

Bon Accord School Council Agenda

Nov 23, 2021

Attendance: Kessia Brenneis, Jared Thompson, Suzanne Bielert, Carly Rigler, Debbie McEachren, Cindy Briggs, Carmen Siemens, Courtney Boddez, Ashley St.Hilaire, Fokkemas, Hollie Zinnick, Liz Kohle, Jody Nahimak

1.0 Call to Order & Welcome

Called to order at 6:46pm

2.0 - Additions and Acceptance of Agenda – (M)

Agenda was accepted by Ashley.

2.0 - Review and Approve Minutes of Oct 2021 (M)

Minutes were approved by Ashley.

4.0 – Appointments

4.1 – Vacant positions – Officer (1)

Position remains

5.0 - Reports

5.1 Admin

Kessia provided a quarterly budget update which included an overview of the budget and current allocations for FTE equivalents of teachers and support staff in the school. Also included the basic programs allocation (PD for teachers, subsidizing field trip costs, materials for classrooms), nutrition program grant (provincial government, Telus, applying for Breakfast club of Canada and Pembina grants also), school collected revenue and all of this totals to the operating budget, currently at \$103,981 (timing).

Announced today that BACS will be hiring another grade three teacher. Additional student in each of grade 3 and 4 coming and based on this, combined with current numbers built case to justify additional resource, approval was received. This will mean that the split class will be no longer in December. Interviews taking place end of this week with plan for new class to be established December 1. Managing process of reallocating students, outreach to parents and students.

Parent volunteers are going to be allowed back into the school, there is not a vaccine requirement however masking required.

Christmas concert is happening virtually, December 16th. There is a Christmas concert committee that is currently planning a play that will involve all classes. The format will be similar to last year. Also looking at doing a school wide caroling and hoping to be able to invite parents.

5.2 Teachers

Debbie provided overview by grade, see summary report attached.

5.3 Trustee

Starting school visits tomorrow which is very exciting. Board is working on a practice to implement for COVID, taking note of what other boards are doing. There is a large board meeting tomorrow and therefore after this there will be more updates. Want to be a transparent board and eager to work with parents and staff. Question around staffing changes, there is an acting superintendent at head office and this position will be looking to be filled permanently.

Question posed around the next year's school calendar, it has been released to school staff but has not yet been provided to school council.

Lacy brought up the idea of the north parking lot potentially being expanded and the Town of Bon Accord is willing to look at expansion. Kessia will take this away.

5.4 Executive/Committee

Nothing new to report.

6.0 - Old Business

6.1 KEP Committee

6.1.1 Dec 7 committee meeting

Proposed meeting time works, December 7 at 6:30pm, smaller committee to meet. Discussion around there being support from staff at school, contemplated whether the announcement of the subsidized childcare could have impact or be applicable. There is no pre-work at this point, goal for meeting will be consensus as to next steps and how to present to parents.

6.2 ASCA Meetings – Nov 23 and 30

Resources and materials are available to this group. Meetings found to be valuable.

7.0 – New Business

7.1 – Community Conversation - Covid update happening during our meeting

Question posed as to whether anyone was able to make it. Carmen did attend before signing on here, largely statistical in the beginning.

8.0 – Next meeting of Bon Accord Community School Council – Jan 25, 2021

8.0 – Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm