

Parent Advisory Council: Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 5, 2020

Via Google Meet

Members in attendance: Lane Moore, Carmen Hrynyk, Darci Cole, Bobbi Talsma, Stephen Lush, Shannon Yurystowski, Tammy McDiarmid, Karen Jaffray, Ashley Bajema, Natasha Bencharsky, Alexis Shaw, Jai Dubyna, Ed Rynsburger, Anna Rynsburger,

Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm.

Agenda:

1. Administration Update

Update on Re-Entry to School

- The students have been amazing and resilient considering all of the changes this year. Our staff has been impressed by the way they have adapted to all the new protocols put in place. Further kudos to the parents for being understanding of all new guidelines and procedures this year. A big thank you to parents for diligently doing at-home screening for symptoms each morning. At school, staff are doing their best to monitor symptoms and are making an effort, whenever possible, to keep students at the school.
- School staff has found that the staggered entry, separate entrances and staggered recess/break times have been extremely successful and beneficial. There has been a noticeable reduction in student altercations and student anxieties, due to the smaller number of students on the playground and during transition times in the hallways and entrances.
- The Junior High now has 85 minute blocks and the Senior High has 100 minute blocks. Admittedly, these blocks are long for the students. However, the staff feel it is the best alternative for cutting down the number of high traffic transitions during the day. Students seem to be adjusting well.
- Please ensure that if your child has allergies that their medical forms are updated with this information.
- Wolf Creek Public Schools has announced the return to extracurricular sports/athletic programs. This means that Wolf Creek schools can resume in-school mini-leagues only.
- Just last week Bentley School was able to secure a 0.2 FTE position for Laura Walker to run our Nutrition Program. She will be coming in twice a week to plan and make healthy snacks, fresh sandwiches, etc, for our students.
- Teaching staff levels have been maintained this year. And we've recently added two new EA positions.
- As far as students' supports go, we are working on targeting students for Speech/Language and Occupational Therapy. We are securing some Speech Language Pathologists and Occupational Therapists for the school year.
- We are obviously facing some obstacles this school year. We are currently discussing alternate methods of presentations for Remembrance Day and the

Christmas concert. We are still unsure as to what these special events will look like, but we are doing our best to create a safe and enjoyable alternative. As far as Halloween is concerned, no firm decisions on costumes have been made. More info to come in the following weeks.

- The High School has undergone some construction/renovations this year. All new flooring has been installed and the exterior will be completed soon. It all looks great and is a welcome improvement.
- A big thank you to the Friends of Bentley Nursery School Society (FOBNSS) for their casino fundraising efforts last year. They recently donated money to the Bentley School for the purchase of a new Sea-Can, after learning that our outdoor storage shed had been condemned. The FOBNSS also supported our school in purchasing an electrostatic disinfectant sprayer and new students desks. Thank you for the donation, FOBNSS!
- Lastly, our Gaga Ball pits have arrived and are currently in the process of being put together. We are excited to get them out on the playground for the students to use!

2. Officers' Election

Motion to open nominations for Board Members made by Carmen Hrynyk.

Carmen Hrynyk stepped down as President. Carmen Hrynyk nominated Ashley Bajema for the role of President. This motion was seconded by Darci Cole. All in favour. Ashley Bajema assumes duties as President.

Board Members re-elected to the same positions:

Vice President – Bobbi Talsma

Secretary – Darci Cole

Current Directors:

Leslie Anderson

Karen Jaffray

Shannon Yurystowski

Karla Wyld

Juanita Bender has stepped down as a director.

3. Other Notes

We will tentatively plan to hold future Parent Council meetings on Mondays at 8:00 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2020 at 8:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Darci Cole.