

**Vermilion Elementary School
School Council Meeting**

Tuesday, March 21 @ 6:30pm

Attendees: Susan McCulley, Candace MaughanE, Shannon Stetson-Tennant, Kirsten Burns, Darcie Maier, Sheila Doherty, Darla Yonkman, Jim King

Regrets: Adrienne Joa, Jerri-Lyn Visser

Call to order: 6:34pm

VES Bouquets:

- Students enjoyed the lunch hour basketball game
- Residents of long term care, hospital, and home care patients enjoyed the Valentines that the students made for them. There were more than enough cards to go around!
- Celebration of learning – parents appreciated the effort and activities to do together – What a great opportunity for parent engagement!

Review of last meeting minutes:

- Edits discussed and approved. Susan will make proposed changes and forward to Sheila to upload on the VES website.

Additions/Changes to agenda:

- Susan would like to add two items:
 1. Parent council workshop
 2. Special interest project

Board report:

- Superintendent's public speaking competition for gr. 4-12 students Apr 4 at JR.Robson.
- BTPS bus contractors being given 2 lump sum payments of \$516.52 to help with increasing costs
- 10 Year Capital Plan: Wainwright Elementary School has been approved for design funding for a new school. VES is 3rd priority and JR.Robson is 4th for school upgrades.
- Annual audited 2021-22 statement completed and can be found on BTPS website
- Deputy superintendent Michelle Webb will be retiring August 31, 2023
- BTPS and Lakeland College partnering to offer dual credit courses to students
- February 13 – Pink Shirt Day
- February 14 – Have a Heart Day for First Nations Children
- March 10 – Women in Leadership Community Event
- March 13 – Staff learning day

Administrators Report:

- Penelope Donily (gr. 5) was the winner of the school's public speaking competition and will speak on behalf of VES at the Superintendent's Public Speaking Competition on April 4.
- Upcoming visits: Christy Jordan-Fenton (author), Francis Whitford (metis craft and culture sharing), 5 minute Indigenous teachings
- Book fair is here
- VES is hosting 3 practicum students right now
- ECS registration night was this month. Just over 30 students enrolled so far.
- Purchased 8 interactive panels to replace aging smartboards and upgrade conference room to accommodate online meetings.

Correspondence

- Annual society registration – Candace will renew.

Parent Council Workshop:

- "Effective Engagement in Your School Community" virtual ASCA Workshop.
- There is a cost to this workshop, but council has \$500 budget that can be used to cover the cost
- Susan will register for the session on April 27 @ 7pm and interested school council members can attend to watch as a group.
- Darcie asked if we could include JRRobson parent council members, and this was approved.

Special Interest Project

- Susan has a special interest/passion for inclusion of diverse cultures and addressing/preventing racism. She is interested in looking at BTPS board policies on this topic, and expanding opportunities to celebrate diversity and prevent racism in our schools.
- Possible ideas: connecting with VIBE on this, culture fair in the gym
- If other council members are interested in joining a sub-committee to explore this further, contact Susan.

Next Meeting:

Adjourn: 7:43pm