

Blackie School Council Meeting  
February 15, 2023

Meeting called to order by Scott Sherman at 6:30pm

In Attendance:

John Evans, Chase Ellis, Scott Sherman, Natalie, Janelle, Carmen, Tamara Fike, Lana

Trustee Report – John Evans

- Kindergarten registration open
- Policy 14 renamed A Place For All
  - o Gone through 1<sup>st</sup> reading
  - o Getting feedback until March 15
- Revised calendar for 2023-2024 on FSD website
  - o Reading break/full week in November added
  - o Back down to one full week over Easter break
  - o No more half days
- Alberta Rural Education Symposium
  - o March 5-6 in Edmonton
  - o More focused on Alberta Rural Ed this year
- Thank you to everyone who sent letters to the government regarding funding
  - o There are templates/letters on the advocacy page on the FSD website
  - o FSD is going to receive some insurance funding
  - o Need more transportation funding for rural schools
  - o Parents can send advocacy letters to MLAs, etc and we are getting responses from them

Admin Report – Chase

- AERR – Annual Education Results Report
  - o Completed with last year's data and is on up website
  - o Compilation of all school data from various surveys and tests
    - Assurance data
    - Parent's survey
    - Student's survey
    - Provincial achievement data
    - SOSQ student survey results
    - MIPI
    - GRADE Assessment
  - o The report is aligned with the school ed plan and is a snapshot of where the school is in meeting the goals of the ed plan
  - o Importance of assurance survey completion by parents
    - Is we don't get enough parents completing the survey, our results are suppressed

- Self confidence and internal resilience scored have been dropping each year for the past couple years in student survey – needs addressing
- February 27 – literacy and numeracy interventions beginning
- Band Camp on now
- This Friday is pink shirt day
- January 31 was Kindergarten open house
  - Good turnout
- Learner profiles to be posted this Friday
- Next week the kids have off
  - Teachers convention on Thursday and Friday
- Basketball wrapping up at end of February
- Grade 5-8 CTS right now are photography, drama, and art

#### School Needs/School Council Projects

- Continued funding for transportation needs
- Continue to look into purchase of cheer mats

#### Pioneer Ranch Camp

- Deposit made
- Scott suggestion
  - Lions also have camp that can be rented
  - Can look into for future years

#### Swimming

- Planned for May in High River

Eran looking for a volunteer to take over Hot Lunch program.

#### Apparel for Blackie School Athletics

- Hoodies and T-shirts will be available for purchase
- Hoodies will be \$30 cost for students
  - Part of cost covered by parent council
- All Grade 8s will receive hoodie free of charge
  - Paid for by parent council
- All students will receive a t-shirt free of charge
  - Paid for by Blackie School

#### ASCA membership and conference

- Can request ASCA membership through website, paid for by FSD
- They suggest using a generic email login that multiple people can use
- Natalie will set up email address for school council and request login credentials for ASCA website and share username/password with Scott and anyone else who requests it
  - [blackieschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:blackieschoolcouncil@gmail.com)

#### Parent question regarding band

- Some kids not loving band, potential for program changes?
- Chase answer
  - o Making changes is complicated
  - o Due to student numbers, they need all students participation for program to run
  - o May be changing band from grades 5-8 to grades 6-8 so kids only have 3 years of mandatory band instead of 4 years
  - o Don't want to lose band program at school for those students who still want it, some kids do love band

#### Discussion around Pre-K to Grade 4 activities

- Looking into some things that can be done in house
  - o CJAY92 kids fund program – book reading
  - o Theatre company
- Mrs. Alexander is doing a lot of fun things like this with  $\frac{3}{4}$  class this year
  - o Parent/community speakers, birds of prey/falconry, etc.
- Had curling session in school – Rocks and Rings program
- Field trip – suggestions from parents
  - o Bar U Ranch
  - o Granary Road
  - o Bomber Command Museum – Nanton
  - o Storybook Theatre

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for March 15, 2023 at 6:30pm  
(may be scheduling conflict, Chase will let everyone know if so)