

## Blackie School Council Meeting January 18, 2023

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

In Attendance:

John Evans, Chase Ellis, Scott Sherman, Natalie, Janelle, Carmen, Amy

### FSD Report – John

- Attempting to improve communication between board and school councils
  - o Footnotes are being shared on website monthly
  - o Highlights important things from meetings
- Board voted to cancel the upcoming bussing fees
  - o Not putting any additional hardships onto families
  - o Still running transportation deficit
- Want to thank Chase for CPIP presentation
- Rebel governance presentation at meeting in Banff in July
  - o Possible to be chosen to present it
- Oilfields is building vertical farming system from c-can
  - o Provide food for food bank in Diamond Valley
  - o May be possible to arrange field trip to see it?
  - o Hope for it to be running by spring
- Calendar feedback survey done
- Cold snap before Christmas
  - o Knows buses not running was hard on parents but it was necessary due to safety

### Admin Report – Chase

- Thank you to parents and families that helped make Skills Day a success for the grade 7/8s
  - o Food sustainability, food security
  - o Kids made garden boxes, propagation stands, etc
  - o Lots of work beforehand into narrowing the focus of projects and designing projects in class
- Christmas concert was great
  - o New sound system from parent council
- Grade 7/8 basketball currently running
- Jan 26 literacy day
  - o Flyer detailing activities is coming out
  - o Mrs Elliott is running activities with the grade 7/8s in the gym
- Jan 26 is the end of reporting period 1
  - o Feb 17 learner profiles will be posted
  - o No hard copies coming home
  - o Parents can contact office for assistance with edsembli access or printing if needed



- Feb 2 Highwood High School trip for entire school
  - o 9:30-11:30am seeing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
  - o Was \$5/student cost paid for by school (cultural fund)
- Feb 15-17 band camp at Southern Alberta Bible Camp
  - o For grade 7/8s
  - o Extra cost
  - o Received 2-3 confirmed to be going
  - o Mixed interest from students in going
- CPIP presentation given to FSD board
  - o Last Feb received \$5000, split with Cayley
  - o In order for 7/8s to go to Highwood High for learning
  - o Money spent to have substitute teacher relief at the school so that teachers could accompany kids
  - o Kim and Jess (Cayley) are collaborating on what options look like going forward
    - CTF programs
    - Meeting on PD days
  - o Ms Brauner teaching power skating and photography
  - o Mrs Longland teaching baking
- Student council starting Monday
  - o Chase running it with older students
  - o Data analysis of survey results from SOSQ
- Plans to reach out to community for a parent focus group
  - o How to improve on survey results from parents
- Grade 5/6 running fundraiser selling popcorn and hot chocolate
  - o Will give to Blackie Ag Society supporting local sports
  - o Donation in Curtis Hall's name (passed over Christmas break)
    - Arlene Hall's husband
- Purchased portable digital scoreboard
- Pioneer ranch camp sometime in May
  - o Working on application with FSD, still needs approved
    - Activities that kids are and are not allowed to do
- June 15 is Grade 8 farewell date

#### Swimming/Skating/Curling trips

- Look into a junior curling program in High River?
- Swimming in May in High River for grades K-8
- Not enough interest in a skiing trip last year

#### Blackie School Community Facebook Group

- Run by Eran and she is leaving, is it worth continuing?
- Or make a new group run by Amy on behalf of school?
- Looks like there are multiple Blackie School Facebook groups running currently
  - o Unknown who is running them



No new business brought forward.

Next meeting scheduled for February 15 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm