

Bob Edwards School, 4424 Marlborough Dr. NE, Calgary, Alberta

School Council Meeting

Minutes – Sept 24, 2024 6:30pm

In-person: Library/Learning Commons; Virtual: Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order by Danielle at 6:03pm.

2. Attendance

In-person Parents: Danielle Luft, Michelle, Lori Beal, Heather Friessen, Suzanne Farshori
Staff: Alexandros Fotopoulos - Principal, Camille Haggar - Assistant Principal

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

May 21, 2024

Motion: Michelle motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Kristy. Carried.

4. New Business

Ms. Franks, a grade 9 humanities teacher, presented a funding request for Vertigo theatre. Last year the parent society funded Vertigo for grade 9 students and it was a huge success. They would like to make it a recurring event. \$18/student as opposed to the regular \$60/ticket. They get to sit in the front rows. Topics of the play include artificial intelligence and privilege. Students paid for transportation last year at \$9/student. What is the name of the play? A Killing at La Cucina. When is it? April 2, but need to reserve seats soon. How many grade 9 students. 152 plus 12 adult chaperones go for free.

5. Chair's Report

No report.

6. Principal's Report - Presented by Mr. Fotopoulos

- Student registration is up from last year. Were up to 575 in August but now down to around 550. This fluctuation affects staffing. One new late French Immersion grade 7 teacher has been hired as there were 42 kids registered and this class is now split into two smaller classes. Another grade 7 English class was added compared to last year.
- Six new teachers this year.
- Current athletics are basketball, cross country and soccer. Last year basketball had not enough referees so they moved it to later in the year. Now it is back to the start of the year.
- Historically, many families do not pay their student athletic fees. We would like the parent society to supplement the cost this year. Basketball is \$60. Soccer is \$22. Tournaments are too costly. Last year the school was short of \$4500 in unpaid athletics fees.

- As the cafeteria is no longer running, grade six students are able to eat in there. Grade sevens eat in at the tables in the open area on the second floor and grades eight & nine eat in the hallways in front of their lockers.
- Kids are following the new cell phone rules. They are not using them at all during the day, either keeping them turned off completely or locked in their lockers. Only one phone has had to be confiscated to date. Lots of kids are using the basketball court and going outside to play sports at lunch. There have been significantly less conflicts due to social media and other phone issues.
- Traffic concerns: Some kids have been jay walking or running across the street without looking and there have been a number of close calls with cars almost hitting students. Staff who are supervising tell the students not to cross, but parents are encouraging their student to cross quickly without watching for traffic. Police will be coming to give tickets to parents for any dangerous or illegal acts.
- Southland, First Student, Transdev are the bussing companies currently being utilized by CBE. There are 3 buses now at the school and a 4th bus may be added. There are bussing issues with buses arriving late due to traffic or possibly poor route planning. Principals are trying to work with the bussing companies to rectify the problem. Cars cannot pick up or drop off in the bus zone in front of the school and may be ticketed.

7. Questions/Comments from Parents Regarding Principal's Report

- Do you want all athletic fees supplemented? The supplement would be for kids who cannot afford the cost.
- There was a discussion about moving the meeting time from 6:30 to 6:00 as this is preferred by the principal. A parent expressed that this may cause conflict for parents who have kids in athletics as games can end quite close to 6:00; however, no one expressed a strong opinion against moving the meeting to 6:00 for the time being.

8. Liaison & Committee Updates

a. Key Communicator

This position is now vacant as Dana is no longer a parent at the school. No one knows the meeting dates. Hopefully we can get this position filled.

b. Marlborough Community Association Events

Diana not present.

9. Next Meeting

Oct. 29, 2024 @ 6pm.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Danielle at 6:33pm.