

## School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018

5:30 p.m. Conference Room Bawlf School

Minutes taken by: Terry Lynn Sereda

Amended November 19, 2018 by Christee Langkamp

Call to order: Christee called to order at 5:36pm

Attendance: Christee Langkamp, Alison Stang, Erin Reimer, Ainsley Severson, Shane Gau, Mark Chanasyle, Charlene Irvine, Terry-Lynn Sereda

Review of the Agenda: added Healthy food & literacy night dates

Motion to Adopt the Agenda: Ainsley motioned, Erin seconded. All in favour.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes as read via email: Erin made motion, Alison seconded. All in favour.

### 1. Round table discussion:

#### a. Fundraising:

- i. Direction of fundraising – Admin mentioned that B.E.S.T. is under umbrella of Parent Council. With that, it was discussed that a thought/possibility of helping B.E.S.T. by setting a fundraising goal amount every year. Council members will attend B.E.S.T. meetings when possible.

*a. November 19/18 Amendment: To clarify the the statement from Admin that BEST is under Umbrella of Parent Council" was not meant to insinuate that BEST falls under council. The point that was trying to made to the group was that both groups are separate but do work together under an "Umbrella"*

#### b. Award Evening

- i. Athletic awards are held in the spring and academic awards are held in the fall. Questioned to why these awards couldn't be combined, to which it was confirmed that Academic must be held in the fall, in order to know diploma marks for awards and scholarships.
- ii. Sports awards has not had ideal attendance. Ideas of being held during school hours vs evening was brought forward.
- iii. Concern was brought forward regarding "slips" being distributed during class, surrogating out the winner of these awards, and making classmates feel left out. Is there a way to not surrogate out children? (letter, phone call, email). Shane explained this year slips, were a trial.
- iv. Discussed possibility of more awards being offered. Erin will do up a generic letter, requesting donations of \$50-\$250. Mark reminded council that longevity needs to be considered, along with consistently.

*a. November 19/18 amendment To clarify this money will not be going to school council and is not a means of fundraising. It is a means to help the students and to have more of a "variety" of academic awards.*

- v. Question was brought forward: do the children know that these awards are available, so they can put forth effort to achieve one? Discussed award recognition. Shane is going to discuss this with the staff and see what their thoughts are.
- vi. Christee will add "Sponsorship for Awards Night" to our yearly plan.

#### c. Playground & Track:

- i. Question brought forward: Is Battle River School Div. responsible for track or is the school? Battle river is not responsible for either, but have helped when they can are available (have floated track)
- ii. There was a meeting last week regarding the playground. Battle River will place a ramp to the playground structure, will help with irrigation when placing sod behind the school. The Battle River has supported in the past by putting approx. \$60,000 sod in front of the school.
- iii. BRSD had told parents they were not in favour of outdoor Volleyball courts, due to high maintenance.

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- iv. Sponsorship Plaques - question arose if each sponsor would be receiving a plaque as this can end up being quite costly. Shane mentioned that recognition of the sponsorship is part of the project-grant (to recognize those that donated) This plaque/sign is in the planning stages, to be hung on the playground structure. Gail & Leanna are working on this (B.E.S.T.)

### d. EA Supports:

- i. Brought forth the concern of the EA cut-back in our school. Do we, as parents, need to be a voice? Shane Gau explained that we are down approx. 20 children this year, therefore are lucky to only lose EA's, and not teachers. Staff is being relocated to make this change be the most effective for the children. A letter has went home with students in Grade 1,3 and 12 a few days ago, explaining the splits and changes that are occurring. Staff are very happy with this solution. Shane explained that the EA's are where they are supposed to be – we have less EA's but the ones we are blessed to have are being utilized efficiently.

### e. Breakfast Program:

- i. Shane made the council aware that he had received an email confirming that the school has received a grant for \$4000 and \$3550 in EA support, which was tacked onto an EA to help stock the breakfast baskets, vending machine. We will help shop when necessary, and special days will be discussed with Christee and Terry-Lynn. Parent council will still apply for grants for this program, to be used as needed.

## 2. Yearly Plan: Reviewed the yearly plan, as outlined by Christee. Summarized:

### a. Literacy

- i. **Literacy night:** Alison has agreed to help coordinate this event. Teachers will also have say. Budget: Alison will set a budget for this event. The funds for this event must go through B.E.S.T. through a request letter. **Christee advised council she will contact Leanna and ask what funds have been designated for this event.** Date: narrowed down to January 23, February 6 and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. **Year end:** Erin has agreed to help coordinate this event. Central Agencies has agreed to sponsor again. (B.E.S.T. is sending out sponsorship letters for all these events)
- iii. **School Supplies:** Christee will take care of this. Is a great program, serving 29 students in the fall this year.
- iv. **Wall Mural:** Shane will discuss with the staff, to see if students can help with this project. Would like it to be education based. Once an idea is brought forward, building maintenance will need to approve. Erin suggested her friend, Levi, as an option if we wish to hire someone to come in and do the work.
- v. **Wellness:** November's meeting will have a presentation by Christie Badry and Andrea Dyck.
- vi. **Pink Shirt Day:** Last year we ordered these from staples. Christee will coordinate the purchase of the t-shirts. These went over well with students. Some parents had a concern over the quality of these shirts. These shirts are very reasonable cost. Question was brought forth: can a child wear a pink hat, socks, etc. instead of a shirt? Will look into this.
- vii. **Orange Shirt day:** discussed options for this. The province has a contest, on who can create the nicest shirt with a clear message. This would teach the children the purpose of this day, bringing awareness and purpose. Christee has already spoken to Shane about having a school wide contest to promote awareness. Shane and Mark are onboard with the idea and asked for some parameters. Christee will send them the information. Christee will coordinate the ordering of the shirts. Contest will have to be done by May in order to have things finalized and shirts ordered prior to the end of this school year.
- viii. **Healthy foods:** it was brought forward that there was a concern, a child was told she couldn't have a muffin at school, because it was not healthy. Concerns over what can be served in concession and why we are so strict as a school. Shane and Mark noted that there is a general guideline regarding healthy food in our school that information is available in the BRSD website. Christee reminded the group that there are also handouts in the binders. Christee also noted that we need to follow guidelines with breakfast program especially with grants.



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3. Reminder to complete PD Days survey online.
4. Future meeting dates November 20, 2018; January 8, 2019; March 19, 2019; May 14, 2019 and the AGM June 11, 2019.
5. Adjournment at 7:07pm by Christee