

Brentwood Elementary School Council Meeting (BESC)

MINUTES – October 24, 2024

Brentwood Elementary Commons (Library) 6:00pm -6:45pm

Attendance: Kindra Varty, Roseanna Leblanc, Cherum Orr, John Murphy, Sarah Boyce, Darlene , Laurie Borle, Sam Kelch, Dan Hyne, Lora Slobodian

1. Call to order - Kindra Varty called to order at 6:01 PM
1. Treaty 6 acknowledgment - Kindra Varty
2. Review / approval of agenda
 - a. Motion to approve - Roseanna, Seconded - Sarah; All in favour
3. Trustee report - Don Irwin
 - a. Collaboration and professional learning.
 - i. The board and administration have been spending a great deal of time investigating the relationship between staff collaboration and professional learning and student results.
 - ii. The research has found that there is a definite positive influence on student learning with staff collaboration and professional learning. We are investigating ways to include more collaboration and professional learning in the timetable yet maintaining all of the instructional minutes.
 - iii. A survey will be coming out to all parents and staff in the next month to investigate how we can create more time yet maintain all the instructional minutes.
 - b. Chiller machine at Salisbury composite
 - i. This unit provides air conditioning to all of the upper level at Sal. We have approved 1 million dollars from reserve to begin the process of planning, ordering, tendering etc to replace the unit next summer.
 - ii. The board reviewed over 200 projects which were completed by our maintenance and facilities department over the summer to provide maintenance and upgrades to each School.
 - c. New accessible playground at Wes Hosford Elementary
 - i. In September the opening of this project took place which provides all students access to a playground that meets all students needs. Congratulations to the school council School administration, and the county for cooperation and joint funding.
 - d. In September I also attended the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Sherwood Park replacement school which replaces Sherwood Heights Junior high and Campbelltown schools. The project is expected to be completed for opening in September of 2025. A survey for naming the new school will be coming out this fall.

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4. Principal's report
 - a. GOAs – government testing that is literacy and numeracy assessments/screeners in Div, provides useful information for our teacher, time constraints and budget impacts
 - b. READ program – support for literacy in Grade 2
 - c. Christmas concert planning and rehearsals are underway – Mr. Merriman, Mrs. Borle, Mrs. Landry-Doran, Mrs. Cunha, Mrs. Yuill, Mrs. Gould and others
 - d. ISP rodeo – Thank you to Mrs. Russell for organizing.
 - e. Volleyball try-outs are underway – Mrs. Michalchuk, Mrs. Mireau, Mr. Regher
 - f. Writing Pilot Project – Oct 1 PL day, collaborative marking day coming up to align standards, Mr. Murphy in the am/Mrs. Orr in the pm
 - g. October 4 PLC – networking, PL that is specific and can be implemented into the classroom right away
 - h. Student enrolment – increase by about 5-6 kiddos since the beginning of October
 - i. Orange Shirt Day – Thank you to Mrs. Shulko-Zakharov for organizing!
 - j. Read In Week – so many visitors in the school! Thank you to Mrs. Elkow and Mr. Radersma for their organization!
 - k. SPT Conferences are the end of November along with report cards – Nov 27 & 28, Nov 29 published
 - l. Scholastic book fair
 - m. School council have a table? We could also extend the same invite to Logos society if so.
5. Staff Report - Darlene
 - a. Teachers are currently working on assessments and are very busy. It's been a great couple of months.
6. Logos Report
 - a. In the works with the Logos board to see who is going to fill that role.
 - b. Logos are going to Celebration Church on 31st for their camp day
 - c. There was no chapel this month
7. COSC Report - Lora Slobodian
 - a. Meeting dates for 24-25; time/format is 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, hybrid
 - Nov. 6, 2024
 - Jan. 8, 2025
 - Feb. 5, 2025
 - March 5, 2025
 - April 2, 2025
 - May 7, 2025

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- b. COSC members discussed potential agenda topics for the 2024-25 year:
 - Advocacy surrounding public education
 - Artificial intelligence (AI) in schools
 - Mentorship
 - Parental engagement
 - Pilot projects the Division is exploring
 - School council three-year plans
 - School fee development
 - The public education funding model and three-year weighted moving average
 - c. All Caregivers of students in the school community are parent council members. Engaging this community is really important, particularly to gain a broad understanding of the needs and concerns of the community at large. Lora highlighted ideas that were presented at COSC including:
 - Personally invite people
 - Host a school council booth at events
 - Publish agenda 7-10 days in advance of a meeting
 - Translate school council documents to other languages if necessary
 - Distribute a family engagement form
 - Workshop for Caregivers (grant)
 - Very short surveys
 - Ask parents for short term assistance in areas of expertise—advising on strategic planning, budget, craft fair, library, etc.
 - d. Each council in EIPS has one COSC representative, but other council members are welcomed and encouraged to attend COSC meetings. Lora Slobodian will be the BESC representative for COSC for the 24-25 year.
 - e. There will be a COSC file in the council Google drive with resources and information from both COSC and ASCA in the near future.
8. Christmas Concert - Laurie Borle
- a. Planning is well underway for the annual christmas concert and the kids are all very keen for the program this year.
 - b. Laurie has a request for the fundraising committee for costumes for both programs.
9. Next meeting is November 21st, 2024, 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned - 6:47 pm

Brentwood Elementary Home and School Association (BEHSA)

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1. Call to order - Kindra Varty at 6:48 PM
2. Review of Agenda - Kindra Varty
3. Financials & Approval of Financial Statement - Sarah Boyce
 - a. Current balance is \$27,245.38
 - b. Received \$763.47 in fundraising cheques this past month
 - c. Funds spent \$5,009 on incidentals, streaming license
 - d. Insurance invoice forthcoming from EIPS.
 - e. Sarah to work on budget outline to review at next meeting
4. Hot Lunch Update - Jodie Blashko (tabled to next meeting)
5. Movie Night Update - Sarah Dyer
 - a. Current sales at 222
 - b. Chairs will be set-up along the back and side walls, leave the middle open for blankets to abide by fire code
 - c. Disney shorts to be played from 6:30-7:00 PM, Feature film at 7:00 PM - Inside Out 2.
6. STEAM Room Discussion - All (Tabled to next meeting)
7. Christmas Concert Fundraising Request
 - a. Staff requested up to \$1,500 for potential supplies, props, crafts, cookies and bussing.
 - b. Roseanna motion to approve the \$1,500 funding for the 2024 Christmas event as requested. Motion seconded by Sarah. All approved. Motion carried.
8. Teachers Update
 - a. Positive feedback around the STEAM team
 - b. Teachers want to engage with the Art Card fundraiser idea
 - c. Staff are excited with the theatre coming in on January 27, 2025.

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