

Bon Accord School Council Agenda

Oct 26, 2021

Attendance: Kessia Brenneis, Jared Thompson, Suzanne Bielert, Carly Rigler, Debbie McEachren, Liz Kohle, Carmen Siemens, Courtney Boddez,

1.0 Call to Order & Welcome 6:42pm

2.0 - Additions and Acceptance of Agenda

Carmen moved to accept the agenda, Suzanne seconded

3.0 - Review and Approve Minutes of Sept 2021 (M)

Carly motioned to approve the minutes, Suzanne seconded

4.0 – Appointments

4.1 – Vacant positions – Officer (1), Community Member (1) (M)

Liz Kohle is interested in competing for the community member role, no one else expressed interest. Jared motioned to appoint Liz Kohle as the Community member, this was seconded by Carmen and passed unanimously.

Ashely is potentially moving and as such there may be an officer position available

5.0 - Reports

5.1 Admin

- Terry Fox run was held, received donated slurpees from Circle K – outstanding success
- September 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - Held ceremony, demonstrated smudge and outdoor gathering
 - Age appropriate learning of the importance of this day and history
- Makerspace is up and running
- School is due for new Chromebooks
- Halloween school wide parade is coming up on Friday, October 29
- Academically reading assessments were just completed for grades 2 and 3 and now targeted interventions are happening. This is also supported by the learning coach.
- The mental health and wellness coaching is focusing on social emotional learning, being applied in different ways dependent on grade.
- Councilor is also doing 7 Sacred Ways of Learning on alternating Monday's.
- Undertaking decluttering in the school, editing spaces previously being used as storage.

5.2 Teachers

Debbie provided overview by grade, see summary report attached.

5.3 Trustee

5.4 Executive/Committee

6.0 - Old Business 6.1 KEP Committee 6.1.1 Members – Carly Rigler, Carmen Siemens, Lacey Laing, Jared Thompson, Elizabeth Kohle

There is interest from this group to explore this further. Next steps will be to set up a separate meeting, targeting week of November 15 to get together as well as staff from the school to ensure that there is interest on all fronts. Jared and Kessia will meet in advance of this to debrief process and next steps.

7.0 – New Business

7.1 Alberta School Council Association Workshops

These workshops have always been available, funded through ACSA. Information on this was sent out via email and can also be found on the school website. Covers purpose of school councils, different types of work that councils can do and fundraising association partnership. November 16th, 23rd and 30th.

7.2 Rapid Testing Motion

Roundtable was held amongst executive members to discuss access to rapid tests. Concern from parents and students around lack of information and access to positive cases. The rapid testing program is available from the Government of Alberta if you have vulnerable people, essential workers, amongst other criteria. Felt that certainly we meet this criteria. Liz Kohle was able to provide information that the division has been approached on this and that rapid testing was previously piloted, considering to make available again. Being piloted currently in Morinville Public. Potential for it to be rolled out at a later point to include access to home testing kits for students. Discussion was held around whether our council would support a vaccine mandate for teachers. Various viewpoints were shared around whether or not this should be mandated. Further discussion around the change in circumstances from time when this was previously piloted as the isolation rules related to close contacts required isolation and testing. Whereas now isolation is not required for close contacts access to this would seem beneficial.

Jared motioned the following to be presented to the Board of Trustees as a whole: The Bon Accord Community School Council supports the Sturgeon Public Schools Board of Trustees to take all necessary steps to enroll Sturgeon Public Schools in any Rapid Testing Program offered by the Government of Alberta.

8.0 – Next meeting of Bon Accord Community School Council – Nov 23, 2021

8.0 – Adjourn 7:35pm