

# Bon Accord School Council Agenda

Sept 28, 2021

Attendance: Kessia Brenneis, Ashley St Hilaire, Jared Thompson, Jessica Rigney, Lacey Laing, Suzanne Bielert, Carly Rigler, Debbie McEachren, Liz Kohle, Carmen Siemens, Melissa Camarta, Hollie Zinnick, Kirsten Sorrell, Courtney Boddez, Stephanie Dawson,

## 1.0 Call to Order & Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

## 2.0 - Additions and Acceptance of Agenda

- No additions made to the agenda

## 3.0 - Review and Approve Minutes from May 2021

- Amendment to include Suzanne Bielert as an officer, 7.2.4
- Suzanne moved to approve after the amendment, seconded by Stephanie

## 4.0 - Reports

### 4.1 Admin

- COVID Outbreak status declared via letter sent out September 28<sup>th</sup>, result of exceeding 10% absenteeism last week. As of this week down to 5% absentee rate, means that the absences have been due to other respiratory illnesses and students who are no longer sick have followed protocols and have returned to school.
- Discussion of outdoor classroom, Kessia is hopeful that every classroom will go at least twice per year. Grade 1 and 4 are already booked for end of October/early November.
- Orange Shirt Day is coming up on 30<sup>th</sup> of September. There will be an outdoor ceremony still able to take place. Question was asked around why this isn't a day off school. Liz addressed decision to allow the school to coordinate activities and educate in school. Was also discussed that perhaps next year we can provide feedback that we support the learning and activities at the school but perhaps this could be on a different day (similar to Remembrance Day).
- Library purchases came in including the acoustic trees, sit and play snake and circular soft seating.

### 4.2 Teachers

- Debbie provided overview for all grades, summarized below. Also attached the full report from Debbie to these minutes.
  - o New teacher in pre-K, learning basic routines and getting acquainted with school.
  - o Kindergarten is working on rules and routines, good hygiene, seasons, colours and shapes.
  - o Grade 1 – settling into routine of grade 1, reviewing alphabet, numbers to 10, sight words, social thinking skills, seasons as well as Truth and Reconciliation day.

- Grade 2 – Review of Incredible Flexible You, listening, patterns in Math, communities in Canada and magnets.
- Grade 3 – Rocks and minerals, patterns in Math, establishing routines, coding. Representing numbers, comparing and ordering numbers.
- Grade 4 – 7 Sacred Teaching for Character Development, waste in the world, learning about Alberta and the relevant land forms. Also ran a mock election with formal positions. Learning basics of French and how to introduce themselves.
- From Ms. Hall – all grades have started learning and planning for self-exploration and understanding.

#### 4.3 Trustee update

- Update to litigation, case has been put over to February 2022.
- Request being forward to reduce the speed limit in front of Sturgeon Composite high school down to 50 km/hr.
- All joint facility use has been suspended due to COVID.
- Increase of students across the division, up by 5%.

#### 4.4 Executive

- Council did send a letter to the Board and a response was received back. Purpose of the letter was to outline questions and concerns for this school year.

#### 5.0 - Old Business

- Nothing come forth from the AGM.

#### 6.0 – New Business

- 6.1 – Review of Council Operating procedures
  - 6.1.1 Voting procedures (to be decided)
    - Jared moved that voting to be structured in a town hall format whereby all participants in attendance would have the ability to vote.
      - Motion was seconded by Ashley
        - Unanimously passed
- 6.1.2 Committee structure
  - Would be the ability to form specific committees where required

#### 6.2 –Kindergarten Enrichment Program Discussion

- Sturgeon Heights started an open air type of Pre-K and all-day Kindergarten program, would we want to explore something like this for BACS?
- Discussion as to whether there are parents here that would be interested in exploring this. Need to determine how to cover costs, gauge interests, etc. Kessia provided background on her experience in setting this up at Guthrie. Based on this experience it was determined that 21 students were needed at a cost of \$330 a student/month. Another caveat is that the additional programming would not have been supported by an education assistant and therefore the children would have to have a certain level of independence which did deter some parents. Liz brought up the idea of reaching out to Gibbons for a potential collaboration.

- Jared moved to start a committee – “Kindergarten Enrichment Committee”, Suzanne seconded the motion.
  - Anyone interested in this committee can reach out to Jared directly after this meeting.

7.0 – Next meeting of Bon Accord Community School Council - Oct 26, 2021

8.0 – Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.