

School Council & BPAC Meeting

AGENDA

November 5, 2024

Meeting called by; Brittany Fraser
Type of meeting; Monthly
Note taker; Nicole Walker
Chair; Brittany Fraser
Attendees; Meike Thomsen, Candace Gartshore, Brittany Fraser, Nicole Walker, Andrea McFaul, Kyle Schaub, Krystina Edwards, Shelly Sochr-Joyce, Sara Corbeil, April Renn, Brit Hart, Marel Reibeg, Bessie Alem. Corey Feodoroff via Microsoft Teams

1. Motion to open School Council Meeting

- Time; 6:37pm

2. Attendee Introductions

- Grade 2 teaching team attended and introduced themselves
 - Ms Ashfari/Ms Bonham – Community Grade 2
 - Ms Sabrina Nacinovic – Community Grade 2
 - Frau Nicole Hauck – German Grade 2
 - Mr Greg Benty – German Grade 2

3. Principle Message & School Report – Meike Thomsen

- Updated land acknowledgement
- See attached for Meikes Admin update
- Add ons
 - New German Bilingual Program
 - Piloted at some schools last year, and will be coming to our school this year.
 - A group of parents that will meet 4-5 times
 - Focus on making a five year plan
 - Eco-School program – Tessier and Buckner
 - The final two smartboards have arrived.
- OurSCHOOL survey results we discussed.
 - Meike shared slides and information
 - Grade 4/5 & 6 students answer a series of questions on mental health, friendships, school life, home life, etc. They do this questionnaire in the Fall, and then the exact same students answer the exact same questions in the Spring of that same year
 - Compared to last year the numbers are looking pretty good
 - One area of concern last year was the grade four female cohort. That same group is now in grade five, and still an area of concern
 - What are we doing to support this group?

- a. Building community at the school
 - b. Giving students purpose
 - c. Offering one on one support
 - d. Wellness is focus in the curriculum this year
- Is it just our school or is this a regular thing across other area schools?
 - a. Meike to talk to Belvedere principal
- Self esteem/anxiety
 - a. Questions asked
 - i. Is there a councilor that can come in?
- Candace is working with the Mental Health Resource Office. She has received resources that are being shared with the students. There is an OT working with some students
- Two week Taekwondo residency coming in the New Year – working out details still
 - ACTION: Wayne (carry over to December)
 - Motion – School Council will write a letter to petition PC & CBE to make building a new school a priority, instead of making minor fixes. Give them another viable option
 - a. Second – Nicole
 - b. All in favour
 - Multiple leaks in the roof over the spring and into the fall, with every rain event. CBE Director coming Thursday for a tour
 - Added in November – Wayne will draft letter

4. Close School Council Meeting & open BPAC Meeting

- Close; 7:17pm
- Open; 7:17pm

5. Action items from October Meeting;

- 50/50 – Nicole
 - Current total over \$1000
 - Closing November 7
- Grant update – Michelle absent
 - Brit updated on ideas for outdoor classroom
 - Michelle is going to meet with a landscape designer to see what can be done with that outdoor space
 - a. Possible hut structures
 - Brit/Michelle in touch with Jordi at CBE
 - Brit is planning on writing grants
 - There is about \$2500 left from Spring grant

- \$15K – approx. cost
 - Working with teachers at the school, we would like to add more seating and structures in that outdoor space.
 - a. Meike – any structure that is out there needs to have the ability for a teacher to see the students
- Mural – Brit
 - Fish on fence idea update
 - Brit confident she can get this covered by grants
 - 370 students
 - Ideally would happen in the Spring
- Fundraising – April/Marlen
 - Popcorn Thursday
 - Leadership Club helping every Thursday
 - Purdys before Christmas - Marlen
 - a. Starting now – closing December 1
 - b. Pickup December 11
 - c. Selling purdys at Math Night idea
 - Bowcroft apparel – store closed Oct 31
 - Card fundraiser – April
 - Spring Fundraiser – talk about in January
 - 4-6 weeks to get the cards
 - Teachers to organize artwork completed at school
 - April to get dates and organize with Candace (January – March with Teachers)
 - a. Sample cards – ordering from the hard copies
 - For the love of reading at Signal Hill – over \$10,000 raised!

6. New business;

- Treasurer Report – Krystina
 - Admin budget
- Book Fair – Nicole
 - November 26 – 29
 - Delivered November 21; picked up December 2
 - Volunteers needed – signup went out today

7. Any new additions?

- A discussion about homeless people that have been seen sleeping around the school and in the garden
 - What can we do? Do we need to involve police? Ward councilor?
 - Meike to track how often she sees anyone sleeping around the school in the morning
 - More discussion to be had next month
 - Brittany to send email to CUPS to see if anyone can come talk to the students about safety, etc
 - Brit Hart - Do we want Firefighters to come in and talk to students about community and safety?

8. Close meeting;

- **Time; 7:56pm**

November 5, 2024 BPAC Admin update

1. **RAM/HR update** – final student count was **358 (144 German, 214 English)** .

- a. Due to some extra funding in our FALL RAM, we were able to increase
 - i. Ms Hannah by 5 hrs
 - ii. Ms Asmara by 5 hrs
 - iii. Ms Carrie by 5 hrs
 - iv. Hire 0.6 FTE teacher so Ms. Gartshore is back in the office.

2. Facilities update

- a. Window frame upstairs will get repaired
- b. Room 19 needs to be emptied by xmas, will get new flooring

3. Program Monitoring for **German bilingual** program only this year to be able to set a 5 year action plan in the 25-26 school year

4. **German Bilingual program exhibit at Ed Centre Nov 15-Dec 7, 2024**

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7. OurSCHOOL survey results, Meike shared in the program itself

8. German bilingual 25th anniversary will be celebrated **April 2027**

9. **Class sizes:**

- a. **Kindergarten, Bonham: 21**
- b. **Kindergarten, Neuman: 24**
- c. **Grade 1, Ms. Halvorson: 15**
- d. **Grade 1, Ms. Ruhrmann: 17**
- e. **Grade 1, Frau McCashin: 20**
- f. **Grade 2, Ms. Nacinovic: 17**
- g. **Grade 2, Ms. Afshari: 18**
- h. **Grade 2, Herr Benty: 17**
- i. **Grade 2, Frau Hauck: 15**
- j. **Grade 3, Ms Dietrich: 19**
- k. **Grade 3, Ms. Buckner: 21**
- l. **Grade 3, Frau Schafer: 22**
- m. **Grade 4, Ms. Tessier: 18**
- n. **Grade 4, Ms. Tetz & Hickling: 18**
- o. **Grade 4/5, Ms Hou & Herr Kleinböhl: 21**
- p. **Grade 5, Ms. Mitchel: 18**
- q. **Grade 6: Ms. Hickling & Ms. Tetz: 31**
- r. **Grade 5/6, Herr Kleinböhl & Ms. Cattanach: 25**

Literacy support in grade 3 and 4 started with 3 hrs/day, Monday to Thursday on Monday, October 28, 2024

