

R.I. BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes: September 20, 2016

Attendance: Robyn Henderson, Maegan Peacock, Shannon Kasko, Cindee Nyrose, Amy Hass, Amy Kerr, Tamara Hoogerdyk, Debbie Laturnus, Ester Willms, Shannon Little, Kelly Opp, Jason Prebushewski, and Krista Gaskell

1. Call meeting to order: 6:47 pm
-Robyn Henderson
2. Additions to agenda:
Mr. Prebushewski- PAT results
Cindee Nyrose- Bullying protocol
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion to move- Amy Kerr, seconded by Kelly Opp
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve- Shannon Little, seconded Cindee Nyrose
5. Reports:

Trustee's Report:

- The first board meeting of the year was held on August 23rd (Board Chair- Robert Strauss; Vice-Chair- Debbie Laturnus; Alternate Vice Chair- Craig Whitehead).
- The Palliser Division-Wide School opening day was September 1st in Vulcan.
- The Wall of fame inductee was Blain Chronik.
- The First Day of classes was on September 5th. Enrollment across the division was approximately 8100.
- Palliser will be taking in Brazilian Students, who will arrive this fall.
- Criminal Record Checks are becoming more difficult. They are costly, and they take a lot of time. The division is looking at ways to make that easier.
- The Palliser organizational review will be completed October 31, at which time the panel will report to the board, executive summary will be published publicly.
- The Sheldon Kennedy film premiered last week in Swift Current. Palliser is heading a Sheldon Kennedy center similar to the in Calgary. Agencies (social workers, counselors) will run the center.
- Lockdown procedures- Palliser is looking at implementing a 3 tiered approach including: Lockdown, Hold and Secure, Shelter in Place.
- Mr. Prebushewski explained the internal vs external lockdown procedure at Baker.

Chairperson's Report:

- Council of Council- next meeting to be determined.
- Robyn Henderson has created a School Council trifold, and will have it out at Meet the Teacher night.
- The Educational Review Panel is seeking written submissions from parent councils based on 4 parameters:
 1. Organizational Culture, climate and leadership

- 2- accountability to stakeholders,
- 3- Internal and external communication practices
- 4- Governance practices

These submissions need to be in on, or before October 14

-Robyn Henderson suggested a Parent Council Tab on the school website.

Principal's Report-

-Enrollment is up slightly this year.

-New Staff members: Kaitlyn Turnbull, Tanya Conrad, Candice Friesen, Michelle Smart, and Danielle Poyser.

-Tanya Conrad is starting R.I. Baker's first choir.

-Timetable: Bell times have changed, and we now have an earlier lunch. Students say they are getting used to it, and teachers are allowing students to snack throughout the day. There were some complications with the hockey schedule, but those seem to be worked out. Students are taking some time to eat during period 4. Mr. Prebushewski will continue to encourage teachers to allow students to nourish in the classroom.

-Amy Kerr has concerns about hot lunch for hockey students. Mr. Prebushewski suggests teachers save it for the next day. Amy suggests hockey players get 10 minutes after they get back to eat. Mr. Prebushewski will bring the idea to staff members.

-Robyn Henderson expressed concerns regarding overall communication. She feels the website needs revamping, and the newsletter cannot be opened by many because it was sent out in Publisher. This will be looked into by Mr. Prebushewski.

-Cindee Nyrose questions school fees. She would appreciate a notice ahead of time, rather than just a late fee reminder.

-The Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) is up and running at Baker. This reading intervention system involves a teacher working with a small group of students for a six-week period. The program aims at getting all students reading at grade level.

-There are some storage issues at the school, our last free classroom is full with chairs/ risers, etc. We are looking into building a garage in the parking lot which will be similar to the look of the building, with the cinder blocks.

-The PAT results are in, and we are happy to report that we are above the provincial average in every subject area.

7. Old Business: None to report.

8. New Business:

Bullying Policy: Mr. Prebushewski explains that at Baker, bullying is defined as an ongoing problem, rather than one poor decision. He also encourages students to talk to staff members to inform them of problems they encounter. Teachers are there to help, but unfortunately, they cannot catch everything, so it is important that students talk to their teachers if there are issues.

9. Bouquets:

-Robyn thanked everyone who came tonight. She thanks Amy Hass for being the secretary and Mrs. Peacock for being teacher representative.

-Mr. Prebushewski gives a bouquet to entire Baker Staff for coming together during difficult times for staff members who have gone through rough times.

-Tamara Hoogerdyk gives a bouquet to Mrs. Wickham for allowing her to be in her classroom on the first day to help. Also, the transition for the grade 5 class changes has gone smoothly.

10. Next Meeting Dates (6:30)- November 8th, 2016, January 17, 2017, March 14, 2017, and May 16, 2017

11. Adjournment: 7:56 pm

- Motion to adjourn- Tamara Hoogerdyk