

**Bev Facey School Council Meeting
Minutes for March 19, 2024**

Attendees

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

Staff: Ken Wlos, Paul Schwartz, Renetta Peddle

Trustee: Don Irwin

Students: Mitchell Pekse (Grade 12), Taylor Wright (Grade 12)

Call to order at 6:00pm by Marlene Crippin

1. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome to our new Administrator Mrs. Renetta Peddle!

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 February 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Jennifer Daly

Second: Marlene Crippin

4. **Student Report**

Taylor Wright (Grade 12)

This is Taylor's 3rd year in the Model UN, she also is on the Cross Country team, and Robotics team as a Team Lead. She is an AP student specializing in English. She loves the opportunities to become a well-rounded student.

Mitchell Pekse (Grade 12)

The team Mitchell is on is in its 7th year as a team, and this year they hosted a new team out of Facey. He enjoys building and coding robots. Both teams excelled even after losing 95% of members from last year due to Graduation; this year there is only him and one other person from last year, everyone else is new to the team this year. Everyone has done great for a team of 1st years. They finished 6th out of 32 at Provincials Day 2 – can launch a paper airplane/drone (using an actuator/catapult, to earn more points, however new rule that they cannot go over 5ft in height was problematic because we had to go over trusses that were at a height of 3ft, so there was a 2ft gap that we did not design for, it was so difficult, we did our best but when you lose out on 30pts it is a

significant chunk, so ended up 21 out of 32.

Robotics class is all student driven, students are doing problem solving as opposed to the dads doing it on other teams

Comment: We are able to iterate on old design to improve it and not cause it to misfire.

First design was very different from latest design

Comment: 'First Tech Challenge' (AB wide) – multi aspects, grab plastic hexagons/pixels (6x6) and place on game board and working with other robots to score points.

Autonomous (most interesting part, but got to expand into AI and coding) and manual driven operated (moving pixels into specific places, suspend a robot by itself – can pull itself up on an arm to suspend mid-air). Robots are 3-6lbs.

Q: Provincials? Does this go to Skills Competition as well or different competition?

A: This is a different competition...operates out of First Tech Challenge, which is an independent company.

Comment: Local scrimmage, then Regionals, then Provincials, then Worlds in Houston Texas. No cash prize, but connections to others in the industry is a goal. Get medals and trophy but mostly bragging rights.

Q: Being a 'newbie' team, where would you hope to have placed if Day 2 rule didn't come into play?

A: 50 qualification matches which determined overall ranking then elimination matches. Top 4 pick others to compete against each other. Would have hoped to be in semi-final matches.

Q: How many teammates are coming back next year?

A: Roster of 12 and so far 5-6 are coming back, and get new talent as well.

Q: How many in Grade 12 will be coming back?

A: 4, so the 6 will come back

Comment: It's not how robot performs, also another way to get to Houston/Worlds...'Inspire Award'...is all about outreach...goal of First Tech Challenge is to make STEM accessible and talk about it. If there's a way to connect high school team with feeder schools to give chance to have students get in, document it and possibly Judges can use that as a way to get a team to Worlds.

Taylor – goal is to make computer science and stem open and welcoming. Transition to high school was huge for her, there are gender diverse students into those places as well, making it as accessible as possible.

5. **Trustee Report – Don Irwin**

Congrats to second place finish at culinary challenge

Hope you are enjoying our good weather and longer days.

March 11 to 15 is the Week of Inspirational Math. Watch for your school's activities.

Summer School registration opens March 15th see the EIPS website for more details.

Grade 9 to 12 EIPS Annual Feedback Survey for students, staff, and caregivers ends on March 21st.

You are invited to participate in the EIPS Round Dance Ceremony at F.R. Haythorne on Friday March 15th at 6:00pm. All students and parents are welcome to attend.

Alberta Health continues their parent seminars with 'Junior High Jitters' for students and parents going into Grade 9, on March 20th at 6:20pm.

www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

March 21st 'Separation and Your Parenting Rights' 6:30pm in the Fort Saskatchewan Library.

High school scholarships and awards are listed on the EIPS website - www.eips.ca.

Update on the Sherwood Heights replacement school:

Alberta Infrastructure has posted a Request for Proposals on Feb 15th. The Request for Proposals closes on May 7th and the Contract is expected to be awarded before the end of May.

The project will be completed in two phases. Phase One consists of constructing the replacement school, bus parking and drop off parking.

Phase Two consists of demolishing the Sherwood Heights Junior High building and adding a staff parking lot.

While still early, current project timelines indicate that the school will open to students in September 2026 at the end of Phase One. Phase Two will be completed for September 2027.

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

6. Information Reports

Administrative Reports

Principal's Report – Mr. Wlos

- Fee changes – today is final day that we are submitting to Board
Fees changes being sent in for Board Approval:
 - Basketball – Senior Men and Women (fee increased from \$525 to \$575)
 - Field Trip – Art (fee increased from \$25 to \$350 due to overnight portion added)
 - 7% increase in Foods/Culinary; this percentage increase was set by the Board, so we don't need additional backup
 - 5% increase in Basketball – Junior Men & Women (this increase was requested by Brad due to increase officiating costs); this percentage increase was set by the Board, so we don't need additional backup
 - 5% increase in Volleyball – all four teams (this increase was requested by Brad due to additional tournament flexibility); this percentage increase was set by the Board, so we don't need additional backup

5% increase in Field Trip – Photography; due to increases in hotel/fuel costs, we have increased this to \$342 from \$325. This percentage increase was set by the Board, so we don't need additional backup

AP Seminar Fee was moved over to course cost vs. a other sales & service cost.

- Procedural Focuses
 - Attendance/Lates (will be including importance of attendance in weekly newsletter)
 - Study halls/Assigned AC Time
 - Repetitive Lates over weeks
 - Attendance
 - Student Drop Offs – will be including this in the newsletter and requesting parents not to drive into the Staff parking lot
- Black History Month – was celebrated on February 27
Some very influential people were our special guests, 3 speakers and a performer. All had a premise about ally-ship...being an ally for people that feel less-than in some way, shape, or form, focus is to identify those people and surround them.
- Returning Students Registrations:
Current Numbers for 2024-2025:
 - Grade 10 – 298
 - Grade 11 – 347
 - Grade 12 – 35437 students from out of EIPS have registered for BFCCHS
Total students as of today: 999
- Three wrestlers made it to Provincials: Dominic Dubeau, Brynn Whitrow, Zubail Dzhabrailov. Congratulations! Wrestling is about intellect and body/physicality
- Robotics and Archery:
Archery – struggling with gym space so maybe the Fab lab has enough space to utilize, hopefully for next year.
- High School Culinary Challenge – Silver medal yesterday went to Bev Facey's Owen Inskter, Kara Mah, and Andrew Kalvin. Missed gold by 0.5pts. St. Joe's won gold for 4th time. Extremely proud of team and teachers! Now moving into Skills Challenge. Skills Challenge is individuals.
- Athletics – Basketball girls for first time in 7yrs made it to Division 1 Playoffs vs. Jasper Place and did well. Five Grade 10s and two Grade 11s are coming back next year.
Handball started this past week with games
Badminton – 4-0 already against Scona and beat Paul Kane
- Assurance survey:
Grade 10: Students Feb 23, Feb 24 and Feb 28
 - Parents and Teachers had until March 1EIPS Gr. 12 Survey, EIPS Parent/Caregiver Survey
 - Students completed, Parents open until March 21

Diploma Results were available March 16

- Departments are going through them, and I will have a report ready for April's meeting.
- Upcoming Initiatives – HOLI Celebration (March 20), Easter Egg Hunt, Ramadan Celebration (March 18-April 20)

Mrs. Peddle Update:

- AP Exams are all registered
 - AP exam prep sessions for courses completed in semester 1
- AP Numbers:
 - 2022-2023:127 AP Exams Written
 - 2023-2024:175 AP Exams Written, 38% increase
 - the AP Capstone/Seminar courses must be full year
- AP Exam Schedule is available
- Feb 8-21 – Returning Student Registration
- Microeconomics course is being challenged by one of our students
- No Physics C students this year
- Music Theory, no one writing Music Theory this year
- Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences:
 - April 10 (5:00pm – 7:30pm)
 - April 11 (5:00pm – 7:30pm)
 - 8 minute interviews
 - Taking place in the South Gym. Bookings open from March 18th (10:00am) until April 8th (noon)

Ms. Bennett Update (Regrets): Mr. Schwartz provided her update (Registration Process), see below

Mr. Schwartz Update:

- Registration Process:
 - March 6, 2024 Parent Information Evening at Bev Facey High School 6:00pm-7:00pm
 - March 7 & 8 F.R. Haythorne In-person Information Session
 - March 13-15 F.R. Haythorne Course Selection
- March 18 & 19 ALL current Grade 10 & 11 student course selection
 - April 4, All junior high students within EIPS
 - April 8-12 Any outstanding course selections
- Idea about parent info night...Open House...while captive audience would School Council be able to come and speak at that time? Parent promo for next year. Also another time would be Beach Bash. This year Show 'n Shine, band will be playing beach boys music, cooking hamburgers and beach games and prizes – June 12 6:00pm-8:00pm.

- Grad Smore will be update on April 21st
<https://www.smore.com/sj8w2>
 The Student Vote has spoken: Old Hollywood - "Stepping into the Spotlight"
 Baby photos are almost all in!
 Grad quotes are coming in slowly
 Grad Song nomination over Spring Break
 Tickets on sale at the end of April
 Light desserts & refreshments will be available in the North Gym (Grade 10 & 11 Servers)
 Grad Student Meeting - (Thurs. - April 4th at lunch)
 - Song Choices (Voting online via grad Smore after April)
 - Facey Formal Awards (Voting online via Grad Smore)
 Q: Will the parent run bbq still go ahead?
 A: Doing it same day as Teacher Appreciation dinner so held off on grad bbq, could do it another time not just the week of Grad. Can put it in the Smore and gauge interest.
- For the most up-to-date information:
 - Grad SMORE Link: <https://www.smore.com/sj8w2>
 - Grad Instagram – “faceygrad24”
- Final Exam schedule came out today

Upcoming Important Dates

- March 19, 2024 – School Council Meeting at 6:00pm in the Library
- March 22 to April 1, 2024 – Spring Break
- April 1, 2024 – Easter Monday
- April 10, 2024 – Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00pm)
- April 11, 2024 – Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00pm)
- April 16, 2024 – Bev Facey School Council (6:00pm-8:00pm)

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

COSC Report March 19/2024

BOARD REPORT

EIPS Board Chair Cathy Allen presented the Board Report. From March 3-5, the Board of Trustees attended the Rural Education Symposium and had a lively discussion about the strengths, challenges and opportunities present in rural education. She also spoke about the Board Mythbusters campaign, sharing a [post from February](#). Stay tuned for more Board Mythbusters on EIPS' [Facebook](#) and [X, formerly known as Twitter](#).

ATA REPORT

ATA Local No. 28 President Deneen Zielke presented the ATA Report, highlighting the North Central Teachers' Convention, meeting of ATA Local Presidents and the ATA's Political

Engagement Seminar. She also spoke about the provincial budget and provided several statistics:

- In advance of the provincial budget, the ATA released their pulse survey results in regards to class size and supports, as well as [Statistics Canada information](#) that found education in Alberta is the lowest funded in the country. Alberta needs \$1.2 billion to reach the Canadian average and \$600 million to reach mid-level.
- \$394 million announced to operational spending; however, won't notice it as enrolment growth this year was up 3.6 per cent at 28,000 students.
- \$246 million increase of 3.6 per cent to instructional funding, but assumption is there will be an offset of decreases in grants to fund it. Albertans won't know until the funding manual is released.
- 4.4 per cent overall increase to funding with 15 per cent increase to private school funding.
- 43 new school and school modernizations—12 get construction funding, 15 get design funding, 10 get planning funding, and don't know about the other 10.
- Real spending per pupil is down 13 per cent over 6 years.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: March

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](#)

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH – ALBERTA

COSC Chair Kendra Roemer discussed [Canadian Parents for French – Alberta](#)—a non-profit organization that furthers bilingualism by promoting opportunities to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home. On the website, you can find events, programs and resources geared to students, families and educators.

EIPS ANNUAL FEEDBACK SURVEY: For Parents and Caregivers

EIPS Associate Superintendent Ryan Marshall asked for COSC members help with promoting the [EIPS Annual Feedback Survey: For Parents and Caregivers](#). He encouraged members to talk about the survey at school council meetings, parent-teacher interviews and other relevant events. A PDF of the survey questions and a survey QR code poster are available in the [March COSC meeting package](#).

WHAT ASCA DOES FOR SCHOOL COUNCILS AND RESOLUTIONS FOR THE AGM

Representatives from the [Alberta School Councils' Association](#) (ASCA) presented at the meeting. ASCA Executive Director Wendy Keiver discussed what ASCA offers to school councils, including learning opportunities, support services, resources and more. Brandi Rai, President of the ASCA Board of Directors, spoke about ASCA's advocacy efforts and the [resolutions](#) that will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). A [recording](#) of the presentation is available for all COSC members unavailable to attend. The presentation was invaluable and a highly recommended watch for those looking to understand ASCA's role.

Additional information from the March 6, 2024 meeting is available at www.eips.ca. The next meeting takes place on April 3, 2024.

8. Parent Workshop on Anxiety (Jennifer Daly)
- April 24, 2024: 2hr meeting 6:30pm in Library
 - Q: Talking to parents, teens not coming?
A: Sounded like it was for parent engagement so may say only for parents in invite
Q: open to Facey only or Haythorne as well?
A: open to Facey first and gauge attendance and then open to Haythorne if want/need to fill spots

9. Alberta School Councils Association Resolutions Package 2024
For member review in advance of the ASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Please click the following link for full details about the Resolutions. Parents in attendance at tonight's meeting will vote on each one and Krista will take our votes to the ASCA AGM

[Alberta School Councils Association Resolutions Package 2024](#)

Staff here tonight can give input as to how it will affect the school and it's learning environment, but parents vote on the resolutions.

Jennifer provided the information about each Resolution and parents in attendance at this school council meeting voted on each one.

P24-01 – Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay

P24-02 – Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay

P24-03 – Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay

P24-04 – Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay

P24-05 – Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay

P24-06 – Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay

P24-07 – Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay

There are also two Administrative Resolutions

A24-01 – Vote: 5 yea, 0 nay

A24-02 – Vote: 2 yea, 3 nay (wording changes – semantics)

10. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm

Next Meeting: April 16, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Bev Facey Library

Upcoming Meetings: May 21

Minutes prepared by Tiko Bielecki.