

Parent Council: Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Meeting commenced at 7:10 pm.

Members in attendance: Carmen Hrynyk, Leslie Anderson, Pam Hansen, Steven Lush, Marsha Lush, Lane Moore and Darci Cole

Agenda:

1. Trustee Update – Pam Hansen

- Budget information discussed within the *Administration Update* below:

2. Administration Update – Lane Moore

Calendar

- The 2018/19 base calendar has been approved

Budget/Staffing

- The budget for 2018/19 will effect the following areas of support in our school:
 - Teachers: slight increase from 18.35 FTE (full time equivalent), up to 18.54 FTE
 - Educational Assistants: reduction of almost 2.0 FTE, down to 13.2 FTE
 - Inclusion Coach: reduction from full time (1.0 FTE), down to half time (0.5 FTE)
 - School Social Worker: reduction from full time (1.0 FTE), down to 0.4 FTE
- The Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF) will help to alleviate some of the budget cuts for the 2018/19 school year. Throughout the division, we should see an increase of 2.0 FTE for teachers, 5.0 FTE for educational assistants, 0.2 FTE for inclusion coaches and 5.6 FTE for school social workers.

Class Numbers

- Projected class numbers for the 2018/19 school year are as follows:

Kindergarten – 27 students (3 pods of 9 students; each pod will attend 2 full days/week)

Grade 1 – 38 students (two grade 1 classes; 19 in each)

Grade 2 – 36 students (one grade 2 class of 24; one grade 2/3 class of 22)

Grade 3 – 32 students (in addition to the 2/3 split, there will be one grade 3 class of 22)

Grade 4 – 41 students (two grade 4 classes; one class of 21 and one class of 20)

Grade 5 – 29 students (one class)

Grade 6 – 37 students (two grade 6 classes; one class of 19 and one class of 18)

Grade 7 – 24 students (one class)

Grade 8 – 29 students (one class)

Grade 9 – 24 students (one class)

Grade 10 – 28 students (one class)

Grade 11 – 29 students (one class)

Grade 12 – 29 students (one class)

School Fees

- School fees in some areas have increased.
- Busing costs for field trips has increased from \$0.81/km to \$1.10/km.
- Athletic fees have increased (the last price increase for athletic fees was 10 years ago); our fees for athletics are very comparable to other schools across the division.
- The Bright Futures' program fee has increased from \$97/month to \$104/month

3. Playground Committee Update

- Several fundraisers on the horizon: Fashion Show, Old Fashioned Carnival, *S4 Greenhouse* vegetable fundraiser, Lawn Toilet Tag, Rodeo Beer Gardens, Irish Cup donations (Gull Lake Golf Course), Art Gala/Auction and Bottle Drive.
- We have reached the \$100,000 mark!

4. ASCA Conference Information

- Attended by Carmen Hrynyk - April 20 and 21
- Sessions attended: mental health and the various stages of anxiety (Dr. Lynn Millar), growing up in the digital world, and Alberta Health Services' presentation

5. Going Forward: Parent Council Meetings

- The possibility of having a student leadership representative attend future Parent Council meetings was discussed.
- Potential interest in a casual 'parent coffee' meet at the school (after student drop-off in the morning), to connect with more parents and relay any Parent Council updates/information.
- Bentley School just created an Instagram account (more information to come)
- Discussion around creating a platform for parents to pose questions to the Parent Council. These questions/answers would then be shared in the school newsletter, the school website, etc. More information to come!

6. Next Parent Council meeting will likely not be held until the new school year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.