

MINUTES

Bellerose Parent Council

October 27, 2015 | Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Beth Elliott, Sandi Tough, Heather Pontikes, Michael Maxfield, Lisa Bullock, Alana Bishop, Esther Jager, Cheryl Dumont, Bill Turnham, Jyoti Mangat.

2. AGENDA

Motion to accept the Agenda. Approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the Minutes from September 15, 2015. Approved.

4. APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY

Esther Jager agreed to become the new secretary after a discussion among council to rotate the function of secretary.

5. PRESENTATION BY TEACHER

Matteo Hee made an enthusiastic presentation of the Make It Program in his new classroom. This new program is currently attended by 19 students. Matteo presented a few examples of their work. The program is predominantly driven by the student's interests: one of the examples was a wrench for a Go Pro Camera made by a student using the schools 3D printer.

6. REPORTS

a. Teacher Representative

Bill Turnham attended a seminar in Fort McMurray on the subject of career opportunities for students in the oil sands and related industry and the requirements employers are looking for.

b. Principal Report

Jyoti reported that Power School is operational on the student and parent side with full functionality. In the 3 weeks this system was available the number of sign-ins on the app was 1600 parents and 3200 students and the number of sign-ins on the web 3100 parents and 1100 students. The voice system and e-mail system for messages to parents are functional. There were some issues with CTS-courses and Reports to government but this was solved by buying additional software from schools that already introduced PowerSchool, experienced the same issues and developed specific software to tackle this problem.

In reference to last meetings inquiry Jyoty reports an increase of physical exchanges amongst students in comparison to the same period in last schoolyear. This problem is not unique to Bellerose and obviously a big concern for staff. A number of actions have been taken in consultation with parents to address the individual incidents but staff is working on a broader, preventive approach emphasizing the caring culture at Bellerose and (re)establishing this value among the student population.

6. REPORTS – CONT.

c. Trustee Report

Cheryl Dumont introduced herself as the new Board's representative at Bellerose's council meetings. She reported on a number of subjects that were discussed by the board: RCMP-report, Student High School Advisors, Regional Collaborative Service Reports and the School Site Allocation Committee etc. which can be found on <http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/> .

7. DETERMINATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be November 24th at 7:00 pm

8. OTHER BUSINESS

St Albert was granted 2 new K-9 schools but considering the enrollment in the current Highschools the demographics clearly show a need for a new Highschool. School council stresses the importance of a timely decision by City Council and the Board to start the urban and capital planning process.

After an inquiry Jyoti explained that Paul Kane offers Mandarin and Bellerose is looking into the possibility of starting a CTS course next schoolyear.

Next Meeting: November 24, 2015 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:58 pm