

## School Council Meeting Minutes – November 26, 2024

Started at 6:30pm

In Attendance: Faye Holt, John Evans, Natalie Britton, Amy Marcotte, Yvonne Sherman, Keilidh Derowin, Sarah Van Schothorst

### School Leadership Report – Faye

- Learning Sessions
  - o Dec 13 local PD day
    - Looking at student data (math reading, writing samples)
    - Design and build a continuum of supports
- SOSQ data from last year
  - o Results from last year's grade 4-8 students
  - o Large improvement from previous year, especially in internal resilience and self confidence scores
- Calendar of Events (see emails from school)
  - o Student of the month assembly moved to December 3 at 1pm
  - o Regional band concert December 10 at Highwood High
  - o December 19 Christmas concert at Blackie at 6:30pm
- Activities for younger students
  - o Coding club (Mrs Kavanagh)
  - o Art club in grade 3-4 (run by students)

### Trustee Report – John

- Board meeting presentation from tech services
  - o Edsemblii access
    - Bugs being worked out
    - Better with landscape vs portrait if accessing via phone
  - o Will eventually have field trip consent forms on Edsemblii once bugs worked out
- Family-purchased chromebook program with FSD
  - o Info on website
- Blackie Ed Plan was presented to the board by Faye
  - o Trustee visits school following ed plan presentation
- Footnotes
  - o Waiting for construction funding for high school in Okotoks
- Alberta School Boards Association fall general meeting last weekend (ASBA)
  - o Rural school group meeting
    - Rural school transportation advocacy
    - Mental health supports for rural schools
  - o ASBA advocacy
    - Increased funding for cybersecurity
    - For funding increases to keep up with inflation (asking prov. government)
  - o Prioritizing focus on prevention of youth smoking/vaping/THC vaping
  - o Minister of education and Premier spoke at meeting

#### COSC meeting November 4 – Keilidh

- Heard from Friends of Foothills
  - Application for grant of \$3000
    - They need to finalize criteria for grant applications
  - Taste of Foothills fundraiser for Valentines Day
  - Golf Tournament in June
  - Looking for someone to manage their website
- Flourishing community engagement survey
  - Advocacy page website
- Advocacy letters on website
- Nominations for award for flourishing foothills community award
- ASCE parent engagement grant ideas
  - Example of school book study

#### Old Business

- Tabling CTF trailer discussion
  - Too much of an expense
- Parents Facebook group shut down
  - It did not follow FSD policy on social media anymore

#### New Business

- Increasing Community and Parent Engagement
  - Moving School Council meeting time to directly after school
    - parents wouldn't have to drive into Blackie multiple times
    - parents may stay if picking up their children anyway
  - Offer Zoom meeting for parents that can't attend in person
- Community Library after-school project – Keilidh
  - Working on details with Blackie Community, not school-related
  - Volunteer-run, after school
  - Wouldn't be launching until January
  - Contact Marion (info in Blackie Buzz), if interested in volunteering

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 3pm