

**Bev Facey School Council Meeting  
Minutes for September 19, 2023**

**Attendees**

Families: Karen Tomnuk, Tiko Bielecki, Kathi Jette, Marlene Crippin, Jen Daly

Staff: Ken Wlos, Paul Schwartz, Corey Kropp, Candida Shepherd

Trustee: Don Irwin

Students: Avery Woodland (Grade 12) and Ivy Lee (Grade 12)

Call to order at 6:15pm by Ken Wlos

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Treaty 6 Acknowledgment

I would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, and show respect to the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community here at Bev Facey.

3. Student Report

Avery is involved with FLI, cross country running, and fine arts. She will be in 'Grease' which will be put on in May. She hopes to pursue either Dentistry or Teaching at the UofA or the UofC.

Ivy is involved with FLI and hopes to pursue Commerce, Law School, or Engineering at UBC.

4. Elections conducted by Past Chair Karen Tomnuk. Votes are by a show of hands with majority rules.

Motion to open the floor for nominations for Chair position (Karen Tomnuk)

Chair position remains vacant as there were no nominations.

Motion to open the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair position (Karen Tomnuk)

Vice-Chair position remains vacant as there were no nominations.

Motion to open the floor for nominations for Secretary position (Karen Tomnuk)

Nominations: Tiko Bielecki

Second: Jen Daly

All in Favour

2023-2024 Secretary: Tiko Bielecki

## 5. **Trustee Report – Don Irwin**

Firstly let me welcome each of you back as each School Council, parent, student, and staff play an important role in the education of our students and society. I hope you had a restful and relaxing summer and are recharged.

Work for the Board started on August 24, 2023 with our annual breakfast that we prepare and serve to all of the Central Office staff each year. Next that day we held our organizational meeting for the year and elected our officers. Cathy Allen from Sherwood Park and Susan Miller from rural Strathcona County were elected as the Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Thanks to Trina Boymook and Colleen Holowaychuk for their excellent service in these positions in the last number of years.

The Board has just returned from a two-day retreat in Pigeon Lake where we reviewed the past year and set plans for the next year. WE also updated our education plan and investigated new program ideas.

### **Budget:**

This year is a very tight budget as we have used most of our reserves from past years and now cannot accumulate much reserves to use for special projects.

### **French Immersion:**

We are currently compiling all the information from all of the public meetings and the survey done in late June, and will be presenting the summary and the recommendation of how to continue promoting French Immersion in all grades. As space is limited in Ardrossan we have to move the senior high program and will be deciding about the junior high program location as well. The reports and recommendation will be coming to the October 19 public meeting and will be on the EIPS website on Monday, October 16 after 12:00pm.

### **Committee of School Councils (COSC):**

This group begins again on October 4, 2023. It will be on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at Central Office. There is much valuable information for your Council and school, so please attempt to have someone at each meeting. It will be in person as well as online.

Please feel free to ask questions or make suggestions either at the meeting or you can contact me by email at [don.irwin@eips.ca](mailto:don.irwin@eips.ca) or call or text me at 587-986-3900.

I look forward to working with you again this year.

Yours Truly,

Don Irwin

Trustee – Sherwood Park

6. Committee of School Councils (COSC):

First meeting of the year will be October 4, 2023 and will begin at 5:30pm with a pizza dinner. All future meetings will begin at 6:30pm.

7. Information Reports

**Administrative Reports**

Principal's Report – Mr. Wlos

- A number of new staff were introduced:  
Mrs. Bennett came from Fort Saskatchewan  
Caroline Dux comes with 10years experience from other schools  
Mrs. Warwa (Business Management) came from SouthPointe School in Fort Saskatchewan  
Sheldon Thompson (Red Seal Baker) came from Vegreville Composite, and will be the Culinary Arts Teacher  
Jenna Parks (English Department) came from Stettler and will be teaching English 20-1  
Glenn Brophy (Social Studies Department) came from Vegreville and will teach SS 10 and SS 20-1, as well as help coach football  
Taylor Kitson (Science Department) and will teach Science 10  
Kendall York (English Department) and will teach English 10-2
- Opportunity Wednesdays will again be running again this year. There will be Career Fairs (one in each Semester), and Club showcases where students can know what clubs there are and can sign up to join if they wish (one each Semester) during this time.
- Attendance Process this year is a little different with respect to lates and late slips.
- Grade 10 Assurance Survey from last year - data showed there were struggles the year before and we are looking to work on them through citizenship and improved parental involvement (connections with curriculum advisors, meeting with students, career fairs where parents are the showcase).
- Summer Update on Projects:  
Gym: cut out some dead spots, next year the other gym floor will be done.

New Compressor System: Finance found some money through surplus, to upgrade the systems in the mechanical area, woodshop, and welding bays.

Fabrication Lab upgrade: paid with grant money. Redid all lines due to leaks. Four new machines were brought in and two old machines were removed. Dual credit funding will help pay for it. Facey has acquired Canadian Welding Bureau (CWB) Certification for Testing (welding apprenticeship and training). First testing will start at the end of November 2023. We are the first and only high school in

Alberta to do this testing, and it's open to all EIPS schools. A CWB person comes in to do the testing, Facey is supplying the materials and machinery.

Video not working signage was all replaced.

Air Conditioning project – two systems were put in and has helped keep the school cooler in warmer temperatures outside.

- School Startup:  
Orientation Days were a big success.  
Current registration is 1020, up 38 students from June when the timetable was built.

Mrs. Kropp Update:

- Orientation activities were done in 10 groups of 35 students. Small groups allowed students to feel more comfortable asking questions. Good feedback was received from students. Dodgeball was a hit (Chuck it at Chuck)!

Mrs. Bennett Update:

- Football, Volleyball, and Golf are underway
- Hudl is being used throughout the gymnasiums which allows parents to watch games virtually if they can't attend in person, it provides coaches video analysis, and students can be sent videos to promote themselves for post-secondary opportunities
- Club Fair will happen the last Wed at Early Dismissal

Mr. Schwartz Update:

- STAR for all grades to do Math and Reading
- Football is underway

Mr. Lawlor Update:

- Advanced Placement (AP) – allow students to take college level courses in high school
- AP Classroom – connects students to colleges
- Students feel more comfortable and confident (reduces stress)
- Transfer Credit – credit for AP courses taken in high school
- Will be attending AP Professional Development in Edmonton in September to network with other AP Coordinators to see what they are doing in their schools.

Miscellaneous Updates:

This year, the school has lost some of it's previous technology abilities to convert speech to text for special accommodations. This change is due to a security concern.

Mr. Wlos will post the available School Council positions in the newsletter.

Annual awards for Grade 12s have been moved back to closer to University Reading Week to hopefully encourage/accommodate more graduated students to attend. This is when the awards ceremony had been previously scheduled.

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- September 19, 2023 – University of Alberta Post-Secondary Presentation
- September 19, 2023 – Meet the Teacher Night – General Meeting in the Gym to start (5:00pm-6:15pm)
- September 19, 2023 – Bev Facey School Council Meeting (6:15pm-8:00pm) – Bev Facey Library
- September 30, 2023 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- October 4, 2023 – Early Dismissal – Staff Meeting (2:17pm Bus pick up)
- October 6, 2023 – Professional Development Day (No School for students)
- October 9, 2023 – Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- October 25, 2023 – Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00pm-7:30pm)
- October 26, 2023 – Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:00pm-7:30pm)

8. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Next Meeting: October 17, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Bev Facey Library

Upcoming Meetings: November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21

Minutes prepared by Tiko Bielecki.