

Bev Facey Parent Council

Meeting Minutes for Sept 18, 2018

Attendees: 5 Staff: Barclay Spady, Trudi Williamson, Matt Shudra, Cherum Orr, Candeda Shepherd
16 Families Represented: Susan Ballash, Kelli Parks, Lisa Clamp, Michelle Dugan, Jody Tom, Amanda Beck, Krista Scott, Bev Braat, Karen Tomnuk, Jeff Hanrahan, Cindy Paziuk, Carol Reivonen, Guy Martin, Lisa Mattern, Sivanthy Suntharalingam, Dorothy Lupul
School Trustee: Absent (Trina Boymook)
2 Students Represented: Avery Sheppard, Lucy Gordon

1. Call to Order at 6:30 by Michelle Dugan

Round Table introductions were made

2. Additions to Agenda – none requested

3. Approval of May 2018 minutes put forward by Lisa Clamp and seconded by Krista Scott. Approved

4. School Council Executive Nominations – Matt Shudra:

Matt called for nominations for the Chairperson.

Michelle Dugan was nominated.

Matt asked for other nominations; having none, Matt closed the floor for nominations for the Chairperson without objection.

Michelle accepted the nomination.

Matt called for nominations for the Vice - Chair.

Lisa Clamp was nominated.

Matt asked for other nominations; having none, Matt closed the floor for nominations for the Vice-Chair without objection.

Lisa accepted the nomination.

Matt called for nominations for the Secretary.

Jody Tom was nominated.

Matt asked for other nominations; having none, Matt closed the floor for nominations for Secretary without objection.

Jody accepted the nomination.

Matt asked for 2 Members at Large: Jeff Hanrahan & Sivanthy Suntharalingam volunteered.

Matt asked for a COSC Representative: Krista Scott volunteered to be the COSC Representative.

2018/19 Bev Facey School Council Executive:

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| Chair- | Michelle Dugan |
| Vice Chair- | Lisa Clamp |
| Secretary- | Jody Tom |
| Member at Large- | Jeff Hanrahan |
| Member at Large- | Sivanthy Suntharalingam |
| COSC Representative- | Krista Scott |

5. Reports

5.1 Student Report

FLI is a really good way to get to know other students, keep up school spirit and make the school the best it can be.

Found a surplus of jerseys when cleaning out one of the athletic storage spaces. Have sold a lot but there are still some available.

Some activities planned for the near future are the Remembrance Day ceremony and a Sleep-a-thon and a BBQ planned for Friday, September 20.

5.2 Administrative Report

Principal Report – Barclay Spady

- Barclay thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.
- He understands there were challenges last year and that we're charting a new path forward this year.
- How can we positively impact kids? Most requested timetable changes were approved and we have some new course options this year. We want to get back to the Facey Way by instilling the school virtues of Commitment, Dedication, Enthusiasm, Loyalty and Respect.
- High School Redesign to the new administration means 'Flexibility'.
- Some other initiatives:
 - o Treaty Six Acknowledgement – will have a cultural room opened by Monday. Candeda will be leading that.
 - o Will have a safe space for spectrum kids.
 - o Changing one of the washrooms to be unisex which will be available to any and all students.
 - o Kids always do better when they have an advocate in the school.
 - o Will be meeting with kids monthly on how to make the school a better place. Names of kids will be picked at random and will not just include FLI members.
 - o Positive phone calls home.

Parent Comments:

- Appreciated having the timetables sent out early.

Grade 11 Administrator Report – Cherum Orr

Some new learning initiatives will be coming to Facey.

- Independent Study – CALM is one course that can work at their own pace. Helps the students learn time management skills.
- Off campus education – if you're working you can get extra credits.
- Intern Program – more exposure and work experience.
- Math Open – some who want to work through the program quicker have this option.

- English 30-1 AP – writing the diploma exam early. AP students don't feel that this was well communicated.

Parent Comments:

- Parent of an AP student said a lot of extra work went into completing an AP course but don't see the value in it. Student made the comment 'if there's no added advantage to being in an AP course then we should just stay in the regular class and get the highest mark possible'. These classes are more work but for what purpose?

Grade 10 Administrator Report – Trudi Williamson

Some new technology will be coming to Facey.

- Focus on using tech for instructional purposes. Math – tables with chairs rather than individual desks to encourage collaboration.
- All teachers are now using iPad Pros so they can walk around the classroom to see the students progress and provide assistance while still teaching/projecting their instruction on the screen for students to see.
- Using Google Classroom more and moving away from using E-teacher pages. The teachers need to go into the Google Classroom settings and turn the feature on to invite parents to view their pages. You would require a gmail account in order to access the Google Classroom pages. Encouraging teachers to use either Google Classroom or Moodle more.

Grade 12 Administrator Report – Matt Shudra

Facilities – we have submitted some requests to Facilities to have a few items repaired/taken care of throughout the school.

Athletics – Mr. Gauf & Mr. Stevens are doing great things. Mr. Souster retired last year but has returned to the school as a Substitute Teacher so he's able to provide guidance should they have any questions.

Anti-Spam Legislation – each email account needs to be authorized.

Fees – the notice for fees was emailed today. You can login to Power School to pay the fees.

Grad

- There are 322 graduates this year.
- Have reviewed the list of graduates; there are 3 that won't be able to graduate this year and 6-7 that will need to put in a bit of extra effort in order to graduate.
- Grad will be on May 25, 2019.
- A Grad Parent Committee and a Grad Student Committee will be formed so we have input and assistance from all involved.
- A survey will be sent first to all Grade 12 students then to all Grade 12 parents to find out what they want to make their Grad memorable.
- We need to be mindful to keep the Grad as cost effective as possible. If students and parents chose that they want to have a banquet the costs will need to be determined and ensure that it's inclusive for everyone.

Parent Comments:

- Thank you for being honest about the bumps in the road that we experienced last year.
- You have covered all things that are of concern to parents and that's great to hear.

- Looking forward to how these initiatives are going to roll out and how they will positively impact our kids.
- Kids and teachers were very disengaged last year.
- The cyber-defence program was a big success last year with Facey placing in the top 10 in competition. Facey will be also starting a robotics program this year.
- How can we get our parents re-engaged again and how can we reach parents that aren't already engaged.
- High School Redesign was a catastrophic topic last year.
- Have you asked your administration how they feel the new year is going so far? Will you be using any survey tools this year for teachers to help administration stay on track?
- Barclay said they want risk takers in teachers. We can't ask them to take risks then scold them when they do so. Staff need to demonstrate that they care about our kids. Flexibility is key with this year's vision.
- Is there still a rule in place that students can only be rewarded marks for completing work onsite or can they start to take some things home to be graded on them? This is something that can be addressed when discussed amongst the staff.

5.3 Trustee Report – Trina Boymook (presented by Michelle)

I would like to welcome everyone back to a new school year and to thank you for supporting your school through your involvement with School Councils.

The Board will be hosting its annual Committee of School Council kick off pizza supper on October 3. An invitation will be coming out soon to invite your COSC representative and the school principal to meet ahead of the first meeting for pizza and refreshments while providing a chance to connect with other school council representatives, representatives of the Board and Senior Administration as we launch another year of working together.

The Board held its first Board meeting of the year on August 30. The Board approved a number of amendments to Board policies to address changes in Senior Administration positions and a request from Alberta Education to make some minor language change to Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environment. The Board also held its annual Organization meeting where the Chair and the Vice Chair are elected to serve the Board. I'm honoured to be elected by acclamation as Board Chair for my 6th consecutive year. Heather Wall was elected by acclamation as Vice Chair for her 2nd consecutive year.

I look forward to serving as your Board liaison for the 2018/19 school year.

5.4 Chair Report

There will be an ASCA meeting held at EIPS on October 16. All parents are part of the Alberta School Council Association. If you're interested in participating in the School Council Engagement Task Force, please submit the form on the following website <https://albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/the-parent-voice/school-council-engagement>.

6. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 by Michelle Dugan.

Next Meeting will be October 16, 2018 @ 6:30pm in the Bev Facey Library

Minutes prepared by Jody Tom, Secretary