



# ***Bertha Kennedy Catholic School***

## **School Council Meeting**

### ***Meeting Minutes***

***October 18, 2018***

#### **Call to Order**

Kerry Bodell called to order the regular meeting of the Bertha Kennedy School Council at 6:34 pm on October 18, 2018 at Bertha Kennedy School, staff room.

#### **Welcome/Attendance**

Jen Stogowski, Kathy Topinka, Jessica Ryan, Dolores Andressen, Kerry Bodell, Lisa Doll, Cindy Pereira, Joe Becigneul, Christy Watamaniuk, Lindsay Carvalho, Aoife Bolton, Moe Rabie, Arnold Salvador.

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **First Nations, Metis, Inuit Statement**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by Jen Stogowski.

#### **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes were approved by Kerry Bodell.

#### **Principals' Reports**

#### **THANK-YOU'S**

- ✿ Thanks to everyone who helped with the Harvest Soup Day.
- ✿ Pizza lunch is running very smooth – thank-you to the parent volunteers!
- ✿ Thanks to parents who helped with school photos, cleaning out the flower beds, and attending the Thanksgiving celebration.

#### **UPDATES**

- ✿ We have a new school counsellor – Donna Nelson. She will be here every Thursday and alternating Wednesdays.
- ✿ We have a PhD Psychology student – Danielle Matson. She is in the school every Monday.
- ✿ Shannon Duggan is our Grade 4 student teacher in with Mrs. Rawcliffe.
- ✿ Orange Shirt Day was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> at BK.

- ✿ Jr. ATB interviews are complete, and the final job selections are done. They will be introduced at the next Helping Hands Assembly.
- ✿ Read-In Week was the first week of October and was a success.
- ✿ ATA Institute Day followed Thanksgiving.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✿ We have received our results in our Accountability Pillar. (Report Card from the Province.) Please see the school office if you would like to see the complete breakdown. BK has received Excellent in most categories. (e.g.) School Improvement is at 100%!
- ✿ We have started our Caught Being Kind Program. Teachers look for kids being kind and enter them into a draw for weekly prizes.
- ✿ Can there be a mid-day pick-up for Cookie Dough for Kindergarten parents? Kerry cannot guarantee a drop off time.
- ✿ Grade 6 camp is being held Oct 23-24 at Camp Yowochas.
- ✿ The November fundraiser "Toonies for Turkeys" is coming up – raising funds for The Kinettes hampers. Watch for the cardboard turkey. Each feather is \$10 and we need to fill up the turkey! Mrs. G will wear a turkey costume all day if we reach our goal - \$240 to start!
- ✿ November 4<sup>th</sup> is Catholic Education Sunday. BK is participating in the 9:00am mass at St. Albert Catholic Parish.
- ✿ November 8<sup>th</sup> is the Remembrance Day Liturgy of the Word at the school for 10:30am in the gym.
- ✿ November 13<sup>th</sup> is World Day of Kindness. Plans to follow.

## School Board Trustee Report

- ✿ The District will be honored with a National Award from the Canadian Association of Communicators in Education for the development and implementation of the new Visual Identity.
- ✿ The Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Education Foundation has announced the details for two \$1000 scholarship opportunities to recognize graduates from the district who are pursuing educational training or a certification to gain training for the workplace. The successful recipients will be announced later this year. Check out the link on the website for more info on applying.
- ✿ Congratulations to the MCHS Jr Volleyball Girls Team who took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Westlock Invitational Tournament. In addition, congrats to the MCHS Sr. Boys team who took 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the Tri-Volley Tournament.
- ✿ A former BK student will be going on a Dream Take Flight adventure. This organization annually takes groups of children to Disneyland or Universal Studios to bring some magic to some very deserving children with medical, mental, social or emotional challenges.
- ✿ The district will receive a one-time \$1500 high school scholarship in recognition of Secretary-treasurer Deb Schalg's leadership and service to the Albert School Business Operations Association.

- ✿ The Board has approved the nomination of Rosaleen McEvoy for the 2018 Alberta Catholic Trustees' Association Appreciation Award.
- ✿ The Board approved Suzanne Rokos as the recipient of this years' Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award.
- ✿ Trustees will be looking forward to attending the Official Opening of Sister Alphonse Academy on October 23 from 1-3pm.
- ✿ The Trustees attended the annual Long Service Awards Recognition event on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ✿ Next Meetings:       Committee of the Whole   October 15 @ 7:00pm  
                               Regular Board Meeting   October 29 @ 3:30pm

## Teacher Report

- ✿ A big thank you to our parent groups who are organizing BK fundraising and fun-raising activities. The students and families really appreciate your efforts and the events and funds that arise out of the events. We are well on our way already with the art card project and the Harvest Bundle Vegetables and the cookie dough!
- ✿ Harvest Soup Day on Friday October 5 was a big success. Thank you for sending in your child's ingredient for the soup. In each classroom soup there were onions and potatoes from our school garden. Thanks to Lindsay Carvalho for helping with that harvest in between the snowfalls!
- ✿ Christmas Raffle Basket project will be introduced once again at the Friday staff meeting. Any changes? No changes as per Council. There will be a sign-up sheet for each classroom, so they can decide on a theme. Jen Stogowski has suggested less "home comfort" baskets. Lisa Doll has suggested that parents offer some new ideas for the teachers. Due date for the baskets will be about Thursday, December 6. Concert is on December 13.
- ✿ We will be collecting Canadian Tire money (and Can Tire gift cards) again soon so hang on to any that you have. It will be getting harder since they are moving to putting the money on individual cards.

## Committee Reports

### ✿ Healthy BobKats / Green Team

- We nominated the Healthy BobKat Leadership Team from 2017-18 for the Mayor's Annual Celebration of Volunteers. We thought that they were such a good group of students who led BK with all kinds of activities that promote healthy eating, active living and positive mental health that they would be good candidates in the Leaders of Tomorrow category. And they won. We were unable to attend the evening last Thursday, so we are lucky enough to have the presentation made here at school. We will announce the date when everything is finalized. They have also been given \$100 to donate to a local charity of their choice. We had a meeting on Wednesday where we brainstormed ideas and will follow up with a decision next week.
- Healthy BobKat Leadership Team for this year has been chosen. It consists of 11 Grade 5 students. And they seem just as keen to make a difference as last year's group. They have already been involved in making food bank posters, making healthy announcements, and sponsoring Crazy Hair Day.

- The Team put together a presentation for the students at an assembly on Friday, Oct. 5 to promote our Positive Behaviour Project. Staff is looking for students to give tickets to so they can get their name in a draw for a prize. Students can get a ticket for positive attitude, helping others, showing teamwork.... Draws are made every Friday.
- The Team is also choosing themed activities for each month. Crazy Hair Day was in September, Halloween is coming up this month and that leads us to Mo-vember. A date has not been chosen yet. The focus for us as an elementary school is not about preventing cancers specific to men but instead eating nutritious foods to be healthy. We try to coincide these activities with the Helping Hands Assembly dates.
- Our Healthy BobKat Room has been featured in the St. Albert Gazette. It is a popular place for all of our students. We know that healthy eating, active living and positive relationships are all connected as they promote learning for our students. Healthy students are better learners. So we are making good use of the Healthy BobKat Room to get some physical activity in and then we always finish with a calming activity such as meditation.

#### Birthday Book Club

- Christy will reach out again to Duncan to try to get this program started up for this year.
- Not a profit-making committee, but it does get kids reading and helps to build the school library.

#### Playground/Garden

The flower beds have been cleaned up for the season.

### **New Business**

#### Bulletin Board for Council

- The bulletin board at the front of the school is for the School Council. This will now have Council events posted for parents to see.

**Adjournment** Kerry Bodell adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.