



École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 [Hybrid]

Minutes of the École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School Parent Advisory Board, held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Staff Room at 5417 43 Avenue Beaumont, AB T4X 1K1.

School Council Present:

Chairperson: Stephanie Bailey
Secretary: Danielle Salmon
Treasurer: Tasha Chehayeb (late arrival)

Online attendees: Marla, DT, Susan

Also present:

School Trustee: Robyn Steed
Principal: Chris Stiles
Nadine Graham (parent)
Shelly Inkster (parent)

Absent:

Vice-Chair: Anwar Haq
Fundraising Representative: Kristin Clark

Approval of agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present at 7:06pm. With the approval of the school council, the agenda was approved without changes. Danielle seconded this motion.

Chairperson took a moment to remember past council member Wanda who passed away recently.



Minutes of the last meeting, held November 8, 2023

Approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School Council, held November 8, 2023, were approved. Seconded by Danielle Salmon.

Agenda Items

Correspondence

No correspondence

Reports

School Board Trustee's Report: Robyn Steed

Highlights of Trustee's report:

- December was quite busy
- New superintendant was hired since Mr. Romynchuk retired in December 2023. Mr. Mike York will be starting in March 2024 with interim superintendent _____.
- First board meeting of the year happened on January 24th
 - The new transportation funding model formula for students attending school of choice has changed. Students attending a school of choice are now funded based on the distance to the school they are attending, rather than their designated school. This will provide better funding opportunities/
 - New committee Council of School Councils is made up of chairs from school councils across the province. Next meeting is May 9, 2024.
 - More details will be posted in a newsletter here: <https://www.blackgold.ca/about-bgsd/board/trustee-newsletters/>

Principal's Report: Chris Stiles

Full principal's report here: <https://esbchs.blackgold.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/30/2024/01/Principals-Report-January-2024.pdf>

- Early part of February is teachers convention
- Decent amount of time dedicated to the Assurance Plan Survey which goes out to parents and students in Grade 10 (and Grade 7).
 - School Assurance Plan here: <https://esbchs.blackgold.ca/about/annual-education-plan/>
 - Last year we had 60 people fill it out, which was the largest number in a long time.
 - We looked over the report together as a group
- This year is the first time ever that the school has been over 1000 students. (1076)
- Next year we are projecting 1200
- Last year was the largest intake of grade 10's at 396. Next year we anticipate that number to be 449.



- The Black Gold school board has been advocating for a new high school in Beaumont. Now we are waiting for Alberta Infrastructure to fund the project. At this time there are 87 communities in Alberta hoping for a new school. Lots of need.
- All four basketball teams are in full swing. Senior boys are attending a tournament in Cape Breton!
- Semester one exams are going well
- Next meeting Vice Principal Kevin Hancock (in charge of exams) is going to come speak to School Council to collect feedback on a few proposed changes.
- Discussion was had and feedback collected from members present on a change to the November break and school start date for 2026-27 school calendars.
- Read more at the Principal's corner on the website here: <https://esbchs.blackgold.ca/about/principals-corner/>

Treasurer Update

Unchanged - no activity to report

Stale dated check from Grad 2022 and missing check for Grad 2023 has still not been located. Chris Stiles asked to be included in the correspondence with the grad company to assist in a resolution

Fundraising Director Update (non-AGLC fundraising)

Grad 2024 volunteers: we haven't been asked yet, but anticipate needing volunteer parents and students to help set up the space and take it down

Old Business

Traffic concerns letter: we're hoping to see a copy of that letter at the next meeting - topic tabled

New Business

1. We need to order new cheques for our account
2. Goals of school council: topic tabled to next meeting
3. Alberta School Council Engagement \$500 grant to be spent before June 30
 1. Discussion on what we could spend this money on.
 2. Danielle suggested we poll the parent community to gauge where their interest lies re: online in-person workshops and information sessions
 3. Chris Stiles agreed to partner with us in that initiative and send out a short survey to the parents
4. March meeting date at the same time as Open House March 20
 1. Decision was made to have our meeting during the open house, the exact time to be set at the next meeting. We would invite parents visiting during the open house to join us for our meeting (and enjoy some snacks too)
 2. A second idea was to run another 50/50 during open house and invite parents to the meeting at 7pm and be present for the draw.
 3. Danielle offered to put together a list of things we could purchase to make the School Council & Parent Council booth exciting.

**Date of next meeting**

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting will be held on February 28, 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by Chair at 8:19pm.

Minutes recorded by: Danielle Salmon