

MINUTES

Bellerose Parent Council

September 15, 2015 | Meeting called to order at 7:22pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Beth Elliot, Terry Adamic, Michael Maxfield, Ramonde Maxfield, Roxanne Paches, Darlene Jonsson, Esther Yager, Bill Turnham, Jyoti Mangat.

1. AGENDA

Motion to accept the Agenda. Approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to accept the Minutes from May 19, 2015. Approved.

3. BRIEF REVIEW OF 2014/2015 COUNCIL YEAR

Terry Adamic gave a brief review of the 2014/2015 Parent Council year. The year was informative and provided the opportunity for all members to ask questions and receive updates from an administrative, teacher, parent, and student point of view. The teacher presentations at each meeting were excellent and will continue for the upcoming year. Bellerose welcomed a new principal, Jyoti Mangat, as well as new additions to the teaching staff. Various issues such as parking and school and student safety were all addressed and the appropriate changes made. Information from the Board of Trustees was also distributed via the attendance of Trustee Glenys Edwards at our monthly meetings.

4. REPORTS

a. Teacher Representative

Bill Turnham did not have a formal presentation due to the teaching staff being occupied with the Bellerose BBQ. He inquired of council if they had any requests for department presentations. Council voiced interest in areas such as digital design and CALM. Bill will continue to coordinate these presentations for the current year.

b. Principal Report

Jyoti reported that start up went extremely smooth this year with enrollment sitting currently at 1191 students. This consists of 377 grade 10's, 396 grade 11's, and 418 grade 12's of which 25 are returning grade 12's. Power School is operational on the school side with full functionality coming on the student and parent side shortly. Jyoti explained that the move to Power School was necessary to be PASI (Provincial Approach to Student information) compliant and that the administrative team is pleased with the move. All timetabling for this year was through Power School and all teachers were trained in August.

The new modular classroom was delivered and is operational. Bellerose is at 97% capacity but is still comfortable for the staff and students at this enrollment level. Jyoti does not have any enrollment concerns at this point.

30 new parking spaces have been added and parking passes were introduced this year. All students requiring a parking pass submit an application and passes are then issued in priority sequence.

4. REPORTS – CONT.

c. Trustee Report

Cheryl Dumont is scheduled to the Board's representative at Bellerose's council meetings but was unable to attend this first meeting.

5. DETERMINATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The day of the week to hold meetings was discussed among the council and it was agreed to stay with the Tuesday night meeting date. The next meeting will be October 27th at 7:00 pm

6. OTHER BUSINESS

An inquiry as to stories circulating about a physical exchange amongst some girls resulting in an ambulance coming to school was made. Jyoti explained what had happened and assured council that this was not a usual occurrence and that there is reason for concern at this time.

Some traffic concerns were also voiced and were addressed and noted by Jyoti with further discussions to follow at subsequent meetings.

Next Meeting: October 27, 2015 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:17 pm