

## Bruderheim Parent Council Meeting-February 6, 2024

In Attendance; Jamie Sobkow, Ashley Carter, Lynsay Atchison, Colleen Holowaychuk-Trustee, Andy Stiles, Amber-Lynn O'Brien, Lindsey Mercer and Dave Armbruster.

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm. Review and approval of our agenda was motioned by Andy and seconded by Lynsay. Approval of last meeting minutes was motioned by Lynsay and seconded by Andy.

Old Business: Enhance It- The shirts were ordered, picked up and delivered to the students. Lot's of smiles filled the hallways and classrooms from students and staff! Dave will order some more t-shirts for the new students to ensure they are getting the proper sizes. If more are needed, we will order as the demand comes. The online store is up and running for families to order apparel. We are needing cash for our sitters who come to the meetings and watch board members children. We have our cash from the raffle baskets from the Christmas concert. Discussion will be in New Business.

New Business: We made \$490.25 from the raffle baskets during the Christmas concert! Way to go! Amber-Lynn makes the motion to send \$290.25 of the proceeds to the Lamont Food Bank and council will put \$200.00 into a fund that will be used for sitters and such things as supplies for events being put on. \$150 cash is separated into \$30 increments to be paid to the sitters for the monthly meetings. February, March, April, May and June sitters have envelopes waiting for them for payment. Andy has seconded this motion, all in favor and motion carried. February's sitters have been paid.

## Bruderheim School Council Trustee Report

### Leveraging Student Achievement Funds

Following November Assurance Reviews, all Junior High Principals met with Senior Admin and then together with a targeted small group, discussed the best use of the \$101,000 to support at risk students. These funds were from school reserve over the 1% carry forward throughout the division.

100% of school principals felt that this money would be best utilized to target our most at-risk schools and students by focusing intervention at a few junior high schools throughout the division.

One of the identified schools is Lamont Junior High in both literacy and numeracy.

Full-time lead teacher in literacy and a full-time lead teacher in numeracy to work the entire second semester in supporting the identified schools.

### Growth Funds

The Division received \$569,000 in growth funding and it will be distributed throughout the division where needed.

### AI Presentation

The board has a presentation about AI and ChatGPT from Dr. Jodie Lobana.

### January 2024 Board Meeting

Approved the 2022-2023 School Status Report

Approved School Fee Parameters – 5%-7% increased allowed. Anything more needs a good explanation and discussion with EIPS Superintendent/Treasurer.

ASCA Conference – Board Approved up to \$5000 to support the registration of 1 person/school council to attend the conference.

French Immersion recommendation was approved.

\*Relocate EIPS' senior high French Immersion program, grades 10-12, to Salisbury Composite High—effective when the new Sherwood Park replacement school opens, expected in the 2026-27 school year.

\*Adjust Strathcona County's senior high attendance boundaries for Lakeland Ridge to be redesignated to Bev Facey Community High—effective when the new Sherwood Park replacement school opens, expected in the 2026-27 school year.

•Adjust the French Immersion junior high attendance boundaries for Cambrian Crossing, to be redesignated to Sherwood Heights Junior High —effective in the 2024-25 school year.

Returning Student Registration

February 8, 2024 – February 21, 2024.

School Council Engagement Grant: Application Process

Email will come out from Emma Small to school council chairs and/or principals. This year you can use it for the ASCA conference fees which is a change from previous years. Please feel free to contact Emma Small for additional information. [emma.small@eips.ca](mailto:emma.small@eips.ca)

Reminder: Committee of School Councils (COSC) Meeting

The next COSC meeting will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at Central office at 6:30pm. A virtual option will continue to be offered and I highly recommend having someone from your school council attend.

## Principal Report - Parent Council Meeting

TIGER Trait Assemblies - (Teamwork, Integrity, Grit, Empathy, Respect) For the months of January & February, we will focus on Grit! Magic of Motivation presentation on February 7.

Food Bank Drive - January 8-19 A joint effort between BRU & CAS, all items donated to the County of Lamont Food Bank. Together we donated 134 kgs! Thank you to all who donated!

Professional Learning Day - January 31 A positive day of learning for our staff. We joined several elementary schools at FSE. The day included a session on The Land as Teacher, An Artificial Intelligence session, A Winter Walk, Collaboration Time for Classroom Teams, and a session on Inclusivity and Diversity.

Alberta Education Assurance Survey - Parents of students in grade 4, as well as students in Gr. 4-6, and all teachers. Survey closes on March 1, 2024.

School Fees for 2024-25 - Discussion with parents at meeting on February 6, fee categories and amounts staying the same for 2024-25, with the exception of now including the transportation cost as part of the activity fee. We will continue to strive to cover the cost of transportation. The proposed fee schedule will be posted on our website with an email address provided to give feedback.

Questions for the parent council: Are you as a council, in favor for paid fieldtrips outside of school? All have voted in favor for this. Kids enjoy going out of school for trips, and then as parents, we get to remember the fun fieldtrips. We feel it is important for kids to learn outside of school.

New Student Registration - Open as of February 1

Returning Student Registration - February 8-21

ATA Convention - February 8 & 9

Valentine's Carnival - February 14, Volunteers needed!

Skating - Volunteers needed!

February 16 & 23: Gr. 5/6 & 2/3

February 21 & 28: Gr. 4/5 & 1/2

Family Day - February 19

Grade 4-6 Ski Trip to Sunridge - February 26

Professional Learning Day - March 1

Grade 5-6 Basketball Tournament - March 2 at RHJ in Fort Saskatchewan

Next School Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 5

## Town of Bruderheim Report:

### FAMILY DAY CELEBRATIONS—FEBRUARY 19TH

Join the Town for the Family Day Carnival for games, Scavenger BINGO and prizes! Meet Twinkle the clown and enjoy a corndog with popcorn and hot chocolate while catching a magic juggling act. Head over to the Karol Maschmeyer Arena for public skating. Celebrations take place at the Bruderheim Memorial Community Hall from 12:00 – 4:00 pm.

METRO KALYN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library is open Tuesday 4-7pm, Wednesday 12-3pm and Thursday 4-7 pm. Winter Reading Program: Drop by the Library to learn how you could win prizes just by reading! Come out for our Open House February 20th, 5:30 pm.

- Bruderheim Youth Centre: Tuesday evenings, 3:30— 6:30 pm upstairs in the arena. Ages 7+
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: February 13th, 5:00-7:00pm at the Bruderheim Community Church. Freewill donation accepted.

#### DROP IN PICKLEBALL

Drop in for Pickleball at the Bruderheim School Gym, 7:00—9:00 pm on select Thursdays through to March: February 15th, 22nd, and 29th, and March 7th.

Town Council Meeting Feb 7 and 21st at 7pm

#### Financial Report: Jamie Sobkow

The closing balance of our Main account as of December 31, 2023, is \$4213.04. A cheque was written on January 9, 2024, to Enhance It for our school t-shirts for the total of \$1708.14. Without seeing the books and the statement for January, our account balance should be \$2504.90. The closing balance of our Food account as of December 31, 2023, is \$4653.25. No money has gone out of this account.

With these being our records, our food account is great! And our main could use some love, so I have called about the Calahoo Meats fundraiser, and we are going to be doing it right now. I will have all the information ready to hand out to students Monday, February 12, 2023. The forms need to be handed in to Calahoo Meats by March 5, 2024, in order to have delivery in time for Easter/Spring break. 2 weeks selling is the norm for everyone, so let's sell, sell, sell!!

Parent Council is looking into something special for St. Patty's day and Easter for the entire school. So stay tuned for more information! We are also doing some research and making some calls for a possible farm fieldtrip.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Note: Friends of Bruderheim will be meeting right after the next parent council meeting on March 5, 2024