

# MINUTES

## Bellerose School Council

January 26, 2016 | Meeting called to order at 19:00

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### IN ATTENDANCE

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Beth Elliott, Esther Jager, , Lisa Bullock, Sandra Baird, Eren Bauman, Alana Bishop, Marianne Grohn, Tony Boratynei, Cheryl Dumont, Jyoti Mangat, Bill Turnham.

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### 2. AGENDA

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Motion to accept the Agenda after changing the dates under 2. and 3 (agenda of January 26, 2016 and the minutes of November 24, 2015). Approved.

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### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion to accept the Minutes from November 24, 2015. Approved.

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### 4. PRESENTATION BY TEACHER

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The presentation by Jeff Beaton is postponed to a next council meeting.

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### 5. REPORTS

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#### a. Teacher Representative

Bill Turnham reports on the RCMP Youth Academy. This province wide program is intended for students in grade 10-12 who are interested in a career in law enforcements. Bellerose is selected to host this program during the next Spring Break. During their stay the students will get a taste of the (drill)training at the regular RCMP Academy and have the opportunity to meet several RCMP specialists and talk about their work. The number of applicants has increased from approx. 12 in previous editions to 38 this year. Completing the Youth Academy is rewarded with 5 credits for work experience.

#### b. Principal Report

Jyoti Mangat reports on the school wide discussion about the Bellerose school community culture on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2015. In several sessions a total of approx. 1000 students participated in cross grade, small group discussions led by 60 trained student facilitators. The students identified and voted on themes/actions to enhance the Bulldog culture:

- communication (improve sound system and use of screens)
- physical environment (improve cafeteria and lounge area furniture, repaint walls of the bathroom)
- events/clubs/activities (improve student participation, deliberate cross grade and shorter/less intense activities)
- miscellaneous (loitering and smoking in the student parking, create principal advisory council)

A few students already repainted the bathroom walls with murals, other actions will be implemented in the future. Staff remained at a distance as observers, did not participate in the student discussions and will organize a similar event themselves.

Bellerose contracted new staff for term 2: cosmetology, science and a counselor (together with Paul Kane).

Bids for a new video surveillance system are expected before Feb. first.

Bellerose will host a network meeting for 140 IB teachers.

The number of teams in the next edition of the Bikaton has increased to 80.

### c. Trustee Report

Cheryl Dumont reports on a number of subjects regarding/discussed by the board:

- annual Stakeholders Meeting to gather information for the 2017/2018 Education Plan
- upcoming tour of schools and school sites with MLA's
- Class size report for 2015/2016
- policy and regulation on School sponsored international school trips
- Student Voice
- First Nation, Metis and Inuit (FNMI)report
- fees for early education.

More information can be found on <http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/> .

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## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

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School council discusses the presence of drugs in/around school. Bellerose has a drug free protocol in place but this is a multi-faceted problem without easy solutions. When there are drugs in the community there will also be drugs at school. Council stresses the importance of information and education as most effective for prevention if offered in the right setting.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2016 19:00 hour

Meeting adjourned 21:09