



# ***Bertha Kennedy Catholic School***

## **School Council Meeting**

### ***Meeting Minutes***

***February 21, 2019***

#### **Call to Order**

Kerry Bodell called to order the regular meeting of the Bertha Kennedy School Council at 6:35 pm on February 21, 2019 at Bertha Kennedy School, staff room.

#### **Welcome/Attendance**

Kerry Bodell, Jen Stogowski, Kathy Topinka, Jessica Ryan, Dolores Andressen, Lisa Doll, Cindy Pereira, Joe Becigneul, Lindsay Carvalho, Christy Watamaniuk.

#### **Opening Prayer**

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

#### **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by Kathy Topinka.

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

The minutes were approved by Kerry Bodell.

#### **Principals' Reports**

##### **THANK-YOU'S, UPDATES & RECAPS**

- ✿ Wrestling is almost finished. March 2<sup>nd</sup> meet in Cochrane will be the final meet. Thanks to Coach Wilson and the assistant coaches for all their hard work.
- ✿ Running Club is full on. The Running Room games were last week. One of two teams made it through at 5<sup>th</sup> place.
- ✿ Religion retreats are almost finished. These have been very well received.
- ✿ Thought exchange is online for parents to give feedback right now.
- ✿ Leadership certification is going on throughout the Province. 2-day course. Cindy went last week and Lisa is slated to go soon.
- ✿ Maintenance dept. is coming into the school to do some work on the ceilings. There are a number of ceilings that have the tin roof and the acoustics are not good. They will put in some T-bar ceilings and tiles. This will help with sound. Also new LED lights will be installed. Work will start with the kindergarten, grade 1 and MPR rooms. With the 4, 4/5, 5/6 and 6 rooms following.
- ✿ Lisa met with the City of St. Albert to talk about the upgrades to the playground this summer. This spring the baseball diamond will be made state of the art with new backdrop and shale. Upgrade of the long jump pit. Two portable toilets will be put in at the tennis courts and the net will be replaced there as well. Lacombe Park Lake building will get a major overhaul. Bathrooms will be overhauled. Fowler track is patched and ready to go. Upgrades will be needed for the track.

- ✿ BK has been notified that we will be hosting, along with Ronald Harvey, the track meet for cities this year for three days in a row. More info to be provided next meeting from Deb Kaplan. Concession, field events, etc. We will need council and parents to help on those days in June.
- ✿ Thanks for the milk & cookies from Nourish the BobKats.
- ✿ Water warriors made \$285.
- ✿ Thanks to all the parents and Mrs. G for the hard work getting the kids ready to sing O'Canada at the Oil Kings on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ✿ Wynn Against Hunger brought in 850lbs of food for the food bank.
- ✿ Feb 14<sup>th</sup> carnation sale was very popular – thanks to Jeremy for going to Costco to get more after we sold out right away!
- ✿ Feb 19<sup>th</sup> was the DQ lunch day. Thanks for organizing. It was well received.
- ✿ 10 kids registered for Kindergarten this year to date.
- ✿ Accountability pillar closes tomorrow.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ✿ Shrove Tuesday will have a pancake breakfast on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ✿ Ash Wednesday we will host a mass in the gym at 11:10am for parents and friends. Colin from head office will be here.
- ✿ March 11<sup>th</sup> is Bertha Kennedy's birthday. Kids will get cookies.
- ✿ Financial Asks for council – Artist in Residence.
  - March – Cartooning \$2000
  - April – Sound Creations (dance) \$1622.25. Invoice was provided.
  - Jen made a motion to approve the payment of the invoice for the artist in residence. All approved and motion passed.
  - Future (3-5 year goal) for sound baffles. Will be around \$20,000 for installation.
- ✿ Bell Schedule discussion – BK has a late start time. The late start times used to be shared between schools every second year. The school has been asked to compile feedback based on a change in start times.
- ✿ School Fee increase discussion. Small increase for the tech fee (licenses & apps) will be applied. BK is about ½ the fee of other schools. Current fee is \$15 and other schools are at \$45-\$50. Our fee will go to \$30.

## **School Board Trustee Report**

### **GOOD NEWS - District News**

- ✿ The district hosted the first meeting for all staff who are participating in the Well-being Book Study by Tom Rath and Jim Harter. A diverse group of staff from across the district gathered at the start of

the year to discuss the five essential elements of well-being and how it contributes to the overall success of the organization. The group will meet again in early March.

### **GOOD NEWS - District News**

- ✿ Students and Staff at VJM held a fundraiser to support their local families in need. The collective results of their efforts raised more than \$8,000. These funds will go a long way in making a difference for these families and also demonstrate how caring the VJM school community is.
- ✿ Ecole Father Jan school community held a fundraiser to collect winter items including toques, scarves and mitts for a local Edmonton school, St. Bernadette where they have many families in need. The school was able to provide them with 40 bags full of winter items prior to the Christmas break to bring some joy to these families.
- ✿ Seventy-six gift bags filled with goodies and delivered to children who had to spend their Christmas holidays in the Sturgeon hospital. The bags were prepared by staff and students at Ecole Marie Poburan. This provided a wonderful opportunity for students to share a bit of joy with these families prior to the Christmas break.
- ✿ The G.H. Primeau School Leadership and Me to We teams were busy prior to their Christmas break gathering socks for those in need and hosting a toy drive for youth at risk. In total, more than 600 pairs of socks were collected and over 100 toys. Thank you to the students and staff involved for their hard work in making a difference in their community!
- ✿ Congratulations to the senior girls' basketball team from St. Albert Catholic High who defeated Paul Kane to take first place in the Paul Kane Invitational Tournament.

### **ACTION & CONSENT ITEMS**

- ✿ The Board reviewed and approved the following policies:
  - Board Policy 11: Board Delegation of Authority, Policy 13: Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters, Policy 20: Laura Bird Memorial Beacon of Hope Award.
- ✿ The Board approved the timing, location and agenda for their annual planning session that results in updates to the strategic plans and direction for the school district. (April 5 & 6).

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- ✿ Information updates from administration provided included the following:
  - Educational Leadership
    - School Results Reviews
    - uLead presentation and participation by district/school leaders.
    - Leadership Quality Standard Certificate Instructor's Program
    - First Nations, Metis and Inuit Report
    - Inclusive Education Programming

- Fiscal Responsibility
  - 2018-2019 Quarter 1 Financial Statement
  - 2019-2020 Preliminary Enrolment Projection
- Communications and Community Relations
  - Communications Plan Update

## UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- ✿ Trustees hosted a Sod Turning Ceremony for the construction of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy, the new elementary school in Morinville on Tuesday, February 19, 2019. St. Kateri will open its doors to students in September 2020.
- ✿ They also supported the work of the Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Education Foundation by attending the annual fundraising event on February 9, 2019 at Holy Family Parish.
- ✿ A Committee of the Whole Meeting was held on Monday, February 11, 2019.
- ✿ The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at District Office, 6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB.

## ✿ ***PUBLIC ARE WELCOME***

### Teacher Report

- ✿ Thank you to the parents for all of the support for their children.
- ✿ Looking forward to seeing lots of volunteers and visitors for our BK Ski Trip next Friday. Let's hope for good temperatures warmer than -20 with the windchill!
- ✿ The teachers have been reminded of the Classroom Enhancement fund. It is very much appreciated.
- ✿ We have artist in residence suggestions. If there is other funding available, we can ask staff for other ideas.
- ✿ Right now, teachers are doing testing, assessments, evaluations in preparation for the term 2 report cards that go out in less than one month on Friday, March 15!
- ✿ Fundraising Proposal: Recipes in a Jar or other fundraising ideas such as safety kits and beef jerky.

## Committee Reports

### ✿ Healthy BobKats / Green Team

- Wednesday, February 27 is Pink Shirt Day—a day dedicated to eliminating bullying in our schools and society. The Healthy BobKat Leadership Team will be making announcements on the intercom on the mornings leading up to the day. Fits in well with the BKATS' focus on Kindness.

- Helping Hands Assembly on Wednesday, February 17 will include a message about Anti-Bullying.
- Our School Wide Collaboration art project this year is based on the theme of dots after we read the book The Dot by Peter Reynolds. Each student created a dot on exactly the same size paper but with different materials and ideas. We put them all up together on the bulletin board by the gym and they look really good. As the children walk by, they always point to their dot and it really adds to a positive school spirit. Which is one of the pillars of the comprehensive school health—positive social environments.
- The tomatoes seeds L and M, which are part of Tomatosphere, have been planted in 2A. Some of the seeds that we got spent time in space and some did not. When we send in our germination results I a few weeks they will tell us which seeds are which. Day 3 and no germination yet! These are the same plants that will be ready for planting in the garden in June.

#### Birthday Book Club

- No new news to date.

#### Playground/Garden

- No news for this meeting.

### **New Business**

- Nothing brought to council.

**Adjournment** Kerry Bodell adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.