

**Bev Facey School Council Meeting
Minutes for April 16, 2024**

Attendees

Families: Marlene Crippin, Cecile Palm, Amy Dieser, Krista Scott, Tiko Bielecki

Staff: Ken Wlos, Paul Schwartz, Renetta Peddle, D'Anne Bennett

Trustee: Don Irwin

Students: No Students in attendance tonight due to other commitments

Call to order at 6:05pm 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 March 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Marlene Crippin

Second: Cecile Palm

4. **New Business**

Carried over Grant funds discussion

- Spoke with Emma Small regarding the \$500 Education Grant, and Alberta Education has let schools roll over whatever they had remaining. Facey has \$433.28 left over from the last two years, and we want to use that up so we don't lose it.
A motion was put forward to use it for Krista's registration fee to attend the ASCA Conference this year. All voted in favour and the motion was passed.

5. **Student Report**

No students available to attend tonight due to other commitments.

6. Trustee Report – Don Irwin

Budget - We are spending a great deal of time analysing the budget which came out at the end of February but the funding manual did not come out until the end of March. So we will be making some announcements shortly.

We spent a great deal of time talking about parent engagement and are finalizing a process for future consultations. Engagement on implementing French Immersion and on high school feeder junior highs in Sherwood Park.

Congratulations to Alexis Kotrnis from Davidson Creek, who has been finalized as our Zone Nominee for the Edward Parr going to a first year teacher.

We held a two day retreat planning for future years - analysing and researching education trends, economic indicators, and other factors that will influence schools, staffing, and student success.

Do you have suggestions or questions about anything related to schools or education? Please call, text, or email me at 587 986 3900 or don.irwin@eips.ca.
For more information or questions on any items in this report or other areas, feel free to text, phone, or email me at 587-986-3900 or don.irwin@eips.ca.

Don Irwin
Trustee for Sherwood Park

7. Information Reports

Administrative Reports

Principal's Report – Mr. Wlos

- Returning Students Registrations:
Total students as of today: **997** (up 3 from last year – 994 last year)
Current Numbers for 2024-2025:
 - Grade 10 – 297 (340 last year)
 - Grade 11 – 350 (346 last year)
 - Grade 12 – 351 (308 last year)“Implications:
 - Option and CTS course ramifications
Grade 10s are biggest group that take the most option and CTS courses
 - Core classes affected at the Grade 10 level
currently down 2 sections/classes of students at 25 apiece, so less kids filling those spots, so potentially less classes being offered in future years. Especially with announcement by UofA that CTS will not be included in overall average for UofA, therefore students start taking less CTS courses

and start concentrating more on core courses.

- Bev Facey Math Team – Attended Totem Challenge (Ross Sheppard hosted)
10 more competitors were added to the team
Congratulations to all Facey Mathletes who participated in Totem Torus 2024 – the Edmonton-based Math Competition. Students spent time working individually and collaboratively to complete questions where they need to stretch their mathematical talent, problem solving abilities and logical reasoning skills.

- SKILLS – Fabrication & Culinary Regional Competition
A number of students in Culinary
3 Fabrication (welding) students did well but did not qualify for Provincials
3 Culinary students attended, Owen Inkster advanced to Provincials May 8-9
1 Cos student is going to Provincials
Trying to get a Fan bus to go and watch

- Bev Facey Upcoming Productions:
BFCHS Drama:
 - An Evening of One-Acts – April 15 6:00pm
 - The Lost Boy – April 30-May 2 7:00pmBFCHS Musical Theatre:
 - Grease – May 20-23 7:00pmBFCHS Concert Band:
 - Spring Concert – June 6 7:00pmBFCHS Rock Band:
 - Rock Extravaganza – June 7 7:00pm

- Secure Entrance Plan for 2024-2025 School Year – Physical Logistics
When a door is 'Open' it will be supervised, when it is locked students will have to buzz in.
Entrances:
 - Main Front Entrance
 - Back Entrance – GymTiming:
 - Morning – Open 8:05am to 8:45am
 - Lunch – Open 11:36am to 12:20pm
 - After School – Open 3:17pm to 3:45pm

**Considerations – Most of us wanted an additional FOB (instead of keys) site at the South Door Compound Entrance – That's a \$8500 charge for install. Need three Office Monitor/Door Opening stations instead.

May not be able to have a second camera at the North East Gym Entrance.

Mrs. Peddle Update:

- AP Exams are all set to go
 - AP exam prep sessions for courses
 - with AP® Exams just around the corner, we want to encourage our AP students to take advantage of **AP Daily: Practice Sessions** – a new video resource designed to help students review

Available on:

On **April 22**, access these 15-minute videos for most courses* that focus on practicing and preparing to answer free-response and multiple-choice questions on AP Exams.

AP Daily: Practice Sessions focus on providing students with practice on free-response and multiple-choice questions, with the aim of helping them get familiar with the types of questions they'll see on exam day.

Every video will be approximately 15 minutes long and be release in AP Classroom and on YouTube.

Free Resources to Prepare for AP Exams <https://blog.collegeboard.org/free-resources-prepare-ap-exams>

All videos will remain accessible through the AP Exam administration so that students can watch at times that work best for them

AP Exam Schedule is available

- Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences Data
 - 656 Interviews booked (539 Spring last year)
 - 259 Parents signed up (218 Spring last year)

Ms. Bennett Update:

- Preliminary process of timetabling is complete
 - Have all of our students' course selection in at this point, except for a few of our out of Division students.
 - Admin will be sharing section numbers with Department Lead Teachers to plan accordingly for next year
 - Hope to have our first Timetable built by May.
- Athletics

- Handball did well, our Sr. Girls finished 4th and our Sr. Boys finished 3rd
- Badminton is doing great this year, Doubles won and will be going to Provincials.

Mr. Schwartz Update:

- Theme: Old Hollywood – “Stepping into the Spotlight”
- Tickets on sale May 1, 2024
 - \$25 (total \$27.11) for Ceremony at Expo Centre
 - \$25 for Formal Dance at Bev Facey
Ceremony Tickets will be sold online (digital tickets) - ShowPass
Formal Dance Tickets will be sold at the school office
Notice will be sent out shortly with purchasing details
- Grad Student Meeting – Thursday, April 25, 2024 at lunch
 - Grad Week Activities (TBD)
 - Grad Song (voting started today) – narrowed down to 23 songs
 - Facey Formal Awards (voting starts next week)
 - Speaker Nominations (start next week)

Tour of Expo Centre for staff planners on April 24, 2024 in the afternoon
- Grad Smore will be update on April 21, 2024
For the most up-to-date information:
 - Grad SMORE Link: <https://www.smore.com/sj8w2>
 - Grad Instagram – “faceygrad24”
- Final Exam schedule is available

Staff Appreciation Event

Will contact Pam about an update on this event. Will likely happen June 5, 2024.
As this is Pam’s last year organizing this, if anyone would like to take this over please reach out and we will put you in touch with Pam.

Chair Report

No update this month

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

COSC Report April 16, 2024

ASCA AGM DISCUSSION

Because of a lack of time, COSC Chair Kendra Roemer organized a virtual chat about the advocacy resolutions for the 2024 Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Annual General Meeting (AGM). The meeting will take place on Microsoft Teams from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on **Tuesday, April 9.**

POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF POLICIES TO PRESERVE CHOICE

EIPS Superintendent Sandra Stoddard discussed the potential implications for EIPS regarding the provincial government's [policies to preserve choice](#). For resources on this topic, see the following:

- [Notifications to Parents \(Education Act, Section 58.1\)](#)
- [Board Policy 19: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environments](#)
- [AP 205: Controversial Issues and Resources](#)
- [AP 206: Human Sexuality Program](#)
- [AP 311: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments for Students](#)
- [Alberta Education: Health and Life Skills](#)
- [ASCA: Information on SOGI](#)

Superintendent Stoddard discussed the current practices in EIPS related to the policy changes we can expect. This includes parental notification and consent for preferred names and pronouns, opting in to human sexuality lessons, limiting gender affirming surgeries, puberty blockers and hormone therapies, transgender children and youth involvement in sport, and a pilot project for counselling for transgender students. Superintendent Stoddard touched on potential impacts of the policy changes for EIPS, families, and students. Several parents from EIPS have submitted a request to be involved in engagement sessions being hosted by the Government of Alberta on the impacts of the policies to preserve choice. The Edmonton session is scheduled for April 12. Krista attended and is happy to discuss notes or slides.

ATA REPORT

ATA Local No. 28 President Deneen Zielke presented the ATA Report. The Local will have a booth at the [Great Canadian Trade Fair and Sale](#). They'll have prizes for children and information for the public, highlighting the importance of public education and current trends noted in ATA surveys.

BOARD REPORT

Board Chair Cathy Allen gave a short presentation on the EIPS Capital Plan and explained how capital projects are prioritized and the criteria that is used to determine what schools make it onto the capital plan. She focussed on Fort Saskatchewan and explained why so many projects in Fort Saskatchewan are on the current capital plan and what the needs are in the community.

Board Chair Allen encouraged parents to get involved in advocacy and referenced a package that is currently being developed to support stakeholder advocacy.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: April

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](#)

ASCA UPDATE

[ASCA](#) is the provincial organization for parents and school councils. Below may be of interest to COSC members:

- ASCA released [two surveys](#) on possible 2024 changes to legislation impacting education. COSC members are encouraged to share these surveys with their school communities.
 - For those seeking clarity on the current role of a school board trustee, see [Board Policy 3: Role of the Trustee](#). All other Board Policies can be found on the [EIPS website](#).
- 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. The [call for nominations](#) is open until 5 p.m. on **April 12**.
 - 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**. If you're looking for an attendee who can be your proxy, contact [Emma Small](#).
 - [Meeting documents](#) are available for the AGM, including an [AGM Meeting Preparation and Planning step-by-step guide](#).
- [Alberta School Council Engagement Grant](#). Alberta Education recently let EIPS know that this year, school councils can use any leftover grant funds from the past two years. EIPS strongly encourages school councils to maximize the use of their funds, however, as it is within the government's authority to request unspent funds be returned. Administrators at your school have been notified about how much money your school council has from the last two years and this year. *NOTE:* For some school councils, they've used all their funds from year-to-year, so they won't have any rolled over funds. In terms of process for the 2023-24 school year, if your school council has more activities they want to do with their extra funds, have them email [Emma Small](#). The COSC Chair will need to approve any additional activities you plan. If your council has already filled out a payment request form this year, Emma will send another form for you to complete.

COSC SHARING: Educational composting initiatives at your school

COSC members discussed educational composting initiatives at their schools. These initiatives tie composting to curricular connections, such as using food scraps from culinary classes to make nutrient-rich soil for a horticulture program. COSC member Amanda Shand shared the experiences of École Parc Élémentaire, saying the school started small with composting bins in every classroom and has since received support from the City of Fort Saskatchewan. To learn more, contact [Amanda Shand](#).

BOARD-SPONSORED REGISTRATION ATTENDEES

The Board-sponsored registration for the ASCA Conference and AGM is full for 2024. The nine attendees are:

- Amy Prenc-Perry, Clover Bar Junior High
- Andrea Brown, École Campbelltown
- April Childs, Lakeland Ridge
- Christan Rasmussen, Westboro Elementary
- Jordana Feist, James Mowat Elementary
- Kendra Roemer, Mills Haven Elementary
- Kim Scott, Sherwood Heights Junior High
- Krystal Gibson, Salisbury Composite High
- Tawnia McQueen, Wes Hosford Elementary

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

Additional information from the April 3, 2024 meeting is available at www.eips.ca. The next meeting takes place on May 1, 2024.

9. Parent Workshop on Anxiety

- April 24, 2024: 2hr meeting 6:30pm in Library

10. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm

Last Meeting of 2024-2025 School Year: May 14, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Bev Facey Library

Annual General Meeting (AGM) will immediately follow this meeting: May 14, 2024

Minutes prepared by Tiko Bielecki.