

# Bev Facey Parent Council

## Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2018

### Attendees

Staff	3 Staff: Barclay Spady, Trudi Williamson, Cherum Orr
Parents	15 Families Represented: Sivanthy Suntharalingam, Karen Tomnuk, Susan Ballash, Marlene Crippin, Lisa Clamp, Maxine MacKay, Bev Braat, Carol Reivonen, Sherrilyn Job, Cecile Palm, Beverly Kotun, Guy Martin, Jeff Hanrahan, Jackie Hanrahan, Michelle Dugan, Bev Kotun
School Trustee	Trina Boymook
Students	2 Students Represented: Kayla Reivonen, Lucy Gordon

1. **Call to order at 6:30 p.m.** by Michelle Dugan. Round table introductions were made.
2. **Additions to the agenda** – none requested
3. Noted changes to the minutes from September 18; 5.4 ASCA presentation – the correct date is October 16 not 19; request of administration to post minutes, board executive and Parent Council meeting dates to school website.  
**Approval of September 18 minutes** with noted changes put forward by Lisa Clamp and seconded by Sivanthy Suntharalingam. **Approved.**
4. **Old Business**  
The ASCA Engagement Task Force has asked School Councils to provide input on the following questions:
  - a) Has School Council provided members with an update on changes to school regulations and the School Act?

Michelle reviewed the recent changes to the School Act, noting that these were minor changes and did not impact Bev Facey. For more information on the School Act: [www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/education-in-alberta/the-education-act-school-act/school-councils-regulation](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/education-in-alberta/the-education-act-school-act/school-councils-regulation) Jeff Hanrahan asked if fundraising was still allowed for grad, and Trina Boymook noted that if the fundraising initiatives required a gaming license, then it was not allowed as the school would require a Society Act number. However, initiatives that did not require a gaming license could be pursued.

- b) How does School Council encourage attendance at the meetings?

It was noted that emails are sent to parents, agendas are posted to the website, relevant topics are noted on the agenda and parents have attended the school Open House to promote attendance.

c) How does School Council support/engage parents who don't attend the meetings?

Minutes are posted on the school website and executive members are approachable.

d) How does School Council create a welcoming environment for parent volunteers in the school?

Executive members attending the school Open House were approachable and volunteers are thanked for their help with the Teacher Appreciation lunch. It was noted that there are not many volunteer opportunities available in high schools.

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1 Student Report**

The FLI students recently attended a retreat at Birch Bay which focused on teamwork; currently organizing school events such as the Halloween costume contest and Remembrance Day ceremonies (10:30 – 11:30 am on November 9); continue to act as strong student voices.

### **5.2 Principal Report – Barclay Spady**

- School recently hosted the Education Minister and dignitaries for a school tour; FLI students were the guides. Highlighted the Spanish, audio engineering/creative music and horticulture programs.
- Grad survey is complete and results will be shared with parents on October 18 at 7 p.m.
- Awards Ceremony is on October 25; an email notification has been/will be sent to affected families.
- Learning Clicks presentation on October 30 at 6:30 p.m.
- Parent-Teacher conferences October 29 and November 1. Online bookings will be available soon.
- Future Fair on October 22, hosted by EIPS.
- Bev Facey to host the divisional meeting on October 17.
- Circulation of Positive Role Model tickets started in the school; great feedback received.
- Accountability Pillar Survey results have led to goal development for 2018 to 2022; survey results can be found at [bevfacey.ca](http://bevfacey.ca)
- Four students are working on their GREEN certificate
- A number of facility upgrades have taken place or are in the works.

### **Grade 11 Administration Report – Cherum Orr**

- Has focused on fully exploring and understanding the Advanced Placement program, its benefits and information that needs to be communicated with students and parents. She visited Strathcona High School to learn how they promote Advanced Placement with students and teachers. Discussion ensued.
- There are three student teachers this semester; one is advanced and has already started and the other two will start in November.
- A Student Voice committee has been set up with grade 11 and 12 students to discuss concerns and challenges faced in high school and what can be done to help facilitate change. A separate committee for grade 10s will be formed. There is a cross section of student representatives.

**Grade 10 Administration Report – Trudi Williamson**

- Participated in Read in Week with Reading 15 students; visited FR Haythorne, Wes Hosford and Wye School. Great learning experiences.
- The educational app Talking Points is working well for students who are struggling with English.

**Parent questions:**

Has the student body mood has changed and has any formal feedback has been received by administration? It was noted that the school has received a number of positive emails and verbal feedback. Discussion ensued.

How the Honours program in Junior High feeds into the Advance Placement program. Discussion ensued.

What is the Bev Facey policy is for going into Advanced Placement? It was noted that it hasn't been consistent and that the school is investigating how this process will be defined and managed. Discussion ensued.

What is being done to help with the transition from Junior High to High School? It was noted that there are a lot of opportunities for Grade 9 students to visit Bev Facey to become more familiar with the school. Discussion ensued.

**5.3 Trustee Report – Trina Boymook**

The Board held its annual retreat at Pigeon Lake on September 18 and 19. Agenda items included Language programs, facility utilization vision for Sherwood Park schools, cell phone use in the classroom and Board's Advocacy Strategic Plan.

According to Board Policy 7 Board Operations 12.4 that the board will review its remuneration. "Trustees' compensation shall be adjusted September 1 annually. The methodology to be used is an average index of Alberta CPI and the percent change in annual average earnings Alberta AWE, not to exceed the increase given to Elk Island Public Schools classified staff and not less than zero." Given that there is no increase for classified staff, there will be no changes to what was budgeted for 2018/2019 year.

The Board will be holding a public consultation on the naming of Wye replacement school that will be built in Heritage Hills. Consultation will get underway later this month.

On October 11, Trina had an opportunity to host Minister Eggen and gave him a tour of Bev Facey and Woodbridge Farms.

School Results Review are coming up in November. Bev Facey's will be held November 28 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Central Office Boardroom. Results Review allow the Board to have discussion with school administrators and their school council representatives about the celebration and challenges that the school is facing, as well as the school's plan for the year and review the school's budget. Trina is hopeful that a Bev Facey school council representative will be able to join the meeting.

**Parent questions:**

Will the the impending cell phone policy will impact teachers as well? Trina noted that it will not be a blanket approach and the different levels of schools will have different rules.

What is the School Results Review all about? Trina explained that it was focused on discussing data collected by the provincial government. A survey is circulated to parents of Grade 4, 7 and 10 students.

**5.4 Chair report – Michelle Dugan**

- Michelle noted that school council is proud to sponsor an annual award which is given to a student who exemplifies the Facey Way. This award will be presented at the upcoming Awards Ceremony.
- The Principal was thanked for sending out a survey to the parents regarding graduation.
- Michelle to forward information to administration to be posted on the web regarding a partnership with COSC and Saffron (see COSC report below for more information).
- On October 17, the Caregiver Series: Parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Respecting Limit Setting with Adolescents was offered at the Strathcona County Family and Community Services offices. Upcoming sessions will take place from 6 to 7:30 pm: More Than Just a Bad Day: Understanding Depression and Self-Injury (November 7); Promoting Success in Learning by Building Executive Functioning Skills (January 23); Sleeping Your Way to Better Mental Health (February 12); Test Anxiety: Strategies for Success (April 17); Breaking the Cycle of Anxiety: A Step by Step Approach (May 1). For more information: 780-464-4044

**5.5 COSC Report – Krista Scott (presented by Michelle Dugan)**

- Executive election took place and the successful volunteers are: Chair Jacquie Surgenor; Vice-chair Krista Scott; Secretary Lesley Bowman
- COSC will meet at EIPS Central Services boardroom from 7 to 9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month excluding December and June.
- COSC roundtable shared how different school councils recognize school staff with the intent to brainstorm ways that teachers can be recognized. Examples include potluck lunches, supply treats and staff meetings and provide meals on the evenings of parent-teacher interviews.
- Alberta School Councils' Association gave a short presentation on how they function as an advocacy board and also as a resource to school councils.
- The Saffron Cyber Second was introduced as a collaborative effort between EIPS COSC and Saffron Centre. Look for monthly topics in the school newsletter.
- On October 16, ASCA is hosting a workshop for school council members and principals which focused on the purpose of a school council. Other upcoming dates: October 17 is the Caregivers Series (noted above), October 22 Future Fair, October 22 – 26 School Bus Safety Week; November 5 - 9 Opioids Don't Discriminate event and November 7 Caregivers Series: More Than Just a Bad Day.
- Minutes from the COSC meetings can be found at [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca)

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. by Michelle Dugan.

**Next meeting: November 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bev Facey Library.**

Minutes prepared by Karen Tomnuk.