

## Parent Council: Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Bentley Elementary School: Library

Members in attendance: Carmen Hrynyk, Leslie Anderson, Darci Cole, Kelsey Ruttan, Marci Madden, Stephanie Smith, Shannon Yurystowski, Jacquie Burris, Steeven Liebrecht, Andrea Hughes, Ernie Splane, Karla Wyld, Lane Moore

Meeting commenced at 8:40 am.

### Agenda:

#### Trustee Update – Pam Hansen

- Pam was unable to attend today's Parent Advisory Council meeting

#### Admin Update – Lane Moore

- ACE Plan: Action – Collaboration – Evidence
  - A review of last year and our school's plan to improve and move forward
  - Our school's ACE Plan will be posted online
  - Our school currently has 23 Level 3 students and 30 Level 4 students
  - Alberta Education does not seem to be working with the division to discuss funding changes
- We have a large/encouraging number of students enrolled in hockey academy this year: 65 students
- Bentley School Highlights
  - Bentley School is supported by a strong community
  - Our golf and hockey academy programs are unique entities to Bentley School, that are greatly enjoyed by the students
  - We have a breakfast program for students in need of a morning meal
  - Our belief: "Students come first."
  - We are a forward thinking school with new ideas being generated to further our students' education
  - We boast a collaborative support system for students within our school
  - Bentley School has a warm and welcoming environment, for students, parents and community members alike
  - Other schools in central Alberta will be visiting Bentley School to see how we have successfully setup and integrated technology into our junior and senior high
  - 100% graduate rate / 0% dropout rate
- Junior High survey will be sent out to students and parents to gather feedback and suggestions
- Minor changes will be made to the elementary time table for focused intervention groups based on learning needs, as opposed to grade levels, in both Language Arts and Math

- December 21, 2018: staff members will be receiving Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training
- The Mathology Program is a school-wide initiative for numeracy learning
- Mathletics (Kindergarten to Grade 8) is a lesson based learning game that students enjoy, all the while improving their math skills

#### Joe Media Presentation

- On February 5, 2019, Joe Media will be presenting 3 sessions to our students:
  1. Digital Citizenship & Social Safety (grades 5-7) from 9:30 am – 10:30 am
  2. Personal Branding (grades 8-12) from 10:55 am – 11:55 am
  3. Social Media for Parents (Elementary Gym) at 7:00 pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this valuable speaker session.

#### Bible Distribution Vote

- The majority of PAC members in attendance voted, “Yes” to the distribution of bibles in Grade 5. Consent forms to receive a bible will be sent home with Grade 5 students. If consent is given, the bibles will be distributed to students at school in a private room.

#### Playground Committee Update

- Current amount fundraised: \$177,072.94 plus \$50,000 from the Town of Bentley = **\$227,072.94 TOTAL**
- The Art Gala raised \$23,812.06
- The Playground Committee has met with the county of Lacombe and requested a donation of \$100,000 in addition to in-kind donations

#### Q & A

- Please send any questions for the PAC to [carmenhrynyk@gmail.com](mailto:carmenhrynyk@gmail.com) for the PAC Q & A section in the newsletter

#### Next Meeting

- Our next Parent Advisory Council meeting will held on Tuesday, January 15 at 8:30 am in the Elementary Library. Children are welcome to join.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Darci Cole.