

BEV FACEY SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
Virtual Meet 6 p.m. for Tuesday October 19, 2021

Attendees

Staff: Ken Wlos, Corey Kropp, Brandon Salyzyn, Trudi Williamson, Candida Shepherd, Allison Gyonyor (RCMP school resource officer)

Families: Karen Tomnuk, Tara Jones-Whitford, Sivanthy Suntharalingam, Krista Scott, Jeff Hanrahan, Colleen Helwig, Bob Hall, Amy Dieser, Natalie Box, Sheri Cholin, Tamara Parker

Student representatives: Samira Schultz and Alex Bos

School trustee – Trina Boymook

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Administration and student representatives of Bev Facey, Parent council members in attendance along with the executive, and School Board Trustee introduced themselves briefly.

2. Approval of Agenda:

- Motioned by: Krista Scott
 - Seconded by: Jeff Hanrahan
- MOTION CARRIED

3. Approval of September 21, 2021, Minutes

- Motioned by: Sivanthy Suntharalingam
 - Seconded by: Tara Jones-Whitford
- MOTION CARRIED

4. Elections –Vice Co-Chairperson, and Secretary. Conducted by Chair, Karen Tomnuk.

- Vice Co-Chairperson nominated: Krista Scott
 - Motioned by:
 - Seconded by: Sivanthy Suntharalingam

MOTION CARRIED

- Secretary nominated: Tara Jones-Whitford
 - Motioned by: Krista Scott
 - Seconded by: Sivanthy Suntharalingam

MOTION CARRIED

5. **New Business**

Review of Bev Facey Operating Procedures (2020)

- Last year, the School Council approved the School Council Operating Procedures. School Council Operating Procedures are needed to help clarify the purpose and guide the work of the School Council.
- There were a few changes made to the operating procedures last year, specifically:
 - Broadening the scope of who is considered part of the 'school community' which allows those individuals to participate in meetings and vote; an example could be the inclusion of independent learners/students. This is defined broadly under 1.E
 - A quorum is 50% of elected executive officers (3 roles in the Operating Procedures) including one staff member, one attending parent (who can be an elected officer) and the Principal or designate.
In the absence of a quorum, parents and school council members present can agree to proceed with the discussion, but no motions will be considered or approved and no decision by consensus will be reached.
- The introduction of a Code of Ethics (section 16), conflict resolution strategies in the event it goes to vote and the introduction of privacy of information considerations (PIPA).
- Krista Scott asked that 10 C (Duties of the Executive Members - Secretary), point ii be revised to allow for the electronic sharing of relevant documents. Proposed wording is "Keep minutes, correspondence, records and other School Council documents, and ensure that all relevant documents (as per legislation) are available to the public **electronically**, for a period of 7 years.

Action: Administration to set up a shared electronic and accesible space to save Bev Facey School Council documents.

Action: Circulate an updated School Council Operating Procedures for review and approval at November's meeting.

6. **Information Reports**

Principal's report: Ken Wlos Principal

New Staff Member, Allison Gyonyor: School Resource Officer - her role will be to develop relationships with students and be a resource for answering questions they may have.

- Each grade has separate entrances

- Mandatory cleaning of each class prior to new class coming in
- Volunteers must show vaccination to continue volunteering
- Covid + cases will be reported by AHS prior to any information passed on
- Contact tracing by AHS
- Controlled seating in the cafeteria, looking for extra seating possibly in the larger gym for colder months.
- No large gatherings at the school ie: assembly
- Sept. 28 successful bus evacuations took only 20 minutes flat - 18 buses
- Wonderful Truth and Reconciliation day - some students/staff took field trip to Frog Lake , Orange Shirt Day, online presentation, short one minute of silence to honour those who did not return from Residential Schools.
- Oct 4-8 Read in Week - worked with feeder school Wes Hosford, lot of high school students read virtually to classes in elementary.
- Classrooms lots of great stuff going on one cool thing math teachers are using some choices to explain their methods
- Science 10 AP: Physics roller coasters were created
- Foods - lots of tasty food in the baking class
- Capitalism just finished in Social 30 by playing Monopoly. Use some of the key outcomes applied
- Music classes doing some amazing things.
- Opportunity Wednesday
 - going strong - lots of clubs using it. Archery Club starts Oct. 20, Academic trivia competition (Reach for the Top) Mrs. Holt running it. Lots of student interest. Exhibition match against Old Strathcona coming up.
 - Peer to Peer with Opportunity Wed. 2 more students have joined to work with our Place students.
 - Noticing a number of students accessing the academic coaching.
 - Exam catchup and rewrites are expanding as well. There is an overflow room now.

Mr. Salyzyn's report given by Ken Wlos as he was coaching volleyball and was unable to attend

- Emergency preparedness 3 evacs are done already and one hold and secure drill have been accomplished. Fire inspection (2 inspectors) went through last Wed. (Oct.13) and found no major issues.
- Athletics: number of teams we can celebrate cross country runners zone champsall participants finished in the top 20 at provincials
- seniors boys won bronze in tri volleyball tournament
- Senior Girls Volleyball won in Spruce Grove Invitational
- Junior girls won bronze at Spruce Grove Invitational
- Boys volleyball won gold against Salsibury.
- Football teams are doing well, seniors are currently 4 wins and 3 losses.

Important dates:

Oct. 20 - Mrs. Williamson/ Mrs. Kropp - AP Session 6-7

Oct. 26 - 27 Student Parent Teacher Conference

Oct. 26 Scholarship Info night. 6:30 - 7:30

Oct. 27 Student Parent Teacher Conference

Oct. 27 First Grad meeting 6:

Nov. 5 Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov 8-12 Fall Break

Corey Kropp Student Services Gr. 11

Remembrance Day Assembly will be virtual but student led. The link will be sent to families

Trudi Williamson, Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP)

- Current grade 11 and 12 AP students are invited to attend a presentation that is geared towards choosing to write an AP exam this year. Information about benefits of writing the exams. Ap Exams are taken in the first weeks of May - deadline to commit is Oct. 31. There is a \$140 fee to write the exam from the College Board . This is not a Bev Facey fee. There is a \$60 cancellation charge.
- There is access to a fee reduction from the college board for students in need. The fee is discounted to \$95.00 if they qualify.

Counselling: All virtual post secondary sessions have been attended exceptionally well. Grade 12 and Grade 11 students getting the information.

Post secondary Scholarship virtual Presentation Oct. 26

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Grad
- My Pass

Ken Wlos noted that kids are beginning to struggle with harder units with the rigor. He encourages parents/guardians to keep pushing them to stay the course when students are feeling disheartened. They need to prepare for the diploma and those pieces ultimately have to turn up the rigor compared to what they had to do last year. The quarters from last year have made it difficult for them. Looking to invite kids to academic coaching. The kids in the middle ground and struggling to turn it up a notch and need support from all stakeholders.

Each department is trying to make adjustments and develop strategies to help kids get into a better frame and see success. Working to keep them at that year of growth.

Counselling role: Student inquire: College support and beginning ground level for mental health, but they can find outside support for students to get that consistent piece for mental health.

7. Student Report

Samira Schultz

Grade 11

- Slowly more COVID related rules coming in, but feel like we are still able to do a bit more than in the past.
- FLI: not many events have been done so far, action teams started 2 weeks ago. Oktoberfest is being planned for Friday, Scavenger hunt for Thursday. Linking generations came into the school this year.
- Assessments have been a bit of a hit this year as the timing is different than the quarter system last year.
- Transition from Gr. 10 to Gr. 11 has been better socially. Came in this year more confident and comfortable.

Alex Bos

Grade 12

- Used to the COVID rules, less restrictive this year. Some of the rules not sure about.
- More is happening in the school now than last year.
- FLI, Linking Generations, excited to see more outside interactions throughout the year
- Strong support for preparing for post secondary from the counsellors at the school

8. Trina Boymook, Trustee Report

Boards have just received updates to the Funding Manual last week which includes the details of the new Alberta School Council Engagement Grant. Further details will be provided to each school council and school after further review by Finance.

Attended a Board Chairs meeting October 12 as part of Alberta School Boards Association school board engagement sessions to gather school boards perspective on the draft K-6 curriculum and implementation. Development of Grade 7-10 is underway and it is expected to be piloted for the 22/23 school year with a September 2023 implementation. The drafting of grades 11 and 12 will start later this school year with implementation to take place September 2024

The new Board of Trustees will be sworn in on October 28. Following the swearing in, the three Sherwood Park trustees will consider school liaison assignments.

- Board received update of school council engagement Grant (\$500)
 - Provided for active school councils
 - Restrictions of what you can and can't use money for
 - Accountability for it will be required
 - EIPS needs to apply for this grant for councils

Parent inquiry: Could more than one council work together and combine their grants?

Action: Trustee Trina Boymook to look into it.

Nov. 14 Board Chair Meetings to continue on this issue

9. COSC Report – Krista Scott

Agenda set on this item School Council engagement Grant for their next meeting at COSC.

The EIPS board needs to apply for us to the minister of education by the deadline.

Last Meeting Oct 6: Board didn't change. Dates and times have been set for this year 6:30 - 8:30 many are invited to pop into the meetings.

AB School Council Report:

ASCA : reminder that the board pays our membership and that means we have access to the members only section

Lots of information on their website used to all be accessible but with cuts last year more tiers needed to be made to support the lost funds.

All parents of Bev Facey are considered members and will have access Caregivers

Education series - lots of valuable resources for parents

Saffron - posts a spreadsheet that is relevant and quick tips for parents

EIPS operations guidelines from Superintendent Mark Ligouri

- Discussion around the new draft curriculum
 - Presentations on gathering feedback
 - Parent engagement initiative from EIPS is to gather parent feedback regarding the new draft curriculum
 - The two questions below were asked to be taken back to their Parent Councils and have parents respond.

1. What do you hope to see in the new draft curriculum?

Parents Responses: (that were in attendance)

a. Life skills(budget, career plan)

- b. Life skills, inclusion, indigenous culture
 - c. Basic life skills (home economics, CALM)
 - d. Life Skills
 - e. Critical thinking skills, indigenous culture relevance, readiness for real world problem solving
 - f. Financial literacy, continue the rigor for students
 - g. Mental health
2. What are your hopes the new curriculum will provide for your child?
- Parent Responses: (that were in attendance)
- a. They become critical thinkers, diverse thinkers
 - b. addressing unique learners
 - c. Teach/support the idea of hard work and working to the top not the expectation to start at the top. Variety of ways to approach problems and challenges.
 - d. Offer a more diverse way of learning
 - e. Not to increase the rigor but to maintain it, not to rush the curriculum

10. Chair Report - Karen Tomnuk

- I am concerned about the long-term effects on the mental health of staff and students and hope that this type of awareness and education will be included as part of proposed imminent curriculum changes. I am also change-fatigued and assume that others are as well; I am concerned about the timing of these changes.
- Congratulations to Trina Boymook on her successful campaign and on behalf of Bev Facey we hope you will be able to continue as our Board representative.
- Acknowledgement of administration for managing another month full of change. On behalf of the parent body, thank you for all your continued hard work.

Adjournment 7:58 pm

Next Meetings at 6 p.m.:

2021: November 16

2022: January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17