

**Bev Facey School Council Meeting  
Minutes for October 18, 2022**

**Attendees**

Families: Karen Tomnuk, Marlene Crippin, Colleen Helwig, Amy Dieser, Cathy, Jennifer Daly, Ashley Frayan, Tiko Bielecki

Staff: Ken Wlos, Brandon Salyzyn, Corey Kropp, Sharon Gach, Candida Shepherd

Trustee: Trina Boymook (online)

Student: Creston Young (Grade 12)

1. Call to order at 6:00pm by Karen Tomnuk
2. Introductions
3. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook
  - The Board is tentatively considering the possible changes to junior high boundaries for the following neighbourhoods; Brentwood, Nottingham, Summerwood and Jubilee Landing at our November Board meeting. Consolidation of elementary Logos program has been deferred to the spring following the 2023-24 registration.
  - October 26 EIPS 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.
  - The Board will be approving the 2023-24 and 2024-25 calendar at our October 20, 2022 Board meeting. The Superintendent is recommending we remain with the status quo features.
  - This week the Board launched its first Quarterly communication to parents and staff that highlight the Board's advocacy efforts
  - School Assurance Reviews will be conducted the first week of December this year instead of the end of November due to the late release of the PAT and DIP results.

Question: Will there be parent consultation sessions?

Answer: Yes in the evening Oct 26, 5:30-7:30pm at Heritage Hills Elementary. There will also be an online option with a link available on the website. Emails will be sent out to affected families. All information will be available on the website, for in-progress and upcoming consultations.

Question: Is there a sense of how big the French immersion program is? If Grades

10-12 moved to Facey, how many students would that be? It's important to know how much it may increase Facey population.

Answer: We don't know yet, the Board will make a decision by end of this school year and all information will be provided then. There are only about 600 Jr/Sr students (Grades 7-12) in regular programming for French Immersion.

Question: When would actual movement happen?

Answer: It will likely come into effect for the 2024-2025 school year.

4. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement

5. Student Report

- Ally Garipey (Grade 11) not available tonight
- Creston Young (Grade 12)

Creston is hoping to pursue Education. He has had great opportunities at Facey and speaks very highly about the school. He is on the Football team (Special Teams), and has been participating in the Partnership Program which helps empower students to make their community a better place. So far it has made a big impact in his life. Every Wednesday afternoon, Creston participates in activities with the PLACE kids. This opportunity has allowed him to see the world through others eyes/another lens. He started with the program this year and wishes he knew about it earlier. This has been his first exposure to working with children with autism. Creston is currently enrolled in some entry level Post-Secondary courses through Lakeland College to potentially open doors for future schooling and ultimately employment.

6. Approval of Minutes

Motioned by Tiko Bielecki

Seconded by Ashley Frayan

7. Elections - conducted by Brandon Salzyn.

- COSC (Committee of School Councils): Position is still not filled at this time. Tabled for next month's meeting. Will reach out to Sal's Rep and ask if reports can be shared.

8. Review of BFCHS School Council Operating Procedures

- ASCA helped work through them in 2020, and reviewed in 2021. Revised section 10C, duties of Secretary to allow for sharing of electronic documents.
- Tabling decision to approve Operating Procedures for next month's meeting, in order for everyone to have an opportunity to read the Procedures.

9. Principal's Report – Mr. Wlos

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sep30)

- i. We had a wonderful display honouring the students from Residential Schools.
  - ii. A fantastic video produced ceremony featuring our students.
  - iii. Aboriginal Studies class field trip  
Candida - Field trip to downtown Edmonton and Sacred Heart Church (where the Pope visited) to do a driving tour of the inner city supports available. Also had some Indigenous teachings and drumming.
  - iv. Orange Shirt Cookies by FLI
- Treaty No. 6 and Métis Flag Dedication
  - i. We were extremely thankful that we had Knowledge Keeper Lloyd Cardinal join us to help dedicate both our Treaty No. 6 and Métis Flags. Both are currently featured in the Library  
Candida – Lloyd Cardinal – parents attended Residential School so Lloyd is a survivor of so much in his life. He is a Certified Knowledge Keeper who drummed for the Pope. Lloyd is an honest man who helps youth learn without them having feelings shame or embarrassment. He emphasizes the importance of being a part of all treaty members and all members of society.
  - ii. It was a wonderful teaching and learning experience for our students.
  - iii. The video of the Dedication Ceremony will be up on our website and on next week's Newsletter.

#### 10. Mr. Salyzyn update

- Emergency preparedness practice went well, all current drills are finished. There will be more in the spring.
- Lockdown drill will take place on Nov 22, Block 3.
- Athletics:
  - Great start to the year, students are having fun finding success. Sr Girls Cross Country Running won Gold and the Zone Banner. Two of our runners finished in the top 10, and all four of them in the top 40 at Provincials!
  - Jr and Sr Volleyball Girls won Silver in the last two tournaments. Sr Volleyball is competing in Red Deer this weekend.
  - Swim team Meets start next week
  - Sr Football team gotta win against Ross Shep
  - Jr Football team on a streak of 2 wins
  - 8 students qualified for Golf zones

Question: Will there be a curling club?

Answer: Yes. Sign up will be next Tuesday (Oct 25) at lunch...will start in Daily Bulletin to gauge interest.

- Creative Writing Club (brand new) – 24 students in all Grades are already involved.  
Question: Do students need to sign up for this club or is it drop-in?  
Answer: This is a 'no-cut' club so anyone can join anytime.

#### 11. Mrs. Kropp update

- First Grad parent meeting will be held Tue Oct 25 at 7:30pm in South Gymnasium. Info can be found in smore link and will also be sent out to parents. Graduation Day is Sat May 27 2023 (Conference Centre). Grads are welcome to attend as well. This will be the first time Grads will hear anything about grad and lots of Grade 12s eager to join the Grad committee.
- On Wed Oct 26 7:30pm in the Library, there will be a meeting for students in the AP program.
- Senior Night will be held in the North Gym between Volleyball games on Oct 25 and Oct 26 (same nights at PTIs). These evenings are intended to highlight/honour/cheer for the athletes' achievements.

Question: Will PTIs be in-person and virtual?

Answer: Only in-person and students are welcome to attend with parents. Please email the teachers to reschedule if you are not able to attend the PTI nights.

#### 12. Student Supports

- School Counselors available to students
- QR codes to students helps support the Admin Assistant to provide initial support to students more effectively. This will 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.
- Post-Secondary Meetings coming up on Dec 2 with U of Calgary and U of Lethbridge.
- Mrs. Tattie is in the process of conducting one-on-one meetings with students to discuss future plans. She also received a lot of responses from the surveys. Meeting dates are out for Post-Secondary schools. Also hoping to do a scholarship night for all students and families.

Discussion ensued regarding scholarships applications, and if they are available for students who pursue the trades. The Government of Alberta website has information about bursaries for bridging the gap between male and female trades' students. Recently the Alberta Out of Province Fair 2022 (OOP) was held locally (hopefully share a link for next year's presentations as it only happen once a year). This Fair hosts different post-secondary schools from across Canada to provide information nights about their schools and scholarships. Scholarship information is also available on our school's website.

Post-Secondary and Career Fair taking place Oct 19, 6:00-8:00pm at the Agora. Event is open to students in Grades 9-12 from both EIPS and Elk Island Catholic Schools.

There will be more sessions coming up in spring to target Grade 11s.

#### 13. Upcoming important dates

- Oct 19: EIPS Your Future: Post-Secondary and Career Fair

- Oct 20: Grade 11 2021-2022 Awards, 12:30pm-1:30pm (South Gym)
- Oct 20: Grade 10 2021-2022 Awards, 2:00pm-3:00pm (South Gym)
- Oct 20: Grade 12 2021-2022 Awards/Scholarships Ceremony, 6:00pm (South Gym)
- Oct 25: Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5:00pm-7:30pm
- Oct 25: Grad 2023 Parent Meeting, 7:30pm (South Gym)
- Oct 26: Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5:00pm-7:30pm
- Oct 26: Advanced Placement Parent Meeting, 7:30pm (Library)
- Nov 2-9: Bev Facey hosts EIPS November Diploma Writing venue
- Nov 4: Bev Facey Remembrance Day Ceremony, 10:45am-11:15am
- Nov 5-13: Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)
- Nov 15: School Council Meeting, 6:00pm-8:00pm

14. COSC – nothing to report

#### 15. Chair Report

Bev Facey is a member of the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA). ASCA is committed to ensuring parents are valued and informed education partners and will continue to present the parent perspective, provided by its Member School Councils, to the government and others in provincial education. The website is accessible to anyone, but there is a members only section where guardians can access online learning resources, advocacy information and regulation information.

If you are interested in accessing this section of the website, please email [schoolcouncilbevfacey@gmail.com](mailto:schoolcouncilbevfacey@gmail.com)

An initiative that started last year was the Staff Recognition Program. Anyone (including students) was welcome to fill in a short Google form by answering the following questions:

Name of the staff member

Describe the recognition (share something positive that a staff member has done to shape our community and make your experience/child's experience at Bev Facey great).

Ask for the submitters name (not mandatory) and if the info can be shared with the staff person.

The intent was to link the kudos to demonstrating the virtues of The Facey Way, being Commitment, Dedication, Enthusiasm, Loyalty and Respect. This was an incredibly successful program last year (thanks to Krista Scott for spearheading) and we had over 30 people submit thanks in 4 months.

School Council agreed to continue with this program. Ashley (vice chair) will connect

with Krista on the transition plan.

#### 16. Parent Feedback

- Mr. Wlos noted that our busses are coming to end of their shelf life of 15yrs after which time they cannot transport students anymore. One 24 passenger bus will be done next year. Facey used to have an accessible bus but sold it 2yrs ago because it was at its end of life. There is an opportunity to buy a new 16 passenger bus and get grant from the government to help with the purchase. This would be an accessible bus for all students to use; the school will be going ahead with it next year. Our Big Yellow Bus (72 but actually 42 -50 passenger) will also be done in 2yrs. It is used for many field trips and athletics, but to buy a new one is a huge purchase for the school to take on. Questions to consider are what does this mean for future need, what options are there to book busses (expensive). If anyone has any fundraising ideas please share with school Admin and Council.

Question: Is there anything that precludes us from acquiring sponsorship from businesses?

Answer: Will touch base with District office about opportunities for that.

Question: Can we get a raffle license?

Answer: Only fundraising or "advisory" council can do that.

Question: Could we get parent donations and possibly provide tax receipts through fundraising/advisory council?

Answer: Mr. Wlos will come back with more information at next month's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Bev Facey Library and/or virtually.

Future Meeting Dates:

2023: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16

Minutes prepared by Tiko Bielecki.