

## **Parent Advisory Council: Meeting Minutes**

Monday, November 25, 2024

Location: Bentley High School

### **Members in Attendance:**

Michelle Lundy, Karla Wyld, Susanne Mueller, Shannon Yurystowski, Courtney Ranta, Landan Stones, Trudy Bratland, Jill Howe, Tammy Mcdirmad, Adina Armstrong, Erica Duberville and Shelby Lethbridge.

**1. Call to Order:** *PAC Chair*, Michelle Lundy, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

- Minutes approved by Susanne and Shannon seconded it.

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

The Board attended the Public School Board's Association Fall General Meeting on October 16, 17, 18 and were in Red Deer on October 21 for the FGM of Zone 4. Our Board meeting was held on the 24th and we met in Nisku on the 27, 28 and 29 for the Board Retreat where we received information from various departments in the Division, conducted the Board and CEO evaluations in addition to discussing the budget, occupancy in our division. We will be attending the Alberta School Board's Association FGM November 17 - 19.

Wolf Creek nominated the successful candidate for the Zone 4 Friends of Education award - the County of Lacombe for all of the financial and other support they give to Wolf Creek. The SRO program as well as the School Social Workers would not be functioning if it weren't for the County. They were very appreciative of the award and were going to display the framed certificate in their offices.

An update on the parent Council/Board meeting on November 4th. The agenda included but was not restricted to:

- Budget Overview
- Nutrition Grant Update
- Advocacy
- Updates on Transportation and Curriculum
- Round Table discussions on Vaping

There were a number of Parent Council reps as well as school administrators who added to the discussions.

I was invited to and attended the Crestomere November 11 Service.

November 12 I attended TAG (Teachers Advising and Guiding) Committee meeting.

I have been to a number of Parent Council meetings but have missed a few due to my attending Choir Practice for the Rimbey Community Chorus Christmas concerts in December. I also turned around one evening due to heavy fog...

The ASBA Fall General Meeting was held on November 17 to 19 and during that time, the successful Edwin Parr candidates from each zone were recognized, the Friends of Education, Community Engagement School Board Innovation and Excellence and President's Award were presented. Lacombe County was recognized, once again.

The business meeting and Professional Development opportunities were our focus for the next two days.

Our Board meeting was held on November 21st and Agenda items included reports on the Board/Parent Council meeting, Curriculum Implementation, the draft Social Studies pilot program, funding for a Mental Health Specialist for the Brick and Ponoka Secondary Campus (one time funding) and recognition of the BeeWise Bee Hive Monitoring program System developed by Lacombe High School students.

November 25 some of us attended the Zone 4 meeting in Wetaskiwin and during this week Administrators will be presenting the ACE plans to staff and Board members. We will also have an Audit Committee and EA Advisory meeting this week.

#### **4. Administration Updates – Elementary & High School**

- **Educational Updates:**
  - We have received an extra 0.3 teacher FTE to be used to provide support in grades 1 and 2. We are not yet sure exactly how that will look.
  - Trickster Theatre starts next week, with in-class activities throughout the week and a public performance on Friday at 6:30pm.
  - We have had several new students arrive and several leave. Our current school population is 429, but that changes almost weekly.
  - Classes are currently bringing in donations for our families in need gift basket raffle.
  - ACE Plan is on the school website.
- **Sports and Clubs Updates**
  - Volleyball wrapped up this weekend with the Jr A girls playing in the CWAJAHA tournament. The Sr. Boys played in zones in Altario and the Sr girls in Eckville.
  - Basketball is starting, with tryouts this week and last. We do not have the

numbers for a Sr. girls team, but we are looking into an alternative for the few who do want to play.

- Ski club starts January 31. An information package will be sent out shortly.

## **5. Questions, Comments, Concerns**

- Questions about the required instructional minutes, with all of these extra Friday's off lately. We fall right within requirements. The Fridays off are more common at the beginning of the year as well.
- Questions about phys. ed minutes. Currently there are sometimes up to 40 kids in the gym with one gym teacher and 30 minute classes (which by the time class management, attempting to teach skills, ect is not very much).
- Welding portable unit has still not come through. It has been something Stephen Lush is fighting for.
- Unanimously agreed to continue with the Gideon Bible Distribution.
- We are still looking for volunteers to help the Trickster Theater run smoothly.
- Trickster Theater is our Christmas Concert this year.
- Voting for Chair Position: Michelle Lundy was nominated and voted in. Vice Chair is still Ashley Bajama. Erica Duberville was nominated as a director and voted in.
- Parent Engagement Grant:
  - Michelle Bailey is a master herbalist and meditation. A private meditation for up to 30 people and a medicinal herb for each participant. All would be needed is a blanket/small pillow for the 90 minute meditation.
  - Lighthouse - focussed on adolescents age 11 and up.
  - Bad Therapy: Why the Kids aren't Growing. Changing the way we support and nurture the next generation.
  - ICE: Internet Child Exploitation - a hard hitting and eye opening presentation. They give presentations to teachers, parents and students.

## **6. Next Scheduled Meetings**

- Monday, January 27th at 6:30pm with childcare

## **7. Meeting Adjourned**

- Meeting adjourned 7:30pm