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| Meeting | Bert Church High School – School Council Meeting | |
| Date: | February 15, 2024 | |
| Time: | 6:30 p.m. | |
| Location: | Conference Room, Bert Church High School | |
| Attendees: | Nikki Tysowski, Michelle Dean, Melyssa Bowen, Wendy Perdue, | |
| Regrets: | Devon Blower | |
| | Discussion | Action |
| 1. Call to order, welcome and Introductions Chair | Wendy calls the meeting to order at 6:32pm | |
| 2. Approval of Agenda All | Michelle approves | |
| 3. Review and Approval Minutes | Michelle approves | |
| 4. Reports/Presentations | | |
| 4.1. Administration Report Nikki Tysowski | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Acknowledgement • Semester 2 started Jan 31 • Alberta Education Assurance survey has gone out to Grade 10 families – parents, students and staff partake in survey • Seniors girls BB last home game last week – celebrations • Olympic speed skaters joined last week in the Sports Performance class • Team Leadership activities – swimming, orienteering, outdoor cooking engagements • Grade 9 Orientation on Thursday, March 7 and High School 101 for Grade 10's • New hires – part-time Social teacher, one staff on leave currently and one coming up (interviewed for today) | |
| 4.2. School Council Chair report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | |
| 4.3. RVS Trustee Melyssa Bowen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 25 Board meeting • Exemplar practice shared was a teacher in Crossfield at WG Murdoch took her students on a virtual field trip to the Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg and worked on projects • Dept updates – Transportation dept, new bus app to track buses, highlighted challenges in changes of transportation distances, could see 2400 more students that would need to be transported to school, challenge in finding drivers – competing with other school divisions. Changes are coming Sept 2025. • Dept updates – Indigenous Branch – director talked about 2 learning specialists, an Indigenous connector and 2 Indigenous liaisons – working on Indigenous PL – have responded to 131 support | |

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| | <p>requests from schools – monies received from the gov. fund this branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial update – looking at reserve balance of \$4.5 million at end of school year. 1.4% of operating budget. • Inclement weather stats – Jan 15 – 58% students still attended school • Open Houses for Balancing Airdrie Student houses are finished – the online feedback opportunity open until March 17th. Delegation date to share about the options to the Board on March 12. If someone wants to come in and share, need to let Greg Luterbach know 10 days prior. • Feb 15 Meeting • Discovery Trails Online exemplar – shared approach to supporting students (Principal, CDA and Learning Supports teachers presented) – at 242 students this school year. • Budget Priorities set for 2024-2025 year – provide direct resources to schools (lit. and num.) based on family surveys, support for student and staff wellness, enhancing facilities and infrastructure and technology, targeting an operating reserve balance at the end of the 2024-2025 at 0.5-1.0% • School fees to be set and approved around April • Langdon High School – Horseshoe Crossing High School • Staff benefits transferring to a new provider (asebp)that provides benefits for nearly all of the school divisions in Alberta. There will be a savings of \$500,000.00 per year that will go back into the division. • The Board offering support for school council members to attend the ASCA Conference in Edmonton from April 26-28. Trustees typically attend. Providing up to \$1000/person. AGM is also offered virtually on the Sunday. The Board will send out a letter for school councils to highlight information on proxy voting and resolutions (can also go to the ASCA website). Annual Conference: Alberta School Councils' Association • 2 terms of reference updates Labour Relations committee and Board Planning committee – reviewed on annual basis | |
| 5. New Business | | |
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| 6. Old Business | | |
| 6.1 | <p>ASCA Conference – April 26-28, 2024 Funding available to attend, up to \$1000 per person, and a RVS application needs to be submitted by March 8 in Edmonton. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Devon for the form, or it can be found on the RVS website.</p> | |
| 6.2 | <p>Joint Council Meeting – March 14 – Devon unable to attend, would anyone else like to? Wendy is able to attend.</p> | |

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| 7. Date of Next Meeting | Date: March 21, 2024 * parent/teacher conference night – opportunity to have a school council booth? Time: 6:30pm Location: Conference Room BCHS | |
| 8. Adjournment | Wendy adjourns at 7:20pm | |

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates

April 18, 2024
May 16, 2024
June 20, 2024

Important Dates

Joint School Council Meeting: Mar 14, 2024