

## Parent Advisory Council: Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022

Via Google Meet

### **Members in Attendance:**

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

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**1. Call to Order:** *PAC Chair*, Ashley Bajema, called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm

### **2. Approval of Minutes:**

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

### **3. Trustee Report – Trudy Bratland**

- During the month of March the Board met to discuss proposals from staff regarding non-salary requests.
- The Rural Education Symposium was held in person this year. The Board, and a number of Central Office staff, attended and learned about various innovative ways school divisions provide educational opportunities to make their students successful.
- The Board had the opportunity to join all the staff for the Big Daddy Tazz presentation on March 11th - he is quite the motivational speaker and a very resilient man.
- The FNMI Gathering was held in person this year and the Board attended with some office staff. It was a very good conference, and the keynote speakers were excellent.
- Our March Board meeting was on the 17th. The Agenda and Minutes are available on the website. We are no longer broadcasting our meetings now that in person attendance is allowed.
- The Board attended the “Grand Opening” of the Lacombe Composite EPICC Garden - (Educational Pollutantator Indigenous Carbon Capture) and watched the Powwow Activities that followed.
- Trudy participated in a TEBA (Teacher Employer Bargaining Association) Virtual meeting as the rep. for Wolf Creek and a Virtual meeting with the Zone 4 ASBA members.
- The Board met on April 14 to discuss preliminary budget matters, the Retirement and Recognition Banquet and PR issues. Also, on April 21, we had our regular Board meeting.

- Trudy and the board will be touring schools this spring and fall in order to familiarize the new Trustees with all schools in the Division. They visited Crestomere, three Rimbey Schools and Leedale Colony on April 28th.
- The Board virtually attended a PSBAA information session on Private School Funding in Alberta that was prepared for the Association by Curtis Reip. There are a number of very interesting facts about some of the Private Schools in Alberta, how they are funded and the amount of tuition they are allowed to charge in addition to receiving government funding.
- The Board will be touring Maskwacis later this week and will attend the Grand opening of the next phase of the Lacombe Athletic Park on May 7th. Their next Board meeting will be on May 7th.

#### **4. Administration Updates:**

##### Important Dates

May 5<sup>th</sup> – ‘Be the Anchor’ – free presentation from 7 – 9 pm; provided to parents by the PAC

May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – Junior High Drama Performance: “The Super Non-Heroes”

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Town Clean-up at 1:00 pm

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elementary Track Meet and Date Night

##### Sports’ Updates – Stephen Lush

- Handball Provincials were held on April 22 and 23 in Sherwood Park
- Bentley performed very well: Jr./Sr. High boys placed second, Jr. High boys placed third and Jr. High girls placed fourth.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> is the Jr. High Badminton CWAJHAA (singles and mixed doubles)
- May 12<sup>th</sup> is the Jr. High Badminton CWAJHAA (doubles)
- May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> – Bentley School is hosting Sr. High boys and girls handball provincials at Lacombe Composite High School and Central Alberta Christian High School. Admission is \$5.
- Bentley was very well-represented in badminton this year! You can find a list of our winners on the Bentley School newsletter.

## Educational Updates – Lane Moore

- The school’s budget was submitted by Lane today
- For next year, we will be looking at roughly the same teacher Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)
- For next year, our Educational Assistant FTE will be increasing from 12 to 15 due to 4 new students with special needs coming to Bentley School in the fall
- Ashley Fraser has recently been hired to replace an EA that will be leaving Bentley School this month
- Denise Henry is retiring next year; Joan Ree is retiring next year; Joanne Simpson is transitioning to retirement next year (she will be working mornings only); Leesha Bilodeau and Nikki Allen will both be on maternity leave next school year
- Vanessa Robinson will be joining Bentley School to teach Kindergarten, however she will be on maternity leave next year as well
- New hires for next year (TBD) include a temporary Kindergarten teacher, a grade 2 teacher (afternoons only), a grade K – 12 Physical Education teacher and a full-time Math and Physics teacher to replace Kyle Brown
- We are currently sitting at 407 students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 for next year
- In Pre-K there are currently enough enrollments to run two half day programs next year
- Hockey and Golf Academy will also be starting up again in the fall
- The proposed School Fee Schedule for next year was reviewed by the PAC
- Proposed Class Configurations for next year:
  - Kindergarten: pod system
  - Grade 1
  - Grade 1/2 Split
  - Grade 2
  - Grade 3
  - Grade 4
  - Grade 5
  - Grade 5/6 Split
  - Grade 6
  - Grade 7
  - Two Grade 8 classes
  - Grade 9
  - Grade 10
  - Grade 11
  - Grade 12
- In June, near the end of the year, parents will be invited to the school/classroom to celebrate the year-end

- A similar event will take place in September, with a *Welcome Back BBQ* and *Meet-the-Teacher* event
- Swimming Lessons – we are hoping to try a new format for swimming lessons next year, as Red Cross is no longer offering the same swim program. Students will be taking part in a *Swim to Survive* program which focuses on swimming basics and water safety, as opposed to stroke development
- Field Trips – field trips are a go this year, however, staff are asked to be very mindful of costs as busing/fuel expenses have increased considerably

### **5. Parent Advisory Council**

- Our Parent Engagement Grant is going towards a special presentation by Kari Lotzien, ‘Be the Anchor.’ This free parent presentation will be held on May 5, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- A question was raised regarding parent volunteering in the classroom. In response, Lane stated that parents are allowed in the building and allowed to volunteer in the classroom, as long as their volunteering requirements are met (ex. police record check). Parents are encouraged to reach out to their child’s teacher if they wish to volunteer in the classroom.
- The Elementary Track Meet will be held on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking for a total of 6 volunteers to help cook burgers and prepare the lunch that day. Volunteers will be needed from approximately 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

### **6. Town Council Report – Dale Grimsdale**

- The Town Council held a mock emergency tabletop meeting (to prepare for the possibility of a long-lasting winter storm)
- A sign design was decided upon for the *Welcome to Bentley* sign that will be installed in the center of the roundabout at the intersection of hwy 12 and hwy 20. Option B was the winning design.
- The Town Council approved the donation of funds to the Junior High Drama performance
- On behalf of Town Council, Dale passed along a word of thanks to the Bentley School students for their efforts in the upcoming town clean-up on May 31<sup>st</sup>

### **7. Round Table Reports:**

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

- Directors: nothing to report

**8. Next Scheduled Meeting:**

- June 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm, IN PERSON in the High School (second floor)

**9. Adjourned:**

- Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm
- Minutes submitted by Secretary, Darci Cole