

School Council Meeting Minutes
AGM Meeting – October 21, 2024

Started at 6:30pm

In Attendance

Faye Holt, Scott Sherman, John Evans, Natalie Britton, Amy Marcotte, Mr. Merkle, Yvonne Sherman, Al Davidson, Keilidh Derowin, Sarah Van Schothorst

Trustee Report – John

- Everyone should have received an email newsletter and footnotes from the division
 - o They are trying email as a new form of communication with parents, etc
 - o Focus on how to understand assessments
- ASCE grant available again this year
 - o List of what it can be spent on has increased, loosened restrictions
- Additional funding from province
 - o Within division, have seen 3 teacher FTEs added and 9.3 FTEs for EAs
 - Blackie received 0.5 FTE increase in EAs
 - o Most of funding went to address additional growth in Calgary and Edmonton
- Alberta Blue Cross Wellness Grant
 - o School council can apply for it
 - o Money going towards wellness program for kids
 - o 30 grants will be given out across province
- Divisional learning day for support staff

School Leadership Report – Faye

- Education Plan highlights
 - o Student matters group
 - Student of the month, focus on what they are looking for in the students (eg: manners)
 - Golden garbage can, keeping students accountable for cleaning up after themselves, awarded weekly
- Blackie literacy time
 - o Regrouping kids to accommodate smaller groups if needed
 - o Play Is the Way presentation at Blackie
 - Came to our school, Cayley teachers joined
 - Purpose: help teach kids how to regulate their own behaviour, feeling recognition
 - Playing games that feel uncomfortable, recognizing behaviours, emotions, resulting soothing behaviours
 - More info: playistheway.ca
- Calendar of events
 - o See school emails
- Earth Rangers assembly November 8 at 1:30pm

- Trauma informed info for parents before the next school council meeting in November from 5:15-6:15pm

New Business

- CTF trailer
 - o John went to visit Brant's trailer and provided us with information
- Al Davison explained decommissioning of IMC
- ASCE grant ideas
 - o Last year spent on babysitting during school council meetings
 - o This year, may look into spending on ASCA conference, or can look into other options

CTF Opportunities

- Makerspace with Sue
- 5/6s designing and building carnival games for Halloween
- 7/8s cooking every Friday and designing Halloween haunted house
- School would like to get student voice in deciding what the rest of the year's plan will be for CTF

Blackie School Community Facebook Page

- Lana is one of the two admins
- Both admins no longer at the school
- Faye runs school social media page on Instagram, does not intend to run a Facebook page as well
- Parent council and Funding also has a separate private/hidden page on Facebook that Scott and Yvonne have used previously to communicate with other council/funding parents
- It will be up to new council executive to make decision about continuing with either Facebook group, or following steps to remove them from Facebook

AGM Executive Elections

- Chair: Keilidh Derowin accepts nomination
- Vice Chair: Sarah Van Schothorst accepts nomination
- Secretary: Natalie Britton will continue as secretary

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 6:30pm.