

Bev Facey School Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Attendees

Staff: Ken Wlos, Corey Kropp, , Trudi Williamson, Candida Shepherd

Families: Rhonda Duncan, Karen Tomnuk, Amy Dieser, Kathi J, Colleen Helwig, Jeff Hanrahan, Sue Szigety, Krista Scott, Tara Jones-Whitford, Sivanthy Suntharalingam

Student representatives: Danny, Jada Middleton

School trustee – Trina Boymook

1. **Call to order** at 6 p.m. by Karen Tomnuk. Introductions. Treaty 6 acknowledgement. Round table introductions made.
2. **Approval of the agenda** – Krista Scott motion to approve and seconded by Kathi J
3. **Approval of October 19, 2021 minutes:** Motion to approve and put forward by Kathi J and seconded by Rhonda Duncan. Approved
4. **Operating Procedures**

Motion to approve the updated school operation procedures by Krista Scott and seconded by Sivanthy Suntharalingam. Approved.

6. New business – K. Wlos

[Principal Report](#)

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rNe59CF9dKtU2HEuTR1GEvEBy3uczCTxel8j_T-e7W0/edit?usp=sharing

Principal Report:

- 278 parents booked for parent conferences.
- Facey mechanics big initiative: \$13 000 – \$14 000 worth of business. Tires, oil changes all profit, but giving students a chance to work
- Halloween: costume contests, golden ghost hidden throughout the school, Kahoot contest, staff got involved
- Facey Food Drive – proceeds went to Strathcona Food Bank winning classes both Bio 20 and 30 classes won and Mr. Willards class donated pizza back to food bank
- Remembrance Day – in the school entrance, students were able to look at displays of memorabilia from WWI and II along with Afghanistan from students and staff of facey. Virtual ceremonies streamed to each class.
- MOVEMBER is going strong in the school MOVE for MOVEMBER fundraiser that students can be involved in

- link for Movember donation page:
https://ca.movember.com/mospace/14703421?mc=1&utm_medium=share&utm_source=dynamic&utm_campaign=copy-clipboard
- Oct. 27 Diploma dropped to a 10 % weighting. Students' parents need to be aware of the drop in percentage from diploma means increased weighting for in class assignments, tests and quizzes.
- Opportunity Wednesdays can be an asset to rewrite the exam or more time for extra help.
- students continue to access clubs and academics are rising
- Grad info Nov. 24 information session. First official grad list will be out shortly after this meeting. Currently working on venue, we have several plans in place and those will be shared at the information session
- The Student Grad Council will be formed this week. Then weekly meetings will begin. Scheduling of meetings will be after school but not during Opportunity Wednesday
- Mr. Salyzyn coaching volleyball with FR Haythorne students
- lock down drill on the 23rd.
- Tier 2 metro champs for Football
- basketball tryouts going on right now. Athletic links are available on our website and connected
- Bev Facey drama Productions will begin at 1/3 capacity primarily with family members. Masks will need to be worn by all and vaccination cards will need to be produced.
- OHS district advised Principal our kids (actors) performing will be allowed to perform without masks. Backstage crew will need to still wear masks
- Important dates
 - Nov. 17 awards afternoon
 - Nov 23 post secondary career fairs
 - Nov. 24 first grad meeting
- reasons to reduce diploma percentage weighting includes: lots of unfinished learning and they felt with all the anxiety and getting students back into the rigor; one exam and one day being worth 30 percent would be too much for some students to handle. It is not a permanent percentage.
- **ACTION:** from last meeting was to identify a shared document folder with approved PDF's for school council using Google. The account needs to be kept updated and the school can manage that.

Brandon Salyzyn will get minutes from previous years and place them in the google docs .

7. Information reports

Administrative

See slide deck

Trustee report – T. Boymook

Report provided: [Trustee Report](#)

- Response to diploma exam decrease percentages
 - students in the advisory group have not had any common assessments in a long time. not wanting to enter post secondary without the opportunity to write a common assessment it will be in place for this year only.
 - effective immediately this year until the end of the school year.
 - New board elected
 - Board chair Trina Boymook
 - Vice chair : Colleen Holowaychuk
- Oct. 28 demolition of old modular
- entering into the board assurance (formerly board review) review. met with departments .
- Bev Facey, Fort Sask, Salisbury review 1 pm Nov. 24 held through zoom
- Nov. 14 Superintendent Mark Ligouri and Trina Boymook attended K - 6 curriculum meeting
 - same writers of elementary curriculum are writing for the secondary curriculum as well
 - resources for successful implementation are being questioned
 - Minister of Education was at the meeting and spent time answering questions about the draft curriculum – and was open to changes. She indicated that in a couple of months, an updated version will be available
 - not a lot of communication between the Minister and the office
 - taking forward our information from our parents, experts to future meetings
 - Trina Boymook listened to a great presentation by a political analyst to get more up to date on the political landscape.
 - 22 constituent offices who want an earlier leadership review.

- Jesse Went presented on diversity, inclusivity and truth and reconciliation
- board retreat Dec 6/7 sets priorities for boards work looking at 2022 - 2023 calendar
- Krista question: thanks for opening an invitation to an assurance review. She wants an info package for it. How long did the Minister talk to the audience vs answering questions.

Response by Trina Boymook: She took significant questions from the floor. Her focus was on reducing anxiety and demonstration of achievement through a common exam.

Trudi Williamson - Bev Facey Administrator

- The Advanced Placement college board deadline has passed any changes to order exams for students to have a fee attached to them. Students AP classes that begin in semester 2 this will not apply; they will have a separate deadline.
- Last year 197 exams were ordered as there were no fees attached. Of those exams 68 exams were written. This year 118 exams were ordered. Cost \$140 per exam. \$60 cancellation fee. A donor has provided us with funds to pay for those students who could not afford it.
- Awards Ceremony Nov. 17 will be for all grades. Current students will receive during the day.
- Major award winners have been sent invitations and will be allowed to come to in person attendance. They have all been sent emails.
- an honours award of merit award is a signal for parents to note that they should be applying for the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship as they have met the criteria.

Corey Kropp - Bev Facey Administrator

Counseling

- Bullying Awareness Week – pink shirt day, Culinary department giving out cookies videos are posted in our daily bulletin for teachers to show during first period
- Kindness initiatives are in place to remind students the importance of treating others with gratitude.

Assurance Survey

- received at the end of the year
- will be posted on the website after the review
- focus on some of the targets that Principal Spady made in spring of 2020 – 2021 school year. Lots of the targets implemented by that admin team were met and exceeded.
- Results for the first target on goal 2 was based on classroom finals as there were no diplomas written.
- Rest of the target goals have been met or exceeded

- Target 2 of goal 3: there was an increase but not met, this was during a covid year where anxiety was high, and in person learning restrictions were in place.
- feeder schools have tried a trade program where their students can get a look at the opportunities that are available here at Bev Facey.

Questions:

1. Jeff - indicated he has seen bullying over the last 2 years as our children have gone online more and more out of necessity so kids could stay in communication. Students are staying online the way they talk to one another; they are missing the human element to their conversations.

Response: Students are struggling to identify social cues. We see this every day and continue to work towards helping students to treat others respectfully. With masks it is also difficult to read facial expressions and there is lots of unfinished learning academically and emotional intelligence to continue to work those character education elements.

2. Krista – Thanks for the assurance review information and asked why is the focus just on feeder schools.

Response: If Facey actively went after other schools other than feeder school students (e.g. FR Haythorne), there could be misconceptions that we are recruiting. It is important for us to give opportunities to all students in the district. Working with all high school principals should be in a position to leverage all the advantages we have.

3. Krista : Counseling expectations – the QR code doesn't really help with the mental health component. Does the student have to know what their needs are or do counselors test to identify their needs.

Response: Corey Kropp – procedures and process: intention of QR code is to organize gives us the structure. Our counselors help to navigate for parents the support they may access. No long term care is offered. They work hand in hand with teachers to support academically for differentiation to those students.

8. Chair report

Karen Tomnuk Chair

- AP: Amazing results. Congratulations to the staff for making students and parents more aware of the Advanced Placement Program
- Work Preparation Stats increase is unreal. Compliments to the staff for making such a great gain. It's important to show students that post secondary isn't the only choice.
- Thank you to the teachers who work at delivering information about students to parents regarding their academics
- The open concept of CTS courses and the flexibility of staff and administration is appreciated

Action completed from last meeting: School council email is schoolcouncilbevfacey@gmail.com

9. Committee of School Council (COSC) report – K. Scott

- meet the first Wednesday of each month.
- Superintendent and other representatives of school councils and an ATA representative joined us.

- all new trustees were present.
- APSCA update was presented
 - Nov. 27 membership will meet together to discuss current educational environment in the province
 - a presentation was given by an RCMP officer regarding the school resource officers reinstated as a program. There are now 5 school resource officers within the district. One is at Bev Facey.
 - community support and engagement of RCMP with youth and its impact on changing behaviours
 - presentation on Sherwood Heights replacement
 - Covid update
- The engagement grant each school was to receive \$500 and the regulations are now out on how the money could be used for.
 - conversations around school councils to see what would like to be done, whether it be to pool the finances in collaboration which would be would have someone to track the money for each individual school or does each school counsel want to be responsible for it themselves.
 - School district is responsible for accounting for all monies. any monies not spent must be returned.
 - deadline for money to be spent is the end of the school year
 - consider what the school administration's targets are and how we could support that
 - For example, how to read results packages presentation
- There are two new initiatives:
 1. Jr. High transition panel:
 - Parents of current students with staff reps. took the panel to the Jr. high school where they are more comfortable. Focus is to ask questions of the panel.
 - Are parents more likely to be involved in high school parent councils if we bring this panel to them?
 - Trudi Williamson suggested having a panel open on the Jr. High Parent teacher conferences that parents could come to for a Q and A.
 - Karen Tomnuk felt it should take place prior to the open houses
 2. Staff Recognition:
 - In the district there is a staff recognition form that is made available to parents on the school website. Parents could recognize a teacher or staff member, a positive way to engage with staff. The form is returned to the school council and then a council member sends it to the staff member and forwarded to administration and if it is for a member of the admin team it is forwarded to the superintendent.

Ken Response to initiative 2 : thinks it's awesome . It could be featured on the website and in the newsletter.

Candida Shephard: Concerns with staff that are not always recognized. The quiet warriors worried they would be overlooked.

ACTION: Revisit the Jr. High Transition Panel and bring a draft form of what other schools are using in terms of staff recognition and ask some specific questions to the schools already implementing this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m

Next Meetings at 6 p.m. January 18 2022

contd: February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17

Minutes prepared by Tara Jones-Whitford