything in by Spring Break – at least core classes
- After Spring Break – parents will enter student course selections
- Athletics update
 - Basketball Senior Night – February 12
 - Falcon Mixed Curling – Bronze Medal Winners
 - Jr. High Tournament – this weekend February 23-24
 - Elementary Basketball Jamboree – March 16
 - Badminton Tryouts have begun
 - Handball Tryouts have begun
 - Rugby Sign-up and Info

Mr. Schwartz Update:

- Diploma results available via students MyPass accounts
 - Q: Do you get back averages for Facey each subject/each class?
 - A: Yes, breakdown of different dynamics, class cohorts, EIPS and how it does
- Student Grad Committee has picked three themes:
 - 'Old Hollywood'
 - 'Masquerade'
 - 'Fairy Tale'

Voting has started and Deadline is March 1
- Baby photos are coming in...so cute!
- Second round of Grad list out in March 2024
- For the most up-to-date information:
 - Grad SMORE Link: <https://www.smore.com/n/ku2501>
 - Grad Instagram – “faceygrad24”

Ms. Kropp Update:

- Assurance Survey (Grade 10): Feb 20-23 and Feb 26
 - parents/guardians received a survey invitation package by mail and have the option to complete the survey on paper or online using the provided Random Access Code (RAC)
 - Survey closes on March 1, 2024

- AP Information
 - Feb 28 deadline for exam registration for Semester 2 (cancellation after this date is \$60 – cancellation fee)
 - AP Exam Prep sessions for courses completed in Semester 1
- AP Data Trend – scores of 3 or higher (3, 4, or 5)
- AP Open House was January 26
 - a lot of great questions and interest in the AP Capstone/Seminar
 - 164 declared students for AP (79% complete)
- AP Schedule is now available

Upcoming Important Dates

- February 21, 2024 – Returning Students Registration closes
- February 27, 2024 – Black History Month Presentation
- February 28, 2024 – Pink Shirt Day
- March 1, 2024 – Professional Learning Day (No School for Students)
- March 6, 2024 – Staff Meeting Day (Early Out Schedule)
- March 22 – April 1, 2024 – Spring Break
- April 10, 2024 – Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00pm-7:30pm)
- April 11, 2024 – Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00pm-7:30pm)

9. **Committee of School Councils (COSC) Report** – Krista Scott (first Wed of every month) Fantastic reports from Superintendent

BOARD REPORT

EIPS Board Chair Cathy Allen presented the Board Report, detailing many Board of Trustees activities in January and the beginning of February. There was a discussion relating to how COSC members should go about advocating to the provincial government. Board Chair Allen said parents and caregivers can consider sending advocacy letters to:

- Their local member of the legislative assembly;
- Demetrios Nicolaidis, Minister of Education;
- Premier Danielle Smith;
- Rakhi Pancholi, member of the legislative assembly for Edmonton-Whitemud and education critic from the New Democratic Party;
- Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services;
- Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Health; and
- Dan Williams, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction.

COSC Chair Kendra Roemer added that families can also refer to the [Alberta School Councils' Association \(ASCA\) Advocacy Package](#) on how to advocate for education. Board Chair Allen reported on the French Immersion decision and balancing enrollment. The only immediate impacts include Cambrian Crossing students being designated to Sherwood Heights next year. The board has approved sponsorship for one representative from each school to attend the ASCA conference April 26, 27, 28. The registration deadline is April 8. New money has been received for leveraging student achievement (101, 000.00) and it will be spent on supporting junior high literacy and numeracy from now until June. In response to a question surrounding literacy and numeracy, EIPS Associate Superintendent Ryan Marshall shared that several literacy

resource videos are now available on the [EIPS YouTube channel](#). These videos are accessible for all families to use at any time. Stay tuned for more to come!

Is there a school council member interested in attending the conference on behalf of Bev Facey?

ASCA UPDATE

[ASCA](#) is the provincial organization for families on school council. Below may be of interest to COSC members:

- The [ASCA Conference and AGM](#) will be held April 26-28, 2024.
 - The Board of Directors election will happen at the AGM on April 28.
 - Once again, the EIPS Board is funding the cost of one registration fee per EIPS school—up to a maximum of \$5,000. Registrants must be part of a school council with an active ASCA membership. Extra pre-session registration costs are the responsibility of the attendee. If you're interested, complete the [Board-sponsored registration form](#) **before April 8**. Registrations are first-come, first-served.
 - Don't forget to fill out the [Credential Voting Form](#), even if your registration is being sponsored by the Board. A [Proxy Voting Form](#) is also available for school councils who won't be able to attend the AGM. The deadline to complete the forms is **April 18**.
 - A list of Board-sponsored attendees will be compiled and shared with COSC.
- A recording is available from the Canadian Foundation for Economic Education around [financial literacy resources for K-12 parents and caregivers](#).
- The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta will be having their [Science Olympics](#) in Edmonton on April 7.

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

EIPS Superintendent Sandra Stoddard reminded COSC members that [2024-25 returning student registration](#) runs from February 8-21.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: February

Alberta Health Services hosts a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, depression and technology, while teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. [Learn more](#)

SCHOOL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT GRANT

The application for the Alberta School Council Engagement Grant (ASCE) closed on January 31. Since 30 out of 37 schools have completed the application and have had their grant plans approved by the COSC Chair, [Emma Small](#) will follow up with the seven councils remaining. COSC Chair Roemer encouraged school councils to share their grant plans on the [COSC Facebook page](#). She's excited to hear about how the grant activities went at upcoming meetings.

NOTE: Once your school council has completed its grant activities, submit the ASCE Grant Payment Request form right after. You should have received this form to the same email address you received the grant application. If you have any questions at all, contact [Emma Small](#).

COSC SHARING: School councils' past ASCA conference experiences

COSC members shared their past experiences at the ASCA Conference and AGM, detailing how they gained valuable information, networked with councils from across the province, and saw their own school and EIPS from a new perspective. Jacquie Surgenor attended the event last year and presented on the Reset Room initiative—a mental health project piloted at all EIPS junior highs. Surgenor discussed the initiative from her perspective as a parent at Sherwood Heights Junior High, emphasizing the collaboration between the school and families. For further questions, Surgenor can be reached at jacquie@kayric.com or 780-909-2718. Additionally, COSC Chair Roemer noted Wendy Keiver, the Executive Director at ASCA, will be joining the meeting next month to speak on the ASCA resolutions for the AGM. She'll also be there to answer questions about ASCA generally.

Would we like to discuss the ASCA Proposed Advocacy Resolutions at the next school council meeting?

ASSURANCE CYCLE: EIPS Budget survey, Alberta Education Assurance survey and EIPS Annual Feedback surveys

EIPS Superintendent Stoddard and Associate Superintendent Marshall discussed several surveys:

- EIPS Budget survey—completed in December 2023 by staff, families, Grade 12 students and community partners.
 - Superintendent Stoddard said the number of responses significantly increased across all stakeholder groups.
- Alberta Education Assurance Survey—to be completed by parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10. Teachers and students also complete the survey online at school.
 - In schools with fewer than 120 students in grades 4-12 and most charter and private schools, surveys are sent to parents and guardians of students in Grade 4 and above. The deadline to complete the survey is **March 1**.
- EIPS Annual Feedback Surveys—to be completed in March by staff, families, and Grade 9 and 12 students.
 - As the feedback surveys are still being drafted, school councils will receive a copy of the survey questions in the March COSC meeting package.

Would we like to review the blank survey questions for discussion at the March School Council meeting?

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 17:** [Random Acts of Kindness Day](#)
- **February 19:** Family Day (schools and Central Services closed)
- **February 21:** Returning student registration 2024-25 closes
- **March 1:** Professional Learning Day (schools closed to students)
- **March 6:** Early Dismissal

You can also join [COSC on Facebook](#) to share information and ask questions with other school councils.

Additional information from the Feb. 7, 2024 meeting is available at www.eips.ca. The next meeting takes place on March 6, 2024.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm

Next Meeting: March 19, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Bev Facey Library

Upcoming Meetings: April 16, May 21

Minutes prepared by Tiko Bielecki.