



School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 17, 2021

6:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom

* indicates written report/attachment provided

Attendance: Craig Dimond, Mark Chanasyk, Christee Langkamp, Kendall Severson, Karen Belich, Michelle Van Petten, Terry-Lynn Sereda, Trudi Duheme, Chelsea Bergstrom

1. **Call to order:** Christee called the meeting to order at 6:07pm, showing respect and acknowledging that Battle River School Division is located on Treaty 6 Territory and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes:** All approved
3. **Administration Team Report (Craig and Mark):**
 - i. **SGF Report Review:** 1997 bus for sale and funds will be held to purchase a new bus after the 2021/22 school year. No movement of funds other than an "in and out" motion for grad hoodies. Chromebook purchases have been put on hold due to supply and demand problems. Ranch Camp funds to be rolled over to next year.
 - ii. **Athletics:** Basketball is running with restrictions. ASAA cancelled provincials for 2020/21. Esports (pilot project) will begin soon with students competing in video games. BRSD is having a basketball "shooting challenge" for schools to compete in. There is also a "silly walk" challenge going on now. Bawlf School is on instagram and twitter.
 - iii. **Grad:** Pictures are booked for April 23. Looking into a virtual grad but hoping restrictions are lifted before then.
 - iv. **SAVY (Student Advocates for the Voices of Youth):** They met and discussed students' mental health and wellness, as well as the quarters vs semesters systems for next year. *BSC discussed the quarters vs semesters system also. A decision needs to be made by mid April on which system to move forward with for the 2021/22 school year.*
 - v. **Mural:** Couple options with pricing quotes were presented. *Members felt like the cost of installing the mural would be beneficial to the students. Michelle motioned to approach BEST to help fund the mural wall. All seconded. Christee will talk to Everly.*
 - vi. **Breakfast Program:** The leadership students are filling bins. All is going great. Looking into ways to provide a bagel/hot breakfast. Christee received a grant for the breakfast program from Show Kids You Care. If it can't be used by June, it can be carried over to next year. Any remaining funds from the President's Choice grant can be turned into gift cards to be used at a later time.
4. **Chair Report (Christee):** Christee attended a meeting for the council of school councils recently. *The BSC members have been sent out the ASCA resolutions which are to be reviewed and provide feedback for each by the end of March.*

The Hot Lunch Program has started back up with a few select restaurants that were able to follow guidelines to provide lunches to the students. Two lunches a month are scheduled from now till the end of June. The idea of adding more lunches was not opposed. Members had heard some restaurants may be allowing parents to go sort meals by classrooms, at their restaurant. *Craig will look into this to see if it would follow our guidelines.*

5. **Trustee Report (Kendall and Karen):** Reviewed the Board of Trustees Meeting Highlights from February. The Early Learning Program (age 4) was dropped this year, however it has been asked to be reinstated due to the great importance of the program. Mental health for students and teachers is remaining a top priority. Budget for next year will be released in a couple weeks. Karen will be attending a meeting with the Minister of Education on Monday to discuss increasing PUF. Schools and teachers are doing a great job at coming up with creative ways to learn. BRSD has video contests going on for different topics, and the top videos will receive a prize. Schools have been working hard to increase social media activities to get the students involved.



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October 18 will be the election date for school board trustees. Nominations were made in January. The new board will consist of only 5 members, instead of 8. More information can be found on the BRSD website.

6. **School Council Yearly Plan:** No discussion on yearly plan as everything is on hold until restrictions are lifted.
7. **New Business:**
 - i. **Should we meet in May?:** Council has decided to meet May 19, 2021 at 6:00pm.
8. **Future Meeting Dates:** May 19, 2021 and AGM June 16, 2021
9. **Adjourn and Next Meeting Date:** Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm, next meeting on May 19 at 6:00pm.