
Ecole Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School School Council

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Attendees (Online via Google Meet)

Mark Parrott, Chris Stiles, Debbie Carnegie, Erin Madu, Janice Schatz, Robyn Steed, Debbie Wilkinson, Susan Brooks, Al Cody, Jason Neustaeter, Austin Moore, Paula Williams, Karen Gifford, Kendall Watson, Abigail Lawrence, Susan Nahiriak

Meeting Minutes

1. **CALLED TO ORDER:** Mark Called meeting to order at 7:02pm
 2. **VOTING PRIVILEGES:** All parents, students and staff in attendance are eligible to vote.
 3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Al Cody to motion, Jason Neustaeter to second
 4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Al Cody to motion for approval of minutes from November 24, 2021
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REPORTS

5.1 TREASURER REPORT: ERIN MADU and CHRIS STILES in place for STEPHANIE

- Statement balance is \$1015.15
- Mark has signed to close the account and account will be closed as soon as Kristina is able to sign.
- Once the account is closed Stephanie will move the funds to ATB and get all the signing authorities updated.

5.2 PRINCIPAL REPORT: CHRIS STILES

- Some important dates include January 31st PD day, February 1st start of second semester, February 2nd is early dismissal and staff meeting, February 10th Grand opening on the new wing, February 10-11th Teachers Convention, February 15th Council of School Councils at 7pm, February 21st Family Day, February 23rd School Council Meeting.
- Happy New Year to everyone!
- We are on COVID recovery days right now with roughly 80-100 kids coming in and out to finish up projects and work with teachers.
- The school handed out 18000 masks and 1000 COVID rapid tests to students in a 48 hour turn around. The school should receive another shipment in roughly 2 weeks.
- Basketball is running again but still with no spectators. It is being live streamed at this time due to COVID.
- The new wing grand opening has staff working very hard to get moved in and set up. It will include 85" interactive displays, 10 new classrooms, music room. 2nd gym. The grand opening will be COVID friendly only allowing a certain number of guests. Some of the guests will include minister of education as well as the Mayor and previous principals.
- The school has had a higher percent of absences recently with 14% out due to sick symptoms. Prior to COVID the highest percent absent seen was 6%. Also the school had 40-45% missing due to weather and roads.
- February 15th at 6:30pm is Council of School Councils with around 32/33 different schools joining. It will be virtual due to COVID and each school will have 2 school council members, 2 staff and 2 students. Mark will attend and will reach out to Anwar our Vice Chair to see if he is able to attend as well.
- Grad 2022 now has a new very inclusive policy. The old policy was very academic driven and the new policy is based off of at least 60 credits or

- more. Must be in good standing and all school fees paid in full by November 1st as well as all grad fees paid in full by May 31st of the current school year.
- 20 plus teachers are putting in hard work on the new classrooms and a new software has been purchased for all the teachers. It is called Smarter marks and will give the opportunity to interact virtually. It has the ability to write exams or quizzes and maybe eventually finals virtually.
 - Semester 2 will have surveys for Grade 10 students and parents. Health Canada sponsored tobacco alcohol and drug survey will go out to students in March and will be optional. Pre-registration process will start for the 2022/2023 school year in April and an online virtual open house will be held in late March.
 - Grad preparations for June.

5.3 TRUSTEE REPORT: ROBYN STEED

- Thank you for all the feedback regarding the calendar for 2022/2023
- The calendar for next year will include no more early dismissals, adding one PD per month, no staggered entry, November 1st will be back as a PD day, fall break was approved again November 7-11th, Christmas break will be last day as December 23rd and back January 6th 2023, Spring break being the last week in March and June 27th 2023 will be the last day of school.
- In the spring a new high school for Beaumont will be asked for and hopefully we will have the land and approval from the Government to do so.
- Black Gold had a high of 97 teachers absent at one point.
- Discussed the schools that are being over utilised and under utilised. Ecole Bellevue, Ecole Champs and J.E. Lapointe are all being over utilised at this time. We are hoping to redesign to best adapt and will be discussed at the Trustee April meeting.
- Curriculum Advocacy, still trying to delay as of now it is to be in effect September 2022. Hoping to keep it on a pilot as our teachers will need support in learning a whole new curriculum in such a short time.

5.4 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: ABIGAIL LAWRENCE

- Month of January was good it had twin day so you could dress like a twin or a triplet
- Diploma exams were cancelled but some replaced with a test and if you did well on that test then it could replace your grade.
- Students are excited about the new wing
- Covid tests and masks are out to students
- Sports are back

- Students are excited and happy for semester 2

5.6 GRAD COMMITTEE: KENDALL WATSON/ PAULA WILLIAMS

- Preparing for Grad 2022, 306 grade 12's.
- A parent letter will be going home tomorrow or Friday asking for commitment on graduation so that it is easier to plan re: budget and order tassels ect.
- Grad is planned for June 25 2022 which is the last Saturday of June.
- Right now the plan is at the Sport and Recreation Center which can seat 1000, which the grad class will be split into 2 groups so that grads can each bring 4 guests with them to the ceremony.
- The contract signed is for \$5465.24 which includes \$1300 to take down the field boards and \$1300 to put the boards back up. It also includes the rental of the stage as it is easier to use theirs as well as it is slightly larger.
- Due to the high costs of Graduation the committee would like to purpose that the PAA sign off and endorse an application to the city for a matching grant. The grant can be minimum \$1000 and maximum \$10 000. It must be submitted by April 1 2022.
- Once the committee receives responses on commitments from grade 12's they will have a better idea on how much money they will need/have.
- Vaccine status is as follows, it will need to follow AHS guidelines in being that anyone over the age of 18 must have proof of vaccination and ID or a negative covid test to attend. It will be live streamed so family members do not have to miss it.
- IC Live Productions will be videoing so that is can be live streamed.
- If a parent is willing and able to support and help transform the venue into a nice

ceremony and formal dance.

- Idea of cost is 2021 a budget of \$1500 and it was ceremony only in the school gym.

The decor was roughly \$1250 and live stream was also hired. It was roughly just under

\$50/person. Grad 2019 was \$3300 for Jubilee and \$2000 for labour. Also had to bring Ticket

Master in and that was around \$6000. No live stream was available at this event. It was

about \$84/person.

- No longer offering a banquet as it was extremely expensive and with COVID not achievable.

It was also roughly a \$40 000 event with tickets at about \$70/person.

- Hopefully lots of grads will be committing as the more that attend the lower the cost will be.

- Fundraising for grad is not something that is done anymore and has not been for a while now.

It just not worth the amount of work for what is brought in. Also a few families would work

hard to fund raise but it is all put into the same pot.

- Grad fee includes certificate, tassel, gown rental, hat, 4 guests, folder, ect and formal fee

goes towards rental and decor. Each grad gets one guest to the formal and it will be sold

with tickets.

- No parent grad committee at this time but mainly because the details are still being

worked out.

5.7 TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE:

- No update for now

6. WELLNESS REPORT: MARK PARROTT

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- Nothing yet to report on.
7. **FUNDRAISING:**
- Nothing yet to report on.
8. **PIPA**
- Reminder that there are certain expectations and limitations surrounding online meetings. Everyone is asked to stay professional and follow the guidelines for privacy ect. Thank you!
9. **OLD BUSINESS: MARK PARROTT**
- The position of community rep is still vacant.
 - Policy review will be done in February 2022
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
- Robyn discussed the new calendar for 2022/2023.
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm

Next Meeting

Regular School Council Meet will be Wednesday February 23th 2022 at 7:00 pm