

Bon Accord School Council Agenda

Jan 25, 2022

Attendance: Kessia Brenneis, Jared Thompson, Suzanne Bielert, Carly Rigler, Debbie McEachren, Cindy Briggs, Liz Kohle, Jody Nahimak, Lacey Laing, Gregg Sales, Stephanie Dawson, Holly Zinnick, Carmen Siemens

1.0 Call to Order & Welcome

Call to order at 6:45pm

2.0 - Additions and Acceptance of Agenda

No additions to agenda, approved by Stephanie and seconded by Suzanne

3.0 - Review and Approve Minutes of Nov 2021

Minutes approved by Suzanne and seconded by Stephanie

4.0 – Appointments

4.1 – Vacant positions – Officer (1)

Position remains

5.0 – Reports

5.1 Admin

- Big thank you to parents for dealing with changing conditions, extended winter break, volume of emails, etc.
- New grade three teacher is working out well, Mr. Mathews. There is also a new custodian that is working out really well.
- Received grant from Breakfast Club of Canada for \$18k, this is a one-time Federal grant for COVID related increase in costs. Can roll over into next year also and can cover staffing and supplies.
- Pipe burst happened in pre-k classroom, temporarily relocated to gathering area.
- Looking to start skating for grades 3 and 4 only due to the volume of parent volunteers required to include grades 1 and 2 and COVID protocols.
- Inquired into swimming lessons however still very backed up, looks like lessons will be pushed to next year. Encouraging teachers to book day field trips to pool.
- Questions were asked around notifications for COVID cases and numbers, it was relayed that the school division had made the decision not to notify parents at this time as reporting isn't mandatory from families to the school to respect privacy. Kessia committed to bringing feedback to division around this. Another question relayed along this topic regarding why updates are provided from the daycare and not the school given same premises.

5.2 Teachers

- See report attached separately

5.3 Trustee

- The 2021/22 school plan has been updated to reflect the extended January break.
- Division is looking at the ventilation systems across schools as well as furnace filters.
- 3 elements of the draft curriculum will be implemented English and Language Arts, mathematics and Physical Education, refer to Hour Zero website to get familiar with the terms around hold and secure and/or shelter terms so that we are prepared if a situation arises. This helps to put kids at ease.
- Further discussion was held to ask for feedback around the division's decision to not share the COVID numbers/information. Could information on general absences possible be shared?
- Question was asked around people accessing the rapid tests and masks, uptake has been really high per Kessia.

5.4 KEP Committee Update

- Kessia provided an overview, she looked into ability to partner with the daycare for staffing to provide a more inclusive program and then whether parents could apply for grants to help offset cost.
 - Determined that it was more feasible to run the program without combining with the daycare, many additional obstacles there. If there was a significant amount of students in the program who required additional supports this could be done at cost to the parents as this program would be 100% cost recovery from parents. So far have not been able to find any available grants.
 - A google form and a letter has been prepared to send out to parents. Looking to provide information around the potential new program and what cost range they would be willing to pay per month, would they require transportation, before and after school care and would additional supports be required. This will first go out to pre-k families with plans to distribute beyond after that.
 - Committee will review letter and prepare to send early February.

6.0 - Old Business

Nothing

7.0 – New Business

7.1 – Wellness and Counselling Update – Mr. Greg Sales.

- Mr. Sales attended to provide an overview of the plan for the year, this is the *Sturgeon Public Schools: Counselling and Wellness Plan 2021-22*, can be found at: <https://www.bonaccordschool.ca/download/377361>. Works in conjunction with the Wellness coach this year, Ms. Hall.

8.0 – Next meeting of Bon Accord Community School Council – Feb 22, 2022

Adjourned at 7:48pm