

**Bev Facey School Council
Virtual Meeting
Minutes for May 18, 2021**

Attendees: Staff: Barclay Spady, Cherum Orr, Matt Shudra, Trudy Williamson, Candida Shepherd, Ken Wlos

Families Represented: Karen Tomnuk, Cecile Palm, Amanda Beck, Cathy Jones, Krista Scott, Colleen Helwig, Sheri Cholin, Pam Smith, Trish Kuhn, Sheri-Dawn Annett, Marlene Crippin, Jocelyn Rayan

Student Representatives: John Meston, Samira Shultz, Aiden Jones

1. **Call to order** at 6:00pm by Karen Tomnuk. Round “table” introductions were made.
2. **Additions to the agenda** – none.
3. **Approval of April 20, 2021 minutes** – Motion to approve put forward by Cathy Jones and seconded by Amanda Beck.
4. **New Business** – B.Spady
 - a) **Proposed 2021 -22 School Council Dates**

Predominately the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm, excluding December and June. Tentative meeting dates are: 2021 – September 21, October 19 and November 16. 2022 - January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19 and May 17. We will look into in-person, virtual or some sort of combo type of meeting. This will be discussed at the first meeting in September. We will check with Trina Boymook and Sherwood Heights to confirm there isn’t a scheduling conflict.
 - b) **Staff Appreciation for June** – Marlene Crippin and Cathy Jones

Items will be dropped off for staff June 2nd. There were many donations of gift cards and money. Schneiders donated little lunches, Safeway, donated veggies and Confetti Sweets donated cookies. We will be accepting donations until May 31st.
We really appreciate everything you have done for all of our kids!

Please note: Cathy and I won’t be here next year. I will prepare a transition document for the person who would like to take this on next year. I will also be available for phone calls or by email should you have any questions. Just contact the Council Chair if this is something you’d like to do.

Thank you to Marlene and Cathy for organizing this!

c) Introduction of Ken Wlos (BFH Principal 2021 – 2022) – B. Spady

I'd like to introduce you to Ken Wlos who will be Bev Facey's new Principal for next year. He is coming to us from Rudolf Hennig. I feel Bev Facey will be in a tremendously good spot and am confident the school will be in good hands. I've had the privilege of working with him before and he is a great guy and a great leader.

Ken Wlos – Thank you, I am honoured to be coming to Bev Facey. I am looking forward to working with you in the coming year. Feel free to contact me anytime, my email is ken.wlos@eips.ca. I already had the opportunity to work with Barclay and will continue to work together through the summer to ensure a smooth transition.

d) EIPS Parent and Grade 12 Survey update

The results of this survey do need to go to the Board prior to sharing with you. This survey was done at the peak of our COVID cases and we still are seeing positive feedback from both families and students. A few abbreviated highlights:

- ...my child's needs are being met... - very good, much the same response as last year
- ...my child has a better understanding of Indigenous, Metis history... 10% positive increase seen in this response
- ...my child is being taught skills to be successful in life... 6% positive increase seen in this response
- Responses to quality of education showed 40% of responses felt it increased, 40% felt it stayed the same and 20% felt it decreased.
- ...satisfied with the quality of teaching/leadership; staff care about my child; encourages child to be a responsible community member and school is safe all had a 90 – 95% -very good to excellent- response.

330 grade 12s also completed the survey.

When released, complete results will be going out to all families and will also be posted on the website.

e) August/ September Return Dates – August 23, 2021 school open to admin staff

- a. August 25 – Grade 12, August 26 – Grade 11, August 27 – Grade 10
- b. August 30-31 – Staff
- c. September 1 – Students start

The plan is still to give out student timetables June 25th.

Parent Question: Why are you not doing the staggered entry dates?

Answer: It comes down to minutes of instruction.

5. Information Reports

A. Student Reports – John Meston, Samira Shultz, Aiden Jones – FLI Students

Samira – We had a Kahoot for Earth Day, it went very well and student involvement was pretty good. We don't have anything planned for sure for June yet but we hope to have

something in motion when we go back in class schooling. I loved being a part of FLI and plan to do it again next year. I was new to this school and found it very accepting and it was easy to make friends. I love it here!

John – We had planned to give out treats for the May long week-end but were unable due to the move to at home learning. We may try to do it after we go back to celebrate coming back. I loved being a part of FLI, really liked the connection with other students and staff. It was a great idea to be able to have cross grade groups, because of COVID regulations it was hard to get to see other students in the other grades but there were a few occasions. It is very inclusive here, thank you so much for being here for us.

Aiden – I am in grade 12 but this is my first year in FLI. Past years I was very involved in sports and dance/theatre but with these activities cancelled I was able to try FLI. We worked really hard but a lot of the events were cancelled. We are now planning a staff appreciation event. I enjoyed FLI and was happy to be able to be part of school events this way. I enjoyed being able to join so many things here. I appreciate my time and experience at Facey.

B. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook **report emailed in*

The Board will be meeting on May 20 to do an in-depth review of the draft Budget. The Board will meet again on May 26 to approve the budget.

The Board provided the Minister a detailed review of the draft K-6 curriculum completed by Janice Aubrey, a curriculum expert of considerable renown not only in Alberta, but on the international front as well. The information she's summarized in her report not only aligns to what we are hearing from our parent community but reflects what we've heard from our business community as well. The report is a high-level governance summary of the strengths, opportunities for improvement and areas of concern as this important work continues, which we will be sharing with parents.

C. Administrative Reports

a) School updates – B. Spady

A number of our students competed at the SKILLS Canada competition. The skillset of these students was very impressive.

Congratulations to Emma Gamache for winning gold in photography! She will go on to the National competition June 15th; which will be done virtually.

We will be having a modified Athletic awards to honour our graduating athletes. We will also be introducing a new award, the Scholar Athlete of Distinction award. This will go to an athlete with an average over 90%. All graduating athletes will also have an athletic stole to wear at graduation. These will be theirs to keep.

We will be acknowledging/ honouring our performing arts students at graduation as well.

We are returning to in-school learning on May 25th after the long weekend. The same rules will still apply; masking, hand sanitation and social distancing guidelines. Please make good decisions so we can stay in school to finish the year.

b) Grade 10, AP wrap-up – C. Orr

AP exams – COVID definitely affected our numbers. The first of the exams were written in the gym where we were able to safely distance our students. The second writing will take place next week.

I will miss being here, I had fun working at Facey, it is a great group to work with.

Parent comment: I'd like to acknowledge Cherum for all of her hard work with AP and the AP program for Bev Facey High School. Thank you for your endless work and hours dedicated to making this Program such a fundamental part of this school. We are happy to hear you will be continuing with this Program at the divisional level.

Parent comment/question: I was concerned when I heard Ms Orr was leaving. I am worried the AP students won't have the same supports. Will she still be involved?

Answer: I will still be involved but at the provincial level. Bev Facey will continue to have full support(s). All information is being transitioned to Mrs. Williamson.

c) Grade11 – M. Shudra

We are prepped for next year, working on the 2021-22 schedules. 98% of student requests are taken care of and 91% without any issues.

I will miss Bev Facey. I enjoyed my time here and with working with the students and the staff here. I appreciated speaking with all of you.

d) Grade 12, Grad – T Williamson

Grad will take place June 22 – 25th. Parents will be kept updated by an email today detailing our thoughts. Bookings will be done online through the parent/teacher interview booking system, June 1st at 9am.

We are still waiting for AHS clarity about numbers allowed.

Grad gowns will be handed out next week so grads have time to get pictures done if they would like. Gowns will then be left at the school right after your part of the ceremony.

A live stream is planned which will include the slideshow, speeches and grad talent. Yearbook writeups are due ASAP.

Congratulations to our Valedictorian Jenna Neiman, her average is 99.2%!

D. COSC Report – Krista Scott

2021 ASCA AGM ISSUE RESOLUTIONS

The [outcome of the resolutions](#) debated at this year's Alberta School Councils' Association annual general meeting are now available online.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: May

Alberta Health Services is hosting 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, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency, and more. [Learn more](#)

SAFFRON CYBER SECOND: May issue

The latest issue of the *Saffron Cyber Second* is now available. Read it to learn tips, tools and strategies aimed at helping children develop skills for healthy and safe online experiences. [Saffron Cyber Second May 2021](#)

SHERWOOD HEIGHTS JUNIOR HIGH REPLACEMENT SCHOOL: New website launching

Jacque Surgenor and Lesley Bowman are launching a new website to help support the EIPS Board of Trustee's advocacy efforts around a replacement school for Sherwood Heights Junior High. The pair expect to launch the website in the next few weeks. Once live, make sure to visit the site on an ongoing basis: replaceshewoodheights.ca.

REVENUE AND RESERVES: 2021-22

During the May COSC meeting, Superintendent Mark Liguori discussed the Division's projected revenue and reserves for the 2021-22 school year. The [Revenue and Reserves Summary](#) is available online. On May 20, trustees will review the Division's Spring 2021-22 budget during the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS DURING CHALLENGING TIME

In April, Strathcona Christian Academy (SCA) Secondary's hosted a virtual presentation entitled, Keeping Them Safe While Helping Them Grow. Presented by Alex Russell, a nationally renowned psychologist and public speaker, the session offered helpful tips and strategies to support children and their emotional growth during challenging times. The presentation is still available to view on the SCA Secondary website. [Watch the presentation](#)

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS

Every year, school councils are responsible for submitting an annual report to the Division. The report includes two parts. One is a summary of the school council's activities during the school year. The second is a financial statement listing the money the school council handled and used during the year. All School Council Annual Reports are due June 25, 2021. Once complete, submit the report to your school principal, who will then submit it to the Division. [Learn more](#) | [School Council Annual Report Sample](#) | [School Council Financial Statement Sample](#)

Additional information from the May COSC meeting is available at www.eips.ca. The next meeting takes place on Oct. 6, 2021—location to be determined.

E. Chair Report – Karen Tomnuk

On behalf of the parents and guardians of Facey students, congratulations to all admin, but especially Mrs. Orr, Mr Shudra and Mr Spady for your new roles within EIPS.

I have participated in many, many council meetings over the past 14 years of having a student in the system, and I just wanted to let you know that each of you (and of course you Mrs. Williamson) have made these meetings something to look forward to.

Each of you provide an exceptional update for parents, answer our questions with honesty and bring a level of enthusiasm to each meeting that is incredibly appreciated.

Mr. Shudra, we will certainly miss your sense of humor at these meetings.

Mrs. Orr, your positivity and happiness can be felt over our monitors every week which I think is incredible.

Mr. Spady, your updates for parents are thorough, I really appreciated your 'heads up' emails over the past year, and your acknowledgement as a leader that Facey students are individuals and that you celebrated and supported those differences while what appears to me, to encourage admin to do the same.

- With that, parents, we're collecting \$'s or gift cards for staff appreciation. The deadline is May 31. Thank you Marlene Crippin and Cathy Jones for organizing this important acknowledgement.
- I'd also like to acknowledge Cecile Palm for her work as secretary this year. Cecile and I go back to Glen Allan's school council. Your reliability and work ethic is much appreciated Cecile. Cecile won't have a child attending Facey next year so we will be looking for a new secretary. Please consider helping out next year by taking on this incredibly important role in mind.
- Krista Scott, your updates on behalf of COSC are always content rich and appreciated. We are all incredibly lucky to have you at the COSC meetings to report back on all this important work.

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting is September 21, 2021 at 6:00pm

Minutes prepared by Cecile Palm – Secretary