

Meeting	Bert Church High School – School Council Meeting	
Date:	November 21, 2024	
Time:	6:30 p.m.	
Location:	Learning Commons, Bert Church High School	
Attendees:	Michelle Dean, Nikki Tysowski, Fred Burley, Kathy Wegiel (Numeracy Lead), Wendy Perdue, Kimberley Bospflug, Laura Himmelspeck, Leslie Brown	
Regrets:		
	Discussion	Action
1. Call to order, welcome and Introductions Chair	Wendy calls the meeting to order at: 6:30pm	
2. Approval of Agenda	Kimberely approves, Michelle seconds	
3. Review and Approval of October Minutes	Michelle approves, Wendy seconds	
4. Reports/Presentations		
4.1. Administration Report Nikki Tysowski	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Acknowledgement • Mr. Smith designed and created an optional course for English called Creative Writing 15/25/35 – last week students were able to join in on an escape room using literature, story writing, etc. • Social 30's in Ms. William's had a cold war museum project, some students designed board games • Chem 20 students were exploring the concept of reagents and through the creation of smores. • Wildlife and Outdoor Ed students practiced cooking outdoors. • City of Airdrie Guest Speaker came in to talk to Leadership Class on designing communities, gathering student feedback on what they like and don't like about Airdrie, what they would like to see in the city. What would students consider if they were planning out a community. • Local RCMP constables in the building for the last month working with Grade 9's on cyberbullying, concepts of consent, social media, etc. • Looking ahead – Alberta Post Secondary Fair, November 27th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Learning Commons • Looking Ahead – A Christmas Carol winter drama production Dec 5, 6, 7th • Student of the Month – including PBIS matrix and values in the criteria for student selection. Recipients of the award receive a certificate, get a Bert Church cafeteria coupon and a gift card to Cross Iron Mills Mall. Sept, Oct and Nov recipients to be announced soon. • Mr. Jones Leadership initiatives – annual food drive / Staff vs. Student Volleyball game / Cobble Classic / School Colour Day / Winter Spirit Week / Hidden Elf Contest / Door 	

	<p>Decorating Challenge / Charger Cards / Candy Grams / Festive Day and Hot Cocoa handout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting Annual Bert Church Basketball Invitational • Mr. Ferguson's Entrepreneurship class is looking for parents or community members to come in and be judges for the Shark's Den-type pitches from students. Also looking for parents/community members to spend a day in the life of – allow kids to shadow a person for a day. Reach out to Nikki if interested. • January Council Meeting – reviewing PBIS 	
4.2. Teacher Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numeracy – Kathy Wegiel – Connecting to School Education Plan • Discussed trends on what they're seeing in Grade 9 and 10 numeracy. • Grade 10 numeracy assessment was conducted earlier this year and was compared with beginning of their Grade 9 numeracy and the results were promising. Looked at foundational skills. • 49% of students demonstrated 55% or greater understanding of numeracy. • Worked through a Thinking Classroom assignment. Kathy explained how the class is split into random groups during class to work on problems. • Demonstrated BCHS Math Diploma results over the last several years. Historically have been weaker than the Division and the Province and over the last few years have been performing above the Division and provincial averages. • The Math Department is very strong and helps each other out and collaborate really well. They also offer additional math supports throughout the day outside of class times. 	Nikki to send presentation to Wendy.
4.3. RVS Trustee Fred Burley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation in last meeting in October from the Indigenous Branch – created a self reflection tool for staff so that they may gain a better understanding of where they are at. • Cochrane Student Spaces accommodation – will be using modulars to help with student spaces until new schools are constructed. • Hoping for more modulars from the government. • Received more funding over the summer to enhance IT infrastructure, transition needs for complex students, etc. • Ward Boundaries have been changed – 8 trustees but merged wards 2 and 4 and added a second ward in Cochrane. • Adhoc committee created for to search for a new superintendent. • 7 students in June that scored 100% on Diploma exams. • Received AERR and highlights show that RVS students are having positive results in literacy and numeracy. High School completion rate in RVS exceeds the provincial average. • Capacity at Bert Church is currently 107% 	Fred to email Wendy the data for BCHS graduation rates vs province
5. New Business		

5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent-Run Grad Committee Update – posted in the last Chronicle a new date for the grad. The Westin was booked for early in June and paid a deposit but the Westin was forced to cancel it due to security detail needing that venue for the G7 Summit. New date is May 1st for Bert Church. Fundraising is ongoing for grad, multiple fundraisers that will be promoted in the Chronicle. 	
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Society Update – paperwork has come through, have our corporate registry. Now we need to get the corporate registry into the AGLC to get on the casino list (3 year wait for). 	
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Nomination and Vote – Wendy nominates Laura Himmelspeck. Voted in favour unanimously. 	
5.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for ideas to get more parent interest in the council. Wendy is increasing the email distribution list. Expanding content online and on social media. Talked with Mr. Jones about having a student come into each meeting to talk to the council. Working on the Council page on the Bert Church website to increase engagement. 	
5.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February Council meeting is rescheduled to February 13th March date to be revisited 	
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Open Floor Questions		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why are some subjects missing from the Subjects Pages on the BCHS website? Nikki notes that teacher pages were removed when the district upgraded to the new website. BCHS highlights some and not others depending on if they had visuals that could be added to the website. Still tinkering on the website and there will be a redesign next year. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why are Guidance Counsellors not sitting down with every student each year to talk about their future plans and what courses they need to achieve their goals? BCHS have 2 guidance counsellors to service 1300+ students so it is a logistical challenge. They do some career building, grad requirements, peer conflict, mental health, scholarships and awards. Changes in the funding model may provide more funding to put back into schools for a possible career counsellor. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why doesn't BCHS celebrate our academic achievers like other RVS schools? Why don't we offer recognition awards for students achieving 90% and above? Principal's List? Nikki notes that BCHS has honored academic excellence for 40 years, every October. The last 11 years have had an honor roll and honorable mention. Staff look at previous years' marks to determine the students that are to be celebrated. 	
7. Date of Next Meeting	Date: January 16, 2025 Time: 6:30pm Location: Conference Room BCHS	

8. Adjournment	Wendy adjourns the meeting at: 7:36pm	
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