

Bev Facey School Council Meeting

Minutes for September 20, 2022

Attendees

Families: Marlene Crippin, Colleen Helwig, Amy Dieser, Neil Klassen, Pam Smith, Ashley Frayn, Jennifer Daly, Tiko Bielecki, Nasherine Banman, Linda Boyd, Karen Tomnuk

Staff: Ken Wlos, Brandon Salyzyn, Corey Kropp, Candida Shephard

Trustee: Trina Boymook

Students: Soffia Sakhno (grade 10), Parker Boyd (grade 10)

1. Call to order at 6 p.m. by Ken Wlos
2. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement
3. Student report
 - Soffia moved here from Ukraine in June and is experiencing differences between cultures and school. The teachers here are really kind, the classrooms are comfortable and people are willing to listen to her.
 - Parker is part of the CTS program (mechanics) and his experiences have been positive. Bev Facey is a much larger school than what he's used to. He has always be interested in mechanics and has lots of experience, but through the program now has access to different machines. Mechanics has been a hobby for him in the past and noted that it may grow into something more. Mr. Wlos noted that Facey saw an increase in mechanic registration over the last year and that mechanic services will be available for a fee soon and to watch the school newsletter for more information.
4. Elections – conducted by Brandon Salyzyn. The following roles were filled by acclamation.
 - Chair: Karen Tomnuk
 - Vice Chair: Ashley Frayn
 - Secretary: Tiko Bielecki
 - COSC: table for next meeting
 - Staff appreciation: Pam Smith
5. Principal's report – Mr. Wlos
 - A number of new staff were introduced. There is a new administrative assistant model being used at the school where there will be an admin assigned to each grade

level. Renae Cameron will work with grade 10 students and Kim Seibt will work with grade 11 students.

- School start-up activities went great with many events organized by FLI students
 - Grade 10 morning welcome included free burgers which were received well
 - 500 cookies given away during welcome week
 - Lots of food giveaways as well
- Registration is up: 1,009 (up from 40 from last June); saw several new Advanced Placement (AP) students from Edmonton
- Opportunity Wednesday is possible by manipulating the bell schedule to ensure instructional hours are met but students get out early every Wednesday
 - New: to take a rewrite, demonstrated new knowledge will be required before taking the exam
 - 3rd Wednesday of every month, it will be a collaborative opportunity for teachers; academic coaching sessions will be available on the second and fourth Wednesday (attendance will be taken at each coaching session)

6. Mr. Salyzyn update

- Emergency preparedness practice went well
- Athletics: currently school is involved with volleyball, football, cross country, and golf; everyone is encouraged to come out and cheer on the teams
- Club Fair was organized for students on September 14 to learn about other ways to get involved in the school. For example, archery, e-sports, robotics, cyber defense and interfaith alliance were showcased.

7. Mrs. Kropp update

- STAR literacy assessment tool used at all grade levels; students do the assessment at the beginning of Math 10 course
- Mrs. Kropp will be the Advanced Placement (AP) coordinator. She explained what the AP program was and discussion ensued. There are 230 students registered in one or more of the 24 courses Facey offers.

8. Student supports

- A students supports admin assistant was hired to provide initial support to students more effectively. This person will act within a triage system, who will be able to assist the counsellors and help with immediate student needs. QR codes are still in use to request assistance, but having a student support admin will help

with having access to a “real person” immediately.

- Mrs. Tettri discussed the World Transition Initiative. Counselors plan is to meet with each student at least once a semester to discuss future plans for post secondary and/or careers to help ensure that the students (and parents if the student would like) are in alignment and that students know what needs to be accomplished to meet goals. Students are encouraged to use the QR code to fill in the form, which can be found on posters in the school.

Discussion ensued regarding career planning, when students should start having these conversations and other opportunities to expose students to careers (e.g. expanded grade 9 take your child to work day).

Discussion ensued regarding administration access to the spreadsheet so relevant discussions can happen with any student.

9. Trustee Report, Trina Boymook

- I met with MLA Walker in early August to speak on Sherwood Heights replacement school. He asked to talk on curriculum implementation and respecting diversity. Trustee Allan and myself met with MLA Glubish to speak on Sherwood Heights replacement school and reserve cap.
- The Board met with the Minister of Education on September 13. We used our 30 minutes to speak on capital project process and our concerns as it relates to Sherwood Heights, modular project requests and reserve cap.
- The Board held a special meeting on September 1 to approve making a request to the Minister of Education to access \$1M from operating reserves and \$1.1M from capital reserves to offset the cost of replacing the storm water drainage pipes at Sal. The full cost of the project is estimated at \$4.1M.
- The Board elected the Chair and Vice Chair for the 2022-23 year. I'm honoured to serve a 10 th consecutive term as Chair of the Board. I look forward to continuing to work along with Colleen Holowaychuk as Vice Chair.
- Public engagement sessions that started in June will continue, as we are back out to share what we heard and gather any further thoughts. September 13, Brentwood attendance area engagement followed up on a conversation on the possibilities of redesignated those that are currently designated to Sherwood Heights to FR Haythorne. October 3 we will be continuing the conversation with those that live in Summerwood are who are currently designated to Sherwood Heights on the merits of redesignating them to Cloverbar. October 6 we will be back out to share what we heard from the June Logos engagement. The

Superintendent is expected to make recommendations for the Board's consideration at the November Board meeting.

- October 26 we will be starting a new public engagement discussion on the location of the secondary French Immersion program. Conversations will focus exploring moving the secondary program from Ardrossan to Sherwood Heights with the Senior high program relocated to Bev Facey. November 3 Public engagement session will start for System Programs locations.
- Committee of School Councils (COSC) will be holding its first meeting on Oct 5 in the Boardroom. An invitation went out today to school council chair and principal to attend a meet and greet pizza supper scheduled 5:15-6:15 pm. The meeting will start at 6:30pm.
- Discussion ensued regarding Logos program. Trina indicated that alternative programs need to fund themselves and therefore this program in its current format is under review.
- Discussion ensued regarding French Immersion program engagement.

10. Upcoming important dates

- Sept 29: Orange Shirt Day (20-minute ceremony, virtual)
- Sept 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
- Oct 3-7: Read In Week
- Oct 18: School Council meeting -hybrid
- Oct 20: Grade 10 and 11 awards (afternoon); grade 12 (evening)
 - Parents and students will be given a week in advance notice if they are receiving an award; this will be streamed

11. Approval of minutes from May 17, 2022

Motioned by Pam

Seconded by Ashley

12. Parent feedback

- EIPS asked each school council in the district if they would like to 2022-2023 membership to the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA). This was approved unanimously. Karen to follow up with EIPS.
- Discussion ensued regarding how and when to sign up for clubs; this will be advertised in the daily bulletin.
- Amy really enjoyed the meet teachers opportunity that was offered in person. Mr. Wlos noted that a second opportunity may be available in the next semester. Ashley agreed and chatted about how much they liked the welcome back

activities. Tiko liked the format of the welcome back activities.

- Grade 12 graduation is set for May 27 at 1 pm; first parent meeting end of October/end of November.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the Bev Facey Library or virtually.

Minutes prepared by Karen Tomnuk.