

Parent Advisory Council: Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Bentley High School Learning Floor

Members in attendance: Lane Moore, Carmen Hrynyk, Darci Cole, Kelsey Ruttan, Pam Hansen, Leslie Anderson, Stephen Lush and Shannon Yurystowski

Meeting commenced at 7:08 pm.

Agenda:

Pam Hansen – Trustee Update

- The provincial budget is slated to be released around February 27 (about a month earlier than expected)
- Currently, there is a ward review being done. As it stands, residents of Wolf Creek Public Schools are represented by six trustees on the Board of Trustees. Each trustee represents a ward within the boundaries of the school division (5 wards in all)
- A few parents have sent in letters to our MLA regarding current and future funding inadequacies in our school
- Wolf Creek Public Schools has postponed its student exchange trip to China, scheduled for March 2020, due to the current coronavirus outbreak

Administration Update

1. Calendar of Events

- All calendar events can be found online, on the Bentley School website
- A few notable upcoming dates: date night on Valentine's Day, swim lessons have started in Kindergarten, there is no school the week of February 17 – 21 due to Parent Teacher In-Lieu days and Teachers' Convention

2. High School Programming

- Stephen Lush spoke regarding various High School program options being offered to Bentley students.
- A few programming options our students may get the opportunity to explore include Animal Sciences at Olds College, a Hospitality and Tourism course, Agriculture and Trades (March 20), Horticulture and Land Environment (April 3) and a career open house at RDC.
- Another option for students is SWAC: School Within a College. This program is run in coordination with the Red Deer College and is intended to support students in obtaining a high school diploma. This particular program is geared at exposing students to post-secondary opportunities.

3. Curling Academy

- The Bentley School has been approached about the possibility of starting up a Curling Academy next year. It would look very similar to our Hockey Academy program. This is something that administrators are currently looking into.

4. Class Size Configurations for Next Year

- Trying to determine the best class configurations is very much a balancing act. And with anticipated funding cuts, split classes and/or afternoon split classes are both potential options that administration will be considering.
- These are our projected student numbers for next year, by grade:

Kindergarten - 27 (likely have to go with the pod system again – AB, AC, AB)

Grade 1 - 26

Grade 2 - 33

Grade 3 - 41

Grade 4 - 43

Grade 5 - 34

Grade 6 - 44

Grade 7 - 25

Grade 8 - 37

Grade 9 - 23

Grade 10 - 28

Grade 11 - 21

Grade 12 - 24

- At the Elementary level, one option that is being considered is having separate classes for the core subjects of Language Arts and Math in the morning, then bringing students together in the afternoon for a split class structure. Due to the fact that Wolf Creek Public Schools is virtually out of reserve money and with the impending cuts made throughout the province to education, we are having to look at creative ways to configure our classes for the upcoming school year.

5. Student Wellness Day

- Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Student Wellness Day (date TBA)
- Bentley School is looking for both funds to support the day as well as volunteers to help run stations or be a group leader
- The students will be broken up into groups and will head to different stations throughout the school which focus on students' health and well being
- If you would like to volunteer or contribute to this memorable day, please contact the school...thank you!

Other Notes

- Constable Dave, our school resource officer, has offered to do some presentations for both our student populations and parent populations
- Coming up on April 23, Constable Dave will be leading a *Crash Scenario* for older students to witness/partake in
- May 1st will be our playground grand opening celebration! We are currently in the process of having a sign made which will display the name of the playground as well as a list of sponsors.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Darci Cole.