

Bruderheim School Council Meeting

Location: Bruderheim School Date: Dec 6, 2022 Time: 5:15 pm

1. Call to order: 5:24 pm

In Attendance:

- Amanda Oldfield-West
- Terri Barron
- Miranda Braun
- Dave Armbruster
- Alison Blaikie
- Amy Schramm
- Ashley Carter
- Regrets: Colleen Holowaychuk

2. Review Agenda & Approval -

Moved to pass agenda: Terri Barron, 2nd - Miranda Braun

3. Approval of November's meeting minutes -

Moved to pass November's meeting minutes as is: Alison Blaikie, 2nd - Miranda Braun

4. Old Business - Before and After Care

Alison will contact Michelle about licensing (it recently changed from Bev). She will also contact the Before and After Care that just recently opened at Lamont Elementary to see if their director is interested in overseeing our location and keep them all connected. Destiny, who has level 3, is interested in working at our location in the gym.

5. New Business - Fundraiser

- Add more names to the bank accounts

We will start brainstorming more fundraiser ideas in the new year. We are looking into a Gift Card fundraiser, a greeting card fundraiser, Purdy's, etc. We will begin fundraising for the year end school trip.

Banking changes: ATB Financial account no [REDACTED]. Miranda Braun, Treasurer, Amanda Oldfield-West, Vice-Chair, and Alison Blaikie, Chair to be added to the account as signers.

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Amy provided council members with a little information about the Hot Lunch program and the situation they are facing, money wise. The prices of everything have increased dramatically this year and the program is feared they may run out of money. We brainstormed some grant ideas and fundraising ideas. Bruderheim School is willing to help out in any way we can if it comes to that in the future as Lamont Elementary actually has the Hot Lunch program grant and graciously includes Bruderheim Elementary.

6. Principal Report - Dave Armbruster

Parent/Teacher In-person Interviews – We had an excellent turn out from parents on both nights despite the cold weather, 82% overall, ranging from 69% to 93% per class! School office, teachers and students gave clear and detailed information and reminders regarding the P/T Interviews. Teachers also were able to make phone calls if parents weren't able to come into the school. Thank you to our teachers and parents for engaging in these important and intentional conversations as we partner together in education. Thank you as well to the School Council for providing childcare on both evenings!

TIGER Trait Assemblies - (Teamwork, Integrity, Grit, Empathy, Respect) For the months of November & December we are focusing on **Integrity**. As we look ahead to January & February, we will focus on **Grit**!

Annual Assurance Review - We had our Annual Assurance Review with our EIPS Trustees and Sr. Admin on December 1, 2022 at Central Office. This was a great opportunity to talk about both our successes and challenges from last year and this was a collaborative and supportive conversation. Thanks to Mrs. Dibben, our School Counsellor and Mrs. Barron, our School Council Secretary for joining me and for representing our school well!

Government of Alberta - Learning Disruption Funding - \$197.08 was allocated for each student scoring below the 25th percentile according to our June Numeracy Assessment Screener and STAR data. Specific guidelines for the fund usage: 12-16 weeks of targeted small group intervention programming provided by a certificated teacher (we'll have 10 weeks), focusing on the identified students in grades 2 to 4.

Christmas concert front row seats - draw on December 13 at 2:00 p.m. and have begun selling tickets today, December 6.

Christmas concert dress rehearsal - morning of December 14

Christmas concert 6:30 p.m. - December 15 - Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Last day of school is Tuesday, December 20!

~ MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

First day of school in 2023 is Wednesday, January 4!

School Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023

7. Trustee Report - Absent (sent via email and presented by Dave)

Assurance Reviews

School Assurance Reviews are currently being December 1-8, 2022.

All schools report on their greatest success, greatest opportunity for growth, challenges, and areas they felt the Board could assist with advocacy. Thank you to parents who attended on behalf of school councils.

Reminder: Committee of School Councils (COSC) Meeting

The next COSC meeting will be held Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Central office from 7:00-9:00 pm.

The 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements were approved by the Board on November 17, 2022.

2022-2023 Fall Budget

The Board approved a \$206.21 million operating budget drawing on \$8.23 million from reserves.

In the spring we had approved transition funding for our three small rural schools (Andrew, Mundare and Bruderheim) as they were to drop funding levels.

However, Andrew increased a level from what was expected, Mundare dropped one instead of two and Bruderheim did drop the one level it predicted. This is great news and allowed those dollars to return to the division.

Mental Health Grant

EIPS applied to the province for a grant for a Mental Health Pilot Project throughout our Junior High Schools. We were successful and received \$1.9 million (\$970, 000 each year for two years). This will complement the Board's earlier investment in the student mental health strategic plan for K-12.

James Mowat Elementary Enrolment Pressures in Fort Saskatchewan

The Board approved a two-year Random Selection Process Pilot to address the enrolment pressures at the school. Fort Saskatchewan Elementary has been approved and the alternate designated school for the attendance area.

2021-2022 Annual Education Results Report

Was approved on November 24, 2022, at a special board meeting. They were due to the Government by November 30, 2022, however extensions were allowed. Our division chose to continue with the original due date.

EIPS Superintendent Ligouri is retiring at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The Board of Trustees will be undergoing a superintendent search in the new year.

8. Town Report - Ashley Carter

- Dec 7- Carol singing at the Lutheran Church
- Dec 9 at 7:00 join us for light beverages and dessert and listen to the Fort Saskatchewan Community Band Christmas music at the community hall
- December 10- Bruderheim Seniors Christmas Supper at the Seniors Center- tickets required
- December 10- Bruderheim Craft market- some new vendors
- Dec 17: Large Christmas market with horse drawn wagon rides, hot chocolate, Santa photos, children's Christmas crafts and more..... (many vendors for this market)
- Dec 24: Candlelight Service at Bruderheim Community Church
- Bruderheim Library temporarily closed due to renovations
- Public Skating and Shiny hockey schedules change due to ice bookings for minor hockey games as they arise- see the website for updates

9. Financial Report - Miranda Braun

General Account - \$3763.04

Breakfast Account - \$5557.94

10. Other Business and Items for Next Month -

Fundraiser to be added to January's meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 6:37 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday January 24, 2023 at 5:15 PM

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