

Parent Advisory Council: Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Location: Bentley High School

Members in Attendance:

Michelle Lundy, Jill Howe, Dale Grimsdale, Landon Stones, Erica Suberville, Marsha Lush, Susanne Mueller, Adina Armstrong and Shelby Lethbridge.

1. Call to Order: *PAC Chair*, Michelle Lundy, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Shelby Lethbridge and seconded by Susanne Mueller.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda approved by Adina Armstrong and seconded by Susanne Mueller.

4. Administration Report

Educational Updates

- Teaching Assignments have, for the most part, been set.
 - Bright Futures: Mrs. Wilkins
 - Kinder - Mrs. Robinson
 - Grade 1 - Mrs. Ruttan
 - Grade 2 - Mrs. Ranta and Mrs. Cole
 - Grade 3 - Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Tory (Until Feb)
 - Grade 4 - Mrs. Schofer
 - Grade 4 - Mrs. Goldsmith
 - Grade 5 - Mrs. Kimmel
 - Grade 6 - Ms. Gordon
 - Jr High - Mr. Wessner and Ms. Bertin
 - High School - Ms. Webb, Ms. Lush, Mrs. Baile, Mr. Button, Mr. Hazlett, Mr. Massez
- There was a slight reduction in teacher FTE due to lower enrollment at the time of budgeting. Our numbers have increased since then, and so we hope funding will follow. The current projection is 420 students in K-12.
- EA reduction of around 4.0 FTE.
- Jr High Essentials instead of options: Each student will take the three available options throughout the year. This is not confirmed, but we are looking at heading in this direction.
- Elementary PE - each homeroom will have its own gym time, with the exception of Grade 2 (combine class) and each period will be 30 -35 minutes.
- High School Parent Info Night held on Monday, May 26. Low attendance, but those who were there said it was useful.

- Golf - Mr. Stones met with Gull Lake Golf Course to discuss options for Fall 2025.
- Bleachers were purchased for both gyms. They will support our ability to host tournaments, arts events, ect.

Sports and Clubs Updates

- Badminton wrapped up with some students making it to Cwajhaas.
- We had one student make it to zones in High School Badminton.
- Junior High Handball finished up in late April. We sent three teams. They gained a lot of experience and growth over the two days of competition. There is talk about hosting more tournaments and a league in Central Alberta next year for junior high students.
- The senior boys finished third in the CASAA league and lost in a one-game playoff to Lillian Osborne, which would have sent them to provincials.
- The Senior Girls won the league championship and were also zone champions this year. They competed at Provincials in Edmonton on May 8th, 9th and 10th. The girls won their first game over Bev Facey. They beat Mayerthorpe in their second game. They lost their third game by a single goal in the final round-robin game.
- We finished second in our pool and had to play Salisbury Comp in the semi-finals. We lost to Sal and had to play Lillian Osborne in the Bronze medal game. Injuries started to take their toll and we also lost that game.
- Both teams had great seasons and had to compete against 4A schools for the first time.
- We had nine athletes compete, and six athletes moved on to Zones on Wednesday, May 28, in Red Deer.
- Top finishes include:
 - Peyton - Jr. girls - 2nd in 800m
 - Bryer - Jr. girls - 2nd in the 3000m
 - Caylee - Jr. girls - 3rd in the 4 x 100m relay
 - Ryker - Jr. Boys - 1st in 1500m, 1st in 3000m, 2nd in 4 x 100m relay
 - Kaylee - intermediate girls - 1st in 80m hurdles
 - Nick - intermediate boys - 1st in 3000m, 1st in 1500m, 2nd in 800m, 1st in 4 x 400m mixed relay
 - Brynn - Sr. Girls - 31st in shot put, 2nd in discus
- Bentley School finished 3rd for 1A schools at zones on Wednesday, May 28
- Nick qualified in the 3000 meters for Provincials in Calgary next Friday, June 6th and Ryker qualified for the 1500 on Saturday, June 7th.
- Junior Track:

5. Elementary Track and Field BBQ

- We are good for our volunteers for the Elementary Track and Field BBQ, which is great!

6. Grade 6 Camp

- Grade 6 Camp - Some questions about this include cost and location.
 - Camp Evergreen is the location of choice and it was chosen based on its popularity in the Wolfcreek School Division. They also have a lot of activities.

- More than one night has been discussed, but one night seems to be a good amount especially for kids for whom it is a brand new experience for. Not to mention, more than one night would be very expensive.

7. ACSM Policies and Resolutions Discussions

- It is a goal of the parent council next year to stay up on the resolutions as they become available so that it can be discussed and a position determined so that we can send a representative and have our say heard.
- Some of the resolutions are controversial and it would be nice to have our voices heard on these topics.

8. Alberta Government School Library Standards Engagement

- A library survey was sent out that was very shocking regarding books that were found in a few schools throughout Alberta.
- The main topic seemed to be who should be in charge of determining library content available to kids.

9. Town Council Report - Dale Grimsdale

- We are currently working on the arena. The frost in the ground is pushing back the timeline a bit. No major issues have been encountered yet.
- We have also been working on the new soccer fields as well. This will include a new running track as well.
- There is no Rodeo this year and the parade has been moved to the Friday.
- We have been working on an old, outdated utility bylaw. It has now been divided up into 6 different components and has been voted on and is moving forward.
- Bentley residence taxes did increase by 2.8%, however the last three years has seen a 0% increase so a lot of work has been put into trying to keep taxes as low as possible.

9. Next Scheduled Meetings

- September 15, 2025 at 6:30pm is the next meeting.
- Future meetings will be set at the next meeting.
- We will be looking for a new director as we are sadly losing Adina Armstrong as her family moves schools.
- We will also need someone available to take meeting notes as our secretary will be unavailable in September.

10. Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.