

**Bev Facey School Council Meeting  
Minutes for November 15, 2022**

**Attendees**

Families: Karen Tomnuk, Tiko Bielecki, Laura Achtemichuk, Amanda Heinrich, Ashley Frayan, Colleen Adamic, Jennifer Daly, Kathi Jette, Marlene Crippin, Reema Elamasy, Sherry Cholin, Isabella Sabo, Amy Dieser

Staff: Ken Wlos, Brandon Salzyn, Paul Schwartz

Trustee: Trina Boymook

Student: Meera Al Takhayneh (Grade 10)

Call to order at 6:00pm by Karen Tomnuk

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Treaty 6 Acknowledgment
3. Approval of Agenda  
No additions to Agenda  
Motion: Tiko Bielecki  
Second: Laura Achtemichuk  
Agenda Approved
4. Student Report
  - Meera Al Takhayneh (Grade 10), moved from Red Deer and went to F.R. Haythorne last year. Meera feels that Facey is a welcoming community, has excellent teachers, and she is impressed with the amount of clubs available to students. She volunteers at a senior home and it has been a good experience. There has been a tail gate against Sal and free pizza at lunch. At Halloween she helped organize the Ghost scavenger hunt. Meera also volunteers as a scorekeeper for Facey sports games. She started the Model UN club, and will have the opportunity to go to the U of A for it in January. She is a part of the CARE program, formerly known as SCORE – diverse backgrounds to do more inclusion and reach out to other schools that are doing the same. Meera is excited to meet new people through the program. She values education and makes sure everyone knows and is aware of the diversity within the school. Work is in progress to have students on board and involved in implementing the pieces of the program.  
Q: Is there an existing process for implementing CARE? How do we ensure this is implemented? Special programs as part of education? Student groups looking

for such activities and working as a team?

A: We start from the basics in teaching students and we include parents in the discussion. Students can join CARE anytime. The club meets every Tuesday at lunch.

Q: What has CARE talked about?

A: So far they have discussed ways for people to hear about us. They have discussed offering rewards to students if they hear something new as a result of the program, and hopefully the rewards will help engage students. CARE is about celebrating all the different cultures within the school.

5. Final Review of Bev Facey Operating Procedures (2020)

Two years ago the Operating Procedures were revamped. Last year Section 10C was revised (Secretary and sharing electronically). Facey has set up an electronic spot that is safe to store documents.

**VOTE:** Re-adopting same Operating Procedures for 2022-2023

Motion: Amanda Heinrich

Second: Kathi Jette

All in Favour – Motion Passes, Operating Procedures Approved for 2022-2023

6. Information Reports

**Administrative Reports**

Principal's Report - Mr. Wlos

- October 20: Three separate Awards ceremonies. All well attended, livestream was challenging due to sound in the gym, and can be accessed on Facey's YouTube channel.

A lot of Grads came back to attend their ceremony in the evening. It was great to see them and find out what/how they are doing now.

Looking for feedback on moving everything to the evening next year. Possibly easier for parents to come and attend vs. in the afternoon?

Q: How many cumulative students get award

A. 150

Comment: would have to consider students extra-curricular activities and jobs.

A: Facey would communicate early to get notice of awards out to students/families.

Comment: Consider dropping Merit/Participation certificates at AP level to lower number of people in attendance so gym is not over capacity.

Comment: Confusion regarding communication around awards so daughter did not end up coming to ceremony (no email received).

A: Apologize for the miscommunication. Email platform that was used was not reliable, so tried to rectify it last minute. Moving forward, double checks will be in place so no one gets missed in the future.

Q: Can a list be created so parents can look to see if their child is getting an award, instead of relying solely on school informing parents?

A: Possibly. Will look into using same structure as for Grad lists/communications.

Q: Grade 10 (Grade 11 this year) – No highest award for core subjects, only for options? There was highest overall but not for each subject.

A: Admin will look into that and see if it was missed accidentally

Feedback: prefer to tell kids what award they're getting (i.e.: significant vs. not significant/money vs. not money), preferred rather than surprise.

- Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (October 25 and 26)  
749 interviews conducted  
Used North Gym, Mezzanine, and a few classrooms to be able to give a little more room to everyone.  
Feedback requested, how did they go?  
Comment: Liked the set up. Easy to navigate. Teachers were alphabetized, easier to find everyone, went really smoothly.  
Comment: Liked the map at the entrance to the bldg. (Admin – will possibly send out map earlier next time).  
Comment – Spacing between teachers was good.
- Halloween (October 31)  
Looking for ghosts was a hit! Golden Ghost was a bigger prize.  
Activities were student run and they did a great job!  
Great costumes!
- Remembrance Day Ceremony (November 4)  
Student centered ceremony  
Ceremony is really important to understand the sacrifice  
600 students were in attendance in the gym, and livestream for other classes
- Movember Initiative – [Link](#)  
Move for Movember – participants are traveling virtually across Australia this year, by collecting pledges. Leader is at Perth from closest coast line and moving across.  
All fundraising goes towards testicular cancer, FOD squad – money goes to mental health for men  
Photo booth set up for students, moustache cookies will be given out later in month.
- Bully Awareness Week (November 14-18) – “Odd Socks Day”  
Just because we are different doesn't mean we should draw negative attention to it.  
Promote kindness by wearing some pink clothing on November 18...if wearing pink they will get a pink cookie.
- Also Métis week – messages around People, culture, issues they've dealt with to highlight the Métis and their culture.

Mr. Salyzyn Update:

- Emergency Preparedness – Lockdown drill next week Nov 22 (Block 3)

- Athletics  
 Busy month – Volleyball wrapped up, Football went to Grande Prairie for a Provincial Semi-Final game, they play again Sat Nov 19 2:30pm vs. Spruce Grove at Jasper Place Bowl.  
 Jr. Football won Championship, were down and came back in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to win  
 Swim meets, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, coming up. Swimmers are attending early morning practices  
 Basketball start up – this week tryouts, was publicized on announcements

Mr. Schwartz Update:

- Facey Theatre  
 Posey: The Felonious Photographer – Nov 28, 29, 30, and Dec 1 at 7:00pm  
 Clue on Stage – Dec 12-15 at 7:00pm
- Christmas Band Events  
 Dec 1 – Concert Band Elementary Shows (morning/afternoon)  
 Dec 2 – Rock Performance  
 Dec 6 – FRH Clinic  
 Dec 9 – Winter Winds Concert at 7:00pm  
 Caroling at lunch – TBD  
 Year-end Rock Concert – TBD
- Exam Schedule on school website
- Last day of regular scheduled classes is Wed Jan 18, 2023

Student Teachers

- Welcome to Nicholas Schultz who is teaching Math and Physics and is being mentored by Mr. Kowalchuk and Mrs. Huisman
- Welcome to Seo Park who is teaching Chemistry and is being mentored by Mr. Pratt

Mrs. Kropp Update:

- First Parent/Student Grad Meeting was held on Oct 25. Info discussed:
  - Grad date is May 27, 2023
  - Events – Facey Formal
  - Last year the Gym was decorated really well, want to do more this year. Hired a videographer (former Grad of Facey) to feature each grad either singularly or in a group throughout the year, and on Ceremony Day. The video will be played at the Facey Formal and will be available for grads to access afterwards.
  - Logo competition for Grad hoodies/t-shirts. Logos have been narrowed down to four and Grads are voting on them.
- Up to Date Information can be found on the Grad SMORE Link:  
<https://www.smores.com/sj8w2>

### Advanced Placement:

- Advanced Placement meeting was held Oct 26 for current AP students registered in exam courses this year
  - 65 students writing 95 exams (Semester 1). Registration deadline for AP exams next semester is March 15, 2023
- AP Open House for incoming Grade 9 students – Wed Feb 1, 2023 (more info to follow)
- AP numbers have increased by 10, more students taking AP exams
- AP exam schedule has been released

### Upcoming Important Dates

- November 15, 2022 – School Council Meeting (6:00-8:00pm)
- November 14-18, 2022 – Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- November 14-18, 2022 – Métis Week
- November 28-December 1, 2022 – Bev Facey Drama Production: “Holder Posey”
- December 2, 2022 – University of Calgary Presentation
- December 9, 2022 – “Winter Winds” Concert – BFCHS Concert Band
- December 12-15, 2022 – Bev Facey Drama Production: “Clue”
- January 17, 2023 – School Council Meeting
- January 18, 2023 – Last Day of Classes for Semester 1

### Trustee Report – Trina Boymook

- On October 26 EIPS started a new public engagement discussion that is looking at the best way to strengthen the secondary French Immersion program. Discussions will also include location of the program. Next engagement will be held in the new year. With a decision being made before the end of the school year.
- November 8 MLA Walk arranged to for us to discuss any concerns that EIPS has that he should be aware of. We discussed concerns with delayed decision on what format that Sherwood Heights will be built through, and we are still waiting to hear from the Minister about our request to access more of our reserves to address Salisbury Composite storm water drainage issue.
- On November 17, at the public Board meeting the Board presented with feedback received through various public engagement sessions to deal with cleaning up some of our junior high attendance areas. No recommendation or decision will be made about the junior high attendance area at this meeting. Senior Administration needs more time to complete two other public engagement before the Superintendent will determine his recommendation to the Board. Given that the recommendation is now projected to come after the 2023-24 registration, there will be no changes to the junior high boundaries for the 2023-24 school year.

- School Assurance Reviews will be conducted the first week of December this year instead of the end of November due to the late release of the PAT and DIP results. Bev Facey's assurance review will be held on Thursday, December 8 at 1pm. Representatives from your School Council are invited to participate.
- On November 4, Superintendent Liguori has announced his intent to retire at the end of the school year. The Board will be undertaking a Superintendent search.

### **November COSC (Committee of School Councils) Update**

Bev Facey is still looking for a COSC representative. While the search continues, Salisbury's school council has agreed to share their report with us. We'd like to thank Jacquie Surgenor Gaglione and Devon Marshall for their assistance.

Key topics shared and discussed included:

- Alberta School Councils' Association
- School Council Engagement Grant
- Assurance Reviews

### **Alberta School Councils Association**

ASCA has a great website ([www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca)) and as we are members, we have access to the members only section. Log in information has been shared and if anyone is looking for resources, please let Jacquie know and she will share the log in information.

School Councils can sign up for the School Council Engagement Task Force and they will receive a new questionnaire about every couple of months. The council then discusses the questions and submits their answers to ASCA.

ASCA is having a fall engagement opportunity on November 19<sup>th</sup> and they will be seeking input from school councils.

They are hosting an online virtual silent auction in November too.

### **School Council Engagement Grant**

Alberta Education provides school councils with a \$500 grant to access professional development to build capacity and strengthen engagement. A committee has been formed to see if we can again pool our money collectively. We were allowed to carry forward money that we didn't use last year, so there is a small amount of left over money (less than \$50) that we can add to our \$500 this year.

### **EIPS Assurance Reviews**

Sandra Stoddard walked us through the results package that schools and EIPS receives from Alberta Education and explained how to interpret some of the data, as well as, shared some questions parents should ask when they look at the data.

School Assurance reviews are being held in early December and principals should invite school council representatives.

Q: Will Assurance Review results be available for parents who want to know that info

A: Yes, Assurance Report will go on the website, and Mr. Wlos will be going through some of it at the next meeting

Q: Dates for High School Open House?

A: AP nights are often coordinated with Salisbury, will be around Feb 1 or 2. Open House dates not yet set, will be solidified by January. Grade 9 students from F.R. Haythorne to "Try a Trade" at Facey (CTS) during exam break.

### **Chair Report – Karen Tomnuk**

- If Bev Facey is unable to find a COSC representative, Jacquie Gaglione from Salisbury Composite High School has indicated that she will send a COSC report to share with Bev Facey parents after she attends a meeting. Jacquie is co-sharing the role with another parent.
- The \$500 School Council Engagement Grant will be available again this year, to use for parent involvement and engagement opportunities. Capital asset purchases cannot be used for this grant (e.g. bus). Salisbury Composite High School has asked if we are interested in potentially partnering with them to combine the grant funds towards something high-school related. I will share more once I learn more.
- The Staff Recognition initiative is up and running. A link to the form can be found on the landing page of the Bev Facey school website. Please consider passing on some accolades to administration and let other caregivers who have students that attend Facey know about this opportunity as well.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm

Next Meeting: January 17, 2023 at 6:00pm (no December meeting)

Future Meeting Dates (6:00pm):

2023: February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16

Minutes prepared by Tiko Bielecki.