

**RI Baker Middle School**  
**School Council Agenda**  
**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

1. Call to order-6:35pm
2. Attendance-Krista Gaskell, Shannon Kasko, Amy Hass, Shannon Little, Robyn Henderson, Shauna Pauls, Natasha Richards, Josh Martens, Amanda Allen, Tanya Johnson
3. Additions to the Agenda-Turkey Dinner update from Natasha
4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Shauna P  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Natasha R

5. Approval of Minutes from Jan 23, 2018

Motion to approve: Shauna P  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Tanya J

6. Reports

Trustee's Report (Neither Debbie Laturnus/Sharon Rutledge present. These are notes provided by Sharon to Sunnyside's council meeting March 8, 2018.)

- i. At the last Board Meeting (Feb 27/18) Adam Browning and Hali Heavy Shield shared a Blanket Exercise with Trustees & central office staff. Scrolls and artifacts were passed out to the group. Participants stood on blankets in the middle of the floor and experienced 500 years of Aboriginal culture. As each piece of history unfolded, the participants became involved very emotionally as the reality of disease, starvation, residential schools, and native reserves became the norm. At the end of the exercise, each participant was asked to share their experience.
- ii. The new 2018-2019 school calendars (3 base calendars) were approved. Schools may tweek the calendars with approval from Central Office. Jason Kupery will insure the hours of instruction are met before individual calendars can be adjusted.
- iii. The new policy for Inclement Weather was approved as of March 1, 2018. In essence, when school buses are not running, schools are closed.
- iv. A draft of the Policy 16: Safe & Caring Learning Environment was presented which ensures the rights of GSA students in our school settings. The new draft proposals will be sent to Alberta Education for input.

Chairperson report – Shannon Kasko

- a. Nothing to report

## Principal's report – Mrs. Krista Gaskell

- a. Mr. Prebushewski is currently on his way back from China. He spent 10 days there, where he visited our sister school in Suzhou. He toured the area, and gave a presentation about our school. He spent time in four schools, and of the four, he would be comfortable sending grade 8 Baker students to only one. This school is very traditional and secure. We will be looking at possibly sending students as early as next year for a two week exchange.
- b. International Student Update-Mr. Prebushewski will be returning home from China today, and he will be bringing 8 students with him (4- gr 5, 4- gr 6). They will be here for 3 months. On March 25-28, two Japanese students will visit Baker for a cultural experience (ESL in the morning, gr 8 classes in the afternoon). Finally, on April 29-May 12, 6 students from China will attend Baker, and they will be receiving ESL instruction out of the classroom.
- c. One-to-One Device Update-We have been collaborating with middle schools in other districts, as well as Heritage Christian Academy in Calgary, and looking at ways to effectively implement one-to-one (for gr 7 & 8 only) for the 2018-2019 school year. We will hold a parent meeting before the end of the school year to give parents an opportunity to provide input.
- d. During the site-based PD day in Jan, the focus was around mental health/wellness. The nurse that works with the Cugnut family was in to provide an update, and to suggest ways for teachers to talk to students around this topic. Mrs. Taverner led a session aimed at self-care, and reminded teachers of the mental health supports that are available to them.
- e. While at the Healthy Schools Conference in Lake Louise, Mr. Prebushewski met with Dr. Andrew Baxter from Alberta Mental Health. We have been provided the opportunity to be a pilot school for a program which trains teachers in a variety of disabilities, and how to best teach students who live with them.
- f. Projected enrolment for the 2018-2019 school year is approximately 425, up from our projected enrolment last year of 380. We will likely be looking at hiring another full-time teacher for the fall.
- g. We are looking at timetable changes for the upcoming school year. We would like to move away from the current 3 period morning/4 period afternoon, and move to a day that has longer periods (57 minutes), with 3 periods each in the morning and afternoon. This would mean a later lunch that begins around 11:45. We have ensured we are still meeting the required minutes mandated by Alberta Ed.
- h. 2018-2019 School Year Draft Calendar-see attached.

## 7. Old Business

- Turkey dinner review (via Natasha R). \$1496.41 total cost, which served 450 people. 1 Turkey was left cooking overnight in the kitchen. Suggestions for future: communication with cooking classes is required regarding food storage, purchase 4-6 warming trays and serving utensils.

#### 8. New Business

- Baker Cup is next week
- P/T Interview scheduling is open online

#### 9. Bouquets

Natasha Richards-for organizing and executing a successful Turkey Dinner.

Tanya Conrad-for getting students ready for festival.

Miss Van Hell-for organizing all tourneys, schedules, events.

#### 10. Next meeting dates (6:30 pm)

- May 15, 2018

#### 11. Adjournment: 7:35pm

Motion to adjourn-Robyn H.

2<sup>nd</sup>-Amy H.