

School Council & BPAC Meeting

MINUTES

February 12, 2024

Meeting called by; Brittany Fraser
Type of meeting; Monthly
Note taker; Nicole Walker
Chair; Brittany Fraser
Attendees; Meike Thomsen, Candace Gartshore, Brittany Fraser, Undine Weiler, Nicol Walker, Michelle Edworthy, April Renn, Wayne Jackson, Therace Quest, Marlaine

1. Motion to open School Council Meeting

- Time; 6:34pm

2. Principle Message & School Report – Meike Thomsen

- Land Acknowledgement – Meike
- Annual Budget and SDP presentation
 - 2024 School Planning video
 - Areas of focus – numeracy, literacy, and well being
- Budget and fees slideshow – school has a 2.5m budget, mostly teacher salaries
- New parent council web page
 - What do we want on it? roles/jobs? Casino?
- See attached for Meikes notes
- Every grade team meets weekly
- Fun field trips in the works, to name a few
 - Grade 4 – dump
 - Grade 5/6 – electricity
 - Grade 2/3 – Drumheller
 - Grade 5 – fish creek
 - Kinder/gr 1 – fish creek
 - Grade 6 – escape room
 - No overnight trip this year for grade 6

3. Close School Council Meeting & open BPAC Meeting

- Close; 7:22
- Open; 7:22

4. New business;

- Treasurer Update – Brittany (Krystina absent)
 - \$8000 Math seeds payment
- Side meeting – Wayne
 - Our trajectory for the admin budget is for a great overexpenditure
 - No casino money until last next year
 - An executive budget talk needs to happen
- How do we save money
 - What/where can we spend?
 - Easy way is to cut artist in residency or field trips, but we don't want to do that – last resort
 - Can we use reserve money?
 - Grants (2k indigenous grant – Candace)
 - Do we cut the budget
 - Do we put a cap on spending
 - Can we add more money to school fees
 - ie \$40 moves to \$60
 - Brittany to email everyone – setup meeting with executive and then with admin

5. Action items from Jan Meeting;

- Outdoor classroom/Garden committee – Brittany/Nicole/Michelle
 - Chantal seed bomb creating May 7
 - Try to get grant to pay for - Candace
 - Manure.
 - When do we need it? – Meike to ask when can we get it
 - Michelle to create new plan for garden with when seeds need to be started/planted for February meeting – Michelle presented detailed list
 - Candace to see if/which teachers would like to be part of the garden
 - Michelle to email McCashin/Hauck and touch base with them
 - Possible start of Garden Club – something that can happen weekly. Mondays work best for Michelle – nature club!
 - More discussion next meeting on what the relationship between the teachers, volunteers and garden look like this year – ie. Who does what?
 - Medicine Wheel
 - We have sage seeds and tobacco seeds
 - Might have to buy sweet grass
 - Brittany has a grow tent that can be used

- Grant update – Michelle
 - Friends Of Environment Grant – submitted my Michelle
 - Waiting to find out if we are successful before moving forward on another grant
 - Matter Of The Garden – possible grant

6. New business part two;

- Spring Book Fair!
 - March 20-22 (right before Spring Break)
 - Volunteer SignUp – Meike to send out in WAGs each week
- Fundraising – April
 - Popcorn Thursdays – still a big hit!
 - Possible bottle drive?
 - Nicole to setup account at Bow Ridge Bottle Depot
- Spring Fling Dance during school hours
 - Guess jellybean jar
 - Popcorn sales
 - Popcorn and juice for \$
 - Muffins?

7. Close meeting;

- Time; 8:31pm