

Meeting	Bert Church High School – School Council Meeting	
Date:	September 20, 2023	
Time:	6:30pm	
Location:	Conference Room	
Attendees:	Michelle Dean, Devon Blower, Nikki Tysowski, Melyssa Bowen, Twyla Murray, Marie Cumberland (AP), Jennifer Lowes, Claire Stanger, Wendy Perdue, Katherine O'Donaghey, Lisa Tschritter (teacher)	
Regrets:		
	Discussion	Action
1. Call to order, welcome and Introductions	Devon Blower - 6:31 pm	
2. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved by Jennifer Lowes, seconded by Wendy Perdue 	
3. Review and Approval Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June's minutes will be approved at October's meeting Past AGM – approved by Twyla Murray and Jennifer Lowes 	
4. Additions or Deletions to agenda	none	
5. Introductions	completed	
6. Reports/Presentations		
6.1. Administration Report Nikki Tysowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Truth and Reconciliation acknowledgement Indigenous Initiatives and Awards Night – Marie Cumberland. Celebrating academic kids with scholarships. Go into community every year, send out letters, looking for support and funding. Only \$1050 in budget so far. Traditionally give out \$5000+ in scholarships. Unfortunately, local businesses sponsor sports more than academics. Looking to fundraise scholarship money. Ideas? Could use FaceBook and Instagram to promote fundraising. Devon to connect with Amy to brainstorm what social media posts could look like. Look for academic businesses like Code Ninjas or Kumon for funds? Could we approach past alumni? Lisa – Art Teacher – proposing artist in residence this year. Someone local. Talking with Indigenous Branch about different possibilities and timing. Looking to raise some funds for this project (\$5,000.00 target). Twyla to connect with Lisa about ATCO sponsorship. Host professional art shows every year (October and May this year). There's a Bert Church Art Instagram page. Signage for Indigenous garden moving forward this year – looking to invite community to a proper ceremony as a 'grand opening'. Will be celebrating Metis Week – looking for Metis elders or community members to expose students to the Metis culture. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing grants for Gord Downey Wenjack grant • Metis week – Friday celebration that is open to the community. Dancing, art, artist booths (looking for Metis week celebration to be an annual event). • Link Crew, Grade 9 orientation went really well this year. • 1380 student population this year. • Back-to-School Carnival was a success • Course Changes went well • Lots of sporting events in September (football, soccer, volleyball and golf) • Lots of interactive hands-on learning happening. • Outdoor Ed – Kayaking trip Sept 19 • Zoo trip for photography class • Drama field trips • Canadian Student Leadership Conference in New Brunswick Oct 10-15 • Grad meeting upcoming – Oct 18 • Bert Church values – Self, Others, Property – team of teachers taking this initiative on. At the stage of implementation and how that will look in classrooms. Property – leaving everything better than you found it. 	
6.2. School Council Chair report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
6.3. RVS Trustee Melyssa Bowen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction. • Board meeting – heard from RVSLA group about their activities. • 3.8% increase in enrollments across the division. • Operations department updates – talked to the Board about projects over the summer, particularly the new Powell Street school in Cochrane (Cochrane Christian Academy). • School Council Chair Orientation via Zoom on Sept 27th. • Joint Board School Council meeting on October 26th @ 5:30pm. If interested, let Devon know. 	
7. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Society Group – Update from Devon. There is no established group as per the AGLC. Need to look at ways to promote it to parents and get some engagement. Could we set up something during parent/teacher conferences to put out information on the need for a Society group? Discuss more in early October. 	
8. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to be voted in • Chair – Devon Blower (everyone votes yes) • Vice Chair – Wendy Purdue (everyone votes yes) • Secretary – Michelle Dean (everyone votes yes) • Members at large – Wendy Purdue and Jennifer Lowes, Twyla Murray, Claire Stanger 	
9. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Upcoming Meeting Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 19 – Learning Commons • November 16 • December 21 	

8. Adjournment

Devon 7:37pm