

Bruderheim School Council Meeting

Location: ZOOM Online Date: March 1, 2022 Time: 6:00 pm

1. Call to order: 6:03 pm

In Attendance:

- Colleen Holowaychuk
- Paul McKay
- Alison Blaikie
- Terri Barron
- Miranda Braun
- Jacquie Senchuk

2. Review Agenda & Approval -

Moved to pass agenda as is: Terri Barron, 2nd - Jacquie Senchuk

3. Approval of January's meeting minutes -

Moved to pass January minutes as is: Alison Blaikie, 2nd - Jacquie Senchuk

4. Principal Report - Paul McKay

It has been a while since we have met and so many things have happened it will be hard to capture it all in this report. In a world full of change it sure has been like drinking from a firehose. Since we last spoke all school mandates have been lifted as the province tries to move things forward. The school is no different, there was a definite excitement in the building when we returned from family day weekend and it sure was nice to see the kids' faces. What I am most excited about is that a few of our students continue to wear masks as well as some of our teachers now and we have not had one single complaint about teasing or feeling left out. The changes can fast and as a staff we have yet to have time to sit down and discuss what our next steps will be now that restrictions have been lifted. The desire to hit the ground running will be high, but we need to be conscientious that not everyone is ready to dive right in. At the staff meeting this week we will discuss things like assemblies, parent teacher interviews, and field trips. Once we decide on a path that works for everyone we will communicate that to our community. Speaking of interviews, report cards are due out on Friday March 18th and interviews are scheduled for the following week. Stay tuned for more information.

February was a month that we asked Bruderheim families to state their intentions for next year and fill out the returning student registration forms. Those have all been collected and at this time enrollment is down a bit. Historically, Bruderheim is always a little low at this time of year especially in kindergarten. We currently have 9 kids enrolled in Kindergarten and are hoping for

more. By our next council meeting I hope to have a more detailed picture of what the 2022-23 year will look like. One of the things we are considering is what it would mean to our school population to have a before and after school care run by the school. I am hearing that childcare is a challenge in our small community. This may be some of the reasons families are choosing to leave to keep siblings together on the bus and make sure that they come and go at the same time. I am planning to send out a survey to garner the interest in such a program before I proceed.

March is an exciting month when it comes to school council and the new playground. Offers are out for tender and a meeting is scheduled for March 8 to review designs. I am looking for one member of our council to attend this meeting with us. If you are interested, please let me know. It is tentatively scheduled for 8am but I think that it will be later once it has been officially scheduled. I will provide the link for the meeting once I get it.

Finally, I am required to share the final fee schedule with you. There are no changes from the last time we got together, but I am open for any questions regarding the fees.

5. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk

- COVID restrictions have changed as per the direction from the government. Please see the website for up-to-date information.
- Board approved to pay for the registration of school council members (one per school) to attend the Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) conference up to a maximum of \$5000. Conference is an online event this year held on April 22 and 23, 2022.
- Minister approved our ask for use of reserves.
- The Budget was tabled on February 24, 2022. The Board will be briefed on more details at the March 3 Caucus meeting. Individual school board profiles will be released at the end of March 2022.

6. Town Report - Absent

7. Financial Report - Jacquie Senchuk

Nothing has changed for the general school council account.

Totals \$2678.87 Breakfast account \$5557.94

Friends' account continues to gain interest with \$155 799.74.

8. Breakfast program - None

Breakfast program will not start up again at least for the remainder of this school year. Need does not seem to be overwhelming and volunteers are extremely hard to get.

9. Old Business - None

10. New Business - Spring Fundraiser (Jacquie Senchuk)

Thiel's Greenhouse is offering a fundraiser to our school. We will be selling bedding plants, hanging baskets, and gift cards. The fundraiser will run the month of April. The forms need to be back in by April 28 and deliveries will be made before Mother's Day.

11. Other Business and Items for Next Month -

In person meetings can resume now that restrictions have been lifted. Babysitting can also resume during meetings.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:41 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday April 5, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Location: Bruderheim School