

Bev Facey School Council

Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2019

Attendees: 5 Staff: Barclay Spady, Matt Shudra, Cherum Orr, Candeda Shepherd, Trudi Williamson
14 Families Represented: Amanda Beck, Cecile Palm, Michelle Dugan, Jody Tom, Jeff Hanrahan, Maxine Mackay, Marlene Crippin, Cathy Jones, Guy Martin, Krista Scott, Bev Braat, Kelli Parks
School Trustee: Trina Boymook
Students Represented: Alexis, Jayce

1. **Call to Order at 6:30 by Michelle Dugan. Round Table introductions were made.**
2. **Additions to Agenda – 5.2 School Council Members Next School Year**
3. **Approval of April 12, 2019 minutes put forward by Maxine Mackay and seconded by Jody Tom. Approved**
4. **Ongoing Business**
 - 4.1 **Staff Appreciation**

Marlene Crippin and Cathy Jones are the organizers of this year's event. Approval was given for a communication to be sent out to all parents. Email Marlene with any food items you can donate or if you are able to volunteer on the day. mcrippin@shaw.ca
5. **New Business**
 - 5.1 **Dates for Meetings Next Year**

The dates will remain the same for the next school year, being, the third Tuesday of each month. September 17, October 15, November 19, January 21, February 11 or 18, March 17, April 21 & May 19
 - 5.2 **School Council Members Next School Year**

This year is the final year for a few of the council members and therefore, new members need to be elected at the first meeting on September 17. Cecile Palm expressed interest in the Secretary position. Jeff Hanrahan agreed to remain a Member at Large next year.
6. **Reports**
 - 6.1 **Student Report**

FLI and the Culinary Department held a BBQ.
May 28 is the Unified Sport Jamboree
June 7 – FLI is hosting a free BBQ out in back of the school at lunch.
 - 6.2 **Administrative Report**
 - Hosted our first Spanish night with over 150 people in attendance. It was a celebration night with some salsa dancing lesson and some of the students played some Spanish music.
 - Creative Music – Hosted a Rock Band night with Singer Song writer night to follow.
 - Musical Theatre – Bring It On – opening this afternoon.
 - An archery team will be formed next school year.

- Unified Sport Jamboree is being held on Tuesday. It's a combination of student athletes with specials skills. Over 30 schools are taking part.
- We will be hosting approx. 30 hearing impaired kids from around the Province on Thursday.
- Grad is coming along well and will be a great event.

Student Question: Is there going to be a Spring Break Trip? Barclay Spady: Japan trip has been cancelled. Unfortunately the trip was originally approved in error. We have discussed international travel with the superintendent. Putting together a proposal which needs to be approved by the Executive. No trip is currently scheduled but looking at a potential trip to Nova Scotia.

Grade 10 Administrator Report – Trudi Williamson

Some Bev Facey students received metals at the Skills Canada Competition. Andric Jacobson got a bi to compete against apprentices at the World Competition in Russia.

Grade 11 Administrator Report – Cherum Orr

- Bus driver appreciation day is coming soon.
- Support Staff & Teacher appreciation in the next few weeks
- AP exams are done for this year and sent today. We had 10% higher turnout than last year.
- One teacher is booked to attend AP training in Texas this summer.

Parent Question: How secure is the funding for next year? **Cherum:** We do not receive any funding for our AP program. The superintendent asked us to provide information on our program as we've asked if it can become a division program and we're just waiting to hear back regarding next year.

Trustee Boymook: This will need to come to the Board as a recommendation. The IB program receives funding but not the AP program. Students pay for their own exams at a cost of \$140 CAD per exam.

6.3 Trustee Report –Trina Boymook

All the feedback received from stakeholders has been very valuable as we drafted Policy 24 Personal Communication Devices. The draft policy will be coming forward at the May 22 Board meeting for a decision. If approved, the new policy will come into effect at the start of the 2019/20 school year.

Due to the Provincial election, school boards budget due date has been extended to the end of June. Without any information being provided by the new Minister of Education, the Board will move forward with a conservative budget on the assumption that funding for growth will not be provided by the government and that Classroom Improvement Funds will be discontinued. This is a similar approach many School Boards are developing their budgets. The Board is making amendments to its Board meeting schedule to accommodate the change in submission date. Once the commitment is confirmed in the fall, we will revisit the budget and will adjust accordingly.

The Board approved a motion that the Board consider the possible closure of Grades 10-12 at Andrew School effective June 30, 2019. The Board also approved a motion to direct senior administration to initiate all actions necessary to fulfill the requirements of the Closure of Schools Regulation, including the preparation of a report regarding the possible closure and proving the report to trustees prior to the June 6, 2019 Board meeting. All Trustees will be in attendance at the public meeting in Andrew on May 9.

Recommendation on Grandfathering students at Ecole Campbelltown that are impacted by the boundaries that will come into effect in September 2020 is expected to be considered at the May 22, 2019 Board meeting.

A recommendation report is coming forward to the May 22, 2019 Board meeting to establish the student transportation fees. After a number of meeting discussions on student transportation fees it is expected that the Board will hold fees at the 2018/19 rate.

There was a \$300,000 surplus in transportation – received more for urban areas. Diesel didn't reach \$1.30 as budgeted which resulted in the surplus. The surplus must be used in the following year.

I am looking forward to attending the Graduation ceremony this Saturday.

Parent Question: A rumour has been circulating that we may need to pay school fees again.

Trustee Boymook: That would be up to Council to decide.

Is there a way to ask the government to get a budget now: **Trustee Boymook:** The new Minister of Education was a former trustee for 11 years so she's well aware of the requirements/needs that school divisions face.

6.4 COSC Report

- A lot of resolutions were debated at the last meeting. A complete list can be found on the ASCA website under AGM link. 21 resolutions were drafted and debated and 12 became part of the advocacy policy. [ASCA Website](#)
- MELT – committed to working with them for additional funding.
- May 1 COSC Meeting – Superintendent Ligori will be in attendance talking about what's happening in our Province.

What is the difference between the Education Act and the School Act?

- Every time the Education Act is amended and ready for approval they change the Education Minister. They have taken the pieces that they like and put them into the School Act.
- Age of access is a big issue – can stay until they're 21. Currently schools can keep students for an additional year. Students with exceptional needs are the ones that stay because they don't fit well in the adult education system.
- Residency – Education Act states it's where the student resides – School Act states it's where the parent resides.

6.5 Chair Report

Michelle gave her thanks to Trina Boymook, to all the administration, teachers and parents.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 7:37pm by Michelle Dugan.

Next Meeting will be September 17, 2019 @ 6:30pm in the Bev Facey Library

Minutes prepared by Jody Tom, Secretary