

## Parent Advisory Council: Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 3, 2021

Via Google Meet

### **Members in Attendance:**

Lane Moore, Bobbi Talsma, Darci Cole, Marsha Lush, Leslie Anderson, Joan Dickau, Holly Grimdsdale, Shannon Yurystowski, Pam Hansen

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#### 1. Call to Order: 8:04 pm

- Note: Vice President, Bobbi Talsma, will be acting chair for tonight's meeting as Ashley Bajema is unable to attend

#### 2. Approval of Minutes:

- Bobbi motioned to approve the minutes from last meeting; Marsha seconded

#### 3. Additions to Agenda:

- None

#### 4. New Business:

- Trustee Update from Pam Hansen:
  - Pam attended the board meeting in April
  - Assurance Model workshop
  - Maskwacis Mobile Mental Health Services (MMMHS) was selected as Wolf Creek Public Schools Friends of Education Award recipient for 2021
  - Development of a virtual learning transition plan to support families not returning to school next year
  - May 3 – Bus Driver Appreciation Day
  - May 3 – 9 – Mental Health Week
  - There has been a lot of staff movement across the division; particularly amongst administrators
  - The division's Board of Trustees has appointed Tim De Ruyck, from Manitoba, as superintendent and CEO for the 2021-2022 school year
  - Trustee elections will be taking place this October
  - For the upcoming election, Bentley, Eckville, Bluffton and Rimbey will all have the same trustee, according to the new ward boundary configuration

- Administration Update from Lane Moore:
  - Budget/Staffing
    - Our operational budget is down approximately \$10,000 (not a significant decrease). The main components of this budget are school/classroom supplies, technology equipment, photocopying, and our two secretary positions
    - Our EA (Educational Assistant) and PUF EA FTE (full time equivalent) has not changed. We will again have a total of 12.26 FTE for EAs. In addition, 0.8 FTE will go towards PUF EA allocations.
    - 0.9 FTE will go towards our school social worker position
    - 1.7 FTE will go towards our administrative allocation
    - 0.3 FTE will go towards our school's inclusion coach position
    - There has been a teaching staff reduction from 19.02 FTE to 17.55 FTE. This makes up approximately 2 full time teaching positions. One teacher has resigned as they are moving. And a maternity leave within our school will account for the second full time position loss.
    - Our administrators' next steps will now be working on determining teacher assignments and creating timetables
  - School Fees
    - At Bentley School we try to keep our fees as low as possible. The only increase in fees will be seen at the High School level in Woods and Foods classes, as a result of lumber and grocery price increases in the province.
  - Assurance Model
    - 3 main areas of focus: Inclusive Learning Environments, Quality Teaching and Collective Responsibility for Student Success
    - The Assurance Model is used to ensure we as a school and as a staff are always striving for improvement in the identified key areas
  - Curriculum Updates
    - The district has met and decided not to pilot Alberta Education's draft K-6 curriculum in the fall
    - Several other school boards have also chosen to opt out of the program
    - Their main considerations are the timing of the release and the age appropriateness of learner outcomes
  - COVID-19 Update
    - In the district, both Rimbey and Alix Schools, grades 7-12, have now moved to at-home learning due to high case numbers in their buildings
    - Our cohort groupings really helped contain the few cases of COVID-19 that arose in the past few weeks at Bentley School. Currently, we have had one

high school class affected, the grade 1 class, the grade 1/2 class and one of the grade 4 classes.

- We are asking that parents are being responsible with testing and reporting to keep our kids safe and in school. Both testing and reporting go hand in hand and are important steps in the contact tracing process.
- There have been many families discussing the option of keeping their children home until the remainder of the year to avoid being close contacts and having to remain in isolation. In this event, our teachers are able to provide 14 days of online/at-home instruction.

▪ **Town Council Report from Joan Dickau:**

- Joan brought Stephen's sidewalk concerns up to Town Council. It was determined that the specific section of sidewalk along Dick Damron Drive that needs repair also needs drain and gutter replacement. Due to the extent of the repairs needed, it will likely have to wait until next year for the work to be done. However, Joan mentioned that they will try to find a temporary, "Band-Aid" solution for in the meantime.

▪ **AGM Parent Council Report from Karla Wyld:**

- Karla was unable to attend tonight's Parent Council meeting, but Lane shared her notes from the AGM Parent Council meeting.
- Karla attended the Wolf Creek Board Council Chairs Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>
- There were 33 participants including trustees, administrators, teachers and chairpersons of parent councils
- It is estimated that approximately 290 students will continue in Virtual Learning Program for 2021/2022
- It was noted that Wolf Creek will not be piloting the draft Alberta curriculum and that opportunity to give feedback on the draft curriculum is encouraged.

5. Round Table Reports:

- None at this time.

6. Next Meeting:

- Monday, June 21, 2021 at 8:00 pm.

7. Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Darci Cole.