

## Parent Council: Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Meeting commenced at 7:04 pm.

Members in attendance: Lane Moore, Marsha Lush, Kelsey Ruttan, Darci Cole, Erin Schofer, Leslie Anderson, Carmen Hrynyk, Tammy McDiarmid, Maureen Moore, Pam Hansen, Stephanie Smith, Karen Jaffray

### Agenda:

#### 1. Trustee Update – Pam Hansen

- budget deliberations; budget information to be released Thursday, April 12
- budget cuts are expected; inclusion funding budget is expected to decrease
- Wolf Creek School Division's Edwin Parr nominee is a teacher at Bentley School – Brittni Turner. The Edwin Parr Award is annually awarded to one first year teacher. Congratulations Brittni!

#### 2. Admin Update – Lane Moore

##### Calendar update

- Early April diploma writers
- Gold Academy registration opens today, April 10
- *DARE to Care* presentations for grades K-9 were today (April 10): excellent presentations, touched on the differences between bullying and conflict
- Grade 9 -12 Parent-Teacher Interviews on April 11 and 12
- Swimming commenced last week for Elementary students (K-5)
- Youth Technation Conference on Friday, April 13: some Bentley students will be in attendance, including two students who will be doing a software presentation
- April 26: Wellness Day
- April 28: School Reach Provincial Tournament (one Junior Team will be in attendance, representing Bentley School)
- May 2: Impaired Driving presentation
- Bentley School Calendar of Events can be downloaded to your cell phone via the school website

##### 2018/19 Calendar

- The 2018/19 school calendar put out by the district will remain as is, with no additional in-lieu days incorporated

##### Budget/Staffing Update

- Potentially 4 to 7 new staff members will be hired for the upcoming school year
- No new information available at this time, until the budget is determined towards the end of the week

#### Numeracy initiatives

- Two programs discussed:
- 1. Mathletics: a computer-based math program used to supplement classroom math programs. Mathletics is currently in use in our classrooms. Very individualized, tracking information available, students are loving it.
- 2. Mathology: a new math program that will be coming soon to Bentley School.
- For the upcoming school year, classroom schedules will have time allotted for math-related interventions, based on ability groupings, to better support students' math skills

#### 3. Parent Council Secretary position filled – Darci Cole

#### 4. Playground Committee Meeting Update

- Last meeting was held Wednesday, April 4, 2018
- A playground design/plan has been created and proposed to the committee
- It is important for us to get the word out about our fundraising efforts: we need funding help in order for the project to go forward
- Every student in the school will be sent home with a fundraising package: this package will include a sponsorship document (including pictures of the playground design), Save the Date info (for upcoming fundraising initiatives), as well as information regarding the upcoming Art Gala and how to submit donation items
- We ask that parents share the sponsorship package among their family and friend circles, as we are actively looking for donations for the project
- Upcoming fundraising events include the Fashion Show (May 25), the Old Time Carnival (June 2), Kindergarten Cap n' Gown Photo Sessions (June 5 and 6), Family Photo Sessions (June 8 and 9) and the Art Gala/Auction (October 12)
- The next Playground Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm (all are welcome to attend)

#### 5. Update on Guest Speakers

- Target date for cyber bullying/social media presentation set for early fall, 2018

#### 6. ACSA Conference and AGM

- Will be held April 20 - 22
- Carmen Hrynyk will be attending sessions
- This years' focus is on student health and wellness

Next Parent Council Meeting to be held Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.