

Parent Advisory Council: Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2022

Via Google Meet

Members in Attendance:

Lane Moore, Darci Cole, Trudy Bratland, Karla Wyld, Bobbi Talsma, Leslie Anderson, Karen Jaffray, Dale Grimsdale, Marsha Lush, Stephen Lush, Shannon Yurystowski, Ward Yurystowski, Stephanie Smith

1. Call to Order: *Vice President*, Bobbi Talsma, called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm

2. Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed, by Bobbi Talsma and seconded by Marsha Lush.

3. Trustee Report:

- During January the Board met as the Advocacy and Community Engagement Committee and determined that they would go ahead with the Parent Council/Support Staff and Student Community engagement meetings
- The Board/Parent Council meeting was set - April 5th
- They virtually met with MLA Sarah Hoffman, Ministers Nixon and Orr on February 4 and discussed their needs with them
- Trudy has attended a number of virtual Parent Council meetings, and TEBA (Teacher Employer Bargaining Association) meetings
- The next two weeks are taken up with attending the Rural Education Symposium and the FNMI Gathering, both are held in Edmonton
- April 22,23,24 - Alberta School Councils Conference and Annual General Meeting. This will be held Virtually and the information is available on their website: www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca.

4. Administration Updates:

- Covid-19
 - Things are pretty much back to normal, apart from certain cleaning protocols
 - We held a school-wide pep rally in the gym last week to celebrate the basketball teams
- Sports and Clubs
 - Bentley hosted a School Reach tournament last week, and has provincials on Saturday

- The Junior High boys and girls ‘A’ basketball teams both won the 1J Jr. HSAA Basketball Championship this weekend! CWAJHAAs will be held this weekend for both teams.
- Handball will be starting up next week
- Mrs. Thera’s class is interviewing students and staff, and putting together a promotional video for Bentley School

- **Miscellaneous**
 - Bentley School gym is now open for facility use/rentals. An application form must be filled out and a fee schedule has been created.
 - Field Trip possibilities will be discussed in future staff meetings. Currently, as long as facilities are accepting of large groups/classes, we are able to explore in -person field trip options. The main constraint is our budget. Field trips would have to be user-pay, which makes certain field trip options very cost-prohibitive.
 - Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews will be taking place in a couple of weeks. The online sign-up for interviews will be available starting next week.
 - Cilantro and Chive delivered a cheque for \$883 for the ice cream sandwich fundraiser that was held a couple of months ago.
 - In order to support Bentley staff wellness, we have implemented ‘Wellness Wednesdays,’ in which a team of 2 staff members lead a wellness activity for the rest of the staff. A new group of 2 will lead their activity each week. The first activity will be held this Wednesday after school, led by Lane and Steve. We will be going on a community walk around town to check in with businesses and see how they are doing.

- **Educational Updates**
 - Preliminary budget talks have just started. Lane has been working on creating mock schedules and timetables for next year.
 - The new LearnAlberta website currently displays the new, draft curriculum. These documents are workable and still changing.
 - The last Panther Poll regarding technology in the classroom received 58 responses. Here is some of the data:
 - 56% of respondents support the \$20 technology fee; and 33% of respondents would be okay with increasing the technology fee to \$40 to support new device and program purchases
 - 77.3% of respondents said they support senior high students bringing their own devices
 - 62.8% of respondents said they support junior high students bringing their own devices

5. Parent Engagement Grant

- \$500 to spend towards increasing Parent Advisory Council engagement
- We voted on the following presentations to offer parents: Joe Media, Kari Lotzien, Jody Carrington and Carolyn McLaren. With a unanimous vote, our PAC chose Kari Lotzien to come to our school for an in-person parent presentation. We will try to schedule an evening presentation with Kari in the coming months.

6. Future Parent Advisory Council Meetings

- As a council, we voted on whether future PAC meeting should continue to remain virtual or held in person
- 4 people voted for virtual and only 3 people voted for in person
- For now, we will continue to meet virtually

6. Town Council Update

- The Town Council has been very busy with guest speakers and workshops in 2022
- The roundabout at the highway 20 and highway 12 intersection is scheduled to break ground sometime in the Spring
- There will be a “Welcome to Bentley” sign placed in the center of the roundabout. The Town Council is currently in the process of selecting signage proposals.
- The subdivision on the North side of town is also looking at having some work this Spring/Summer. A redesign plan is currently in the works.

7. Round Table Reports:

- Vice President: nothing to report
- Secretary: nothing to report
- Directors: nothing to report

8. Next Scheduled Meetings:

- May 2, 2022 at 8:00 PM (virtual)
- June 13, 2022 at 8:00 PM

9. Adjourned:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Darci Cole