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| Meeting | Bert Church High School – School Council Meeting | |
| Date: | January 16, 2025 | |
| Time: | 6:30 p.m. | |
| Location: | BCHS Conference Room, Bert Church High School | |
| Attendees: | Michelle Dean, Nikki Tysowski, Fred Burley, Wendy Perdue, Tanis Brown (teacher), Tom Williams, Laura Stickler (Zoom), Kimberly Bespflug (Zoom) | |
| Regrets: | | |
| | Discussion | Action |
| 1. Call to order, welcome and Introductions Chair | Wendy calls the meeting to order at: 6:30pm | |
| 2. Approval of Agenda | Kimberly approved, Michelle second | |
| 3. Review and Approval of November Minutes | Laura approved, Michelle second | |
| 4. Reports/Presentations | | |
| 4.1. Teacher Presentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanis Brown – English teacher and PBIS Chair • Handout – from the BCHS Education Plan – Creating inclusive, engaging, healthy learning opportunities for all students. Want to increase PBSI tiered fidelity inventory by 10% this school year. • Activity highlights – kicked off with PBIS lesson ‘Embodying a Growth Mindset’. October 31st was Charger Champions Day – recognized over 1000 Chargers for positive behaviours with a Halloween candy celebration blitz. Top behaviours were offering kindness and support to others and respecting diversity. December PBIS Lesson ‘How to Demonstrate Empathy’. December – Charger Champions Week – recognized over 200 Chargers for offering kindness and support to others, being positive and productive and leaving things better than we found them. Made coupons for the school store for the blitz. December Celebration Assembly Dec 7 – recognized the sports teams to that point. Drama students in costume and character were present. Slam poetry club did a performance, drumline, art exhibits and more. Another assembly in May – hoping to invite parents and community members. • Data gathering – Reflections after lessons. Data supports the need to focus on teaching empathy and encouraging students to demonstrate empathy. Feedback shows that students think staff and teachers model empathetic behaviour – 60% of respondents. Leads to reflecting on how staff can do this more. Only 14.5% of students feel safe expressing feelings and asking for help at school so this will be the focus of the next upcoming PBIS lesson. Kids felt mostly neutral or unlikely to intervene or report unkind behaviours so this is another focus point for staff. Looking for | |

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| | <p>ways to help connect the larger community on this point as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking ahead – February will see a new lesson within the first 10 days of Semester 2. Teach students how to speak up and model specific language around that. February Charger Champions Day – aim to recognize 1000 Chargers in a one-day blitz on Valentine’s week. May lesson (personal boundaries and advocating for themselves) and a Celebration Assembly (May 2) and a Charger Champions Week. • Looking for parent involvement – possibly having a teacher email home to a parent to let them know their child did something good. Really positive benefits from that type of activity. • Ask from the PBSI Committee – want to make buttons at the school, using designs with the slogans being used and those can be handed out to students. Could the button maker be lent to a parent so they could make buttons? If you’re interested, please connect with Nikki. Timeline would be after re-assessment week. • There’s a PBIS Student Advisory Committee established for second semester. Roughly 20 students. | |
| <p>4.2. Administration Report Nikki Tysowski</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part A’s of Social and English Diplomas written this week, ran well. Less anxiety felt than last year. • Tomorrow is the start of Reassessment week which runs to Jan 27th. Students have the opportunity to rewrite assessments. • January 30th is the first day of second semester. • Admin wall and course selection changes will be a new process for semester 2, using an online form (Jan 31 to Feb 7). A digital platform is easier to organize than paper forms. • New art showcases are around the building. There was an artist in residence recently and the students created works based on that instruction. • Thinking ahead to 2025-2026 – looking at course handbook. Anything related to Grade 9’s will be removed and looking at new courses to offer. Hosting open house on March 13th. • Course pick sheets March 18-21 – students will bring in their sheets and admin will help them register those in PowerSchool. | |
| <p>4.3. RVS Trustee Fred Burley</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved 2 bylaws for upcoming election. \$100 fee for candidates and they must have 20 signatures. • Approved 2026-2027 school calendar – 182 instructional days. • Budget update – we still have a major shortfall due to the weighted moving average. • Spent 300k to the City of Airdrie for the turf field project. • Advocating on funding model. The Alberta Government says they will have a new funding model for 2025-2026. • Delegation of Prairie Springs residents related to the BASS presented at a Board meeting. • Search for new Superintendent underway. | |

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| 5. New Business | | |
| 5.1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent-Run Grad Committee Update – The grad banquet is on May 1st. Fundraising efforts have been very successful so far, have one month left to fundraise (bottle drive and cookie dough fundraiser). Ticket price has come down significantly and will be putting them on sale March 1st. | |
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| Open Floor Questions | | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> My child is interested in attending a Lunch & Learn session to help guide them on their post-secondary journey. Where can we find more information on upcoming Lunch & Learn session topics, dates, locations? Nikki response – Jennifer Lack is in touch with various post-secondary institutions and there may be some coming in the Spring (SAIT). Have had conversations about how the presentations can be applicable to both grade 11 and 12's. Lunch and Learn information for Grade 12's has been posted in the graduation forum, morning announcements and the Learning Commons Facilitator puts them up on the monitors. Open to suggestions from the parent community. Could there be a spot on the school website that houses this information? Nikki to look into. | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the Provincial Government's School Construction Accelerator Program actually move up the dates when new schools are expected to open? Please explain. Fred response – hoping so. The two K-8-9 should be ready by 2027 and the high school by 2029. It takes roughly 3 years to build an elementary school and 4 years for a high school. | |
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| 7. Date of Next Meeting | Date: February 13, 2025 Time: 6:30pm Location: Conference Room BCHS | |
| 8. Adjournment | Wendy adjourns the meeting at: 7:20pm | |