

Bon Accord Community School Council
September 26, 2023

Attendance: Jared Thompson, Kessia Brenneis, Suzanne Bielert, Carmen Siemens, Christy Condon, Carly Rigler, Jerome Chabot, Kessia Brenneis, Debbie McEachren, Cindy Briggs, Stefanie Dawson, Sara Eisenzimmer, Kirsten Sorrell, Krysta Hinchey (online), Adam Chambers (online)

1.0- Call to Order & Welcome
Called to order at 7:23

2.0- Additions & Acceptance of Agenda
Additions- SOGI

3.0- Review & Approval of previous minutes
Approved by Carly, Seconded by Stefanie

4.0- Reports

4.1 Administration

4.1.1 2023-2024 Bon Accord Community School Code of Conduct

-Updated School Code of Conduct linked on website

*Changes to bell schedule. Lunch is now AFTER recess. Recess 30min.

*Longer morning learning time. Blocks 1 and 2 are now 1 hour in length

*New curriculum -lots of info coming to parents

*Tech Policy- Personal Cellphones- with ample access to learning based technology there is no reason to have cellphones in class. Cellphones are encouraged to be left at home. If brought to school they are required to remain in lockers. If you need to communicate with your child contact front office.

4.1.2 2023-2024 School Budget

Kessia walked through the budget for the 2023/24 school year.

4.1.3 New Programming for 2023-2024 (Grade 4 Academics)

Two grade 4 academies Creative Academy (\$30) and Rec Academy (\$50)
Creative Academy to include STEAM, cooking, outdoor pursuits, etc

4.1.4 National Truth and Reconciliation Week

-Plentiful resources available for teachers. BACS teachers are embracing all resources and going above and beyond.

-Students and staff are listening to personal accounts from survivors and honouring those who survived the residential school system, along with those who did not. The week is centred around focusing on truth and working towards reconciliation. Activities will include but are not limited to read alouds, personal accounts, listening activities, reflection and creation activities as well as a "Design an Orange Shirt" project.

4.1.5 Inclusive Library Structure

-New sticker system for easy book ID

-Efforts have been made to fill Pride and Indigenous Voices library sections with updated and authentic material

-No specific gender identity or sexual orientation terminology books are available to students in regular school circulation

4.2 Teachers

See attached report

4.3 Trustee

- Organizational meeting held in August.
Chair- Irene Gibbons Vice Chair- Cindy Briggs
- Transportation- not a lot of feedback for new transportation
- Unsafe walking conditions on the gravel road to Lilian Schick school were brought up in August. Safety concerns were recognized. Approx 3.6 million to pave.
- Question was brought up in regards to the new Catchment areas and what has come about as a result.
 - *Different fees associated with transportation.
 - *Principals do not have to accept student if student is out of zone
- Some minor concerns with specific busses. Concerns directed to transportation department.

4.4 Executive

- ASCA grant likely around \$500. Geared towards parent outreach and engagement.

5.0- Old Business

6.0- New Business

6.1 SOGI- Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discussion

- Parent concerns raised regarding SOGI within BACS
- Discussed narratives surrounding program, inclusivity, SOGI within the school division and within BACS itself.
- Further concerns regarding SOGI to be directed to public division level.

7.0- Next meeting

October 24, 2023

8.0- Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:29