

ÉCOLE BEAU MEADOW SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Agenda

November 9, 2023

Attendees: *Jodi Netelenbos, Krista Atzesberger, Niki Chwyl, Charlotte Bliss, Jessica Smith, Shelly McCubbing, Jolene Vandermeulen, Robin Steed*

1. Call to Order/Introductions *6:02pm*
2. Review of Agenda *Approved by Niki*
3. Review of Minutes from October 12, 2023 *Approved by Niki*
4. Correspondence *None*
5. Reports:5.1 School Trustee:

October Trustee Report - Ward 4

Sept 27 Board Meeting highlights:

Lots of reports and presentations brought us great updates on the events happening across the division, including the summer.

Summer School this year generated 5744 credits! This is 20% more than last year. Many programs both in person in Leduc and Beaumont along with some online programs. Very successful!

MHCB Team - Mental Health Capacity Building team - many programs offered over 7 weeks in 4 of our school communities - New Sarepta, Calmar, Beaumont, Leduc. 491 students/families participated in day camps, events, picnics and park pop ups! These are always well attended and registrations are full within minutes of opening. The Team is exploring ways to increase access to the summer camps they offer

EDMS is now hosting an EAL Pre K program in Beaumont. English as an additional language allows for early entry support for students prior to entering school. The program is at full capacity with 18 students. Fun fact - given that we have always been a predominantly French community, do you know what the second most commonly spoken language is in Beaumont? Punjabi. With our ever changing community and rapid growth, our Board is making great efforts to support our diverse community.

The search for a new Superintendent has resumed. Applications are being accepted and the goal is to have the position filled by the end of December when Mr. Romanchuk retires.

Our meeting with the three MLAs on September 15 was an excellent event. The trustees were able to present some projects which the MLAs could advocate to the government for us. The Collegiate School planned for Calmar is a top priority. It will be a trades school allowing students to complete high school with the first year of an apprenticeship completed. This program will be open to students throughout Black Gold. The project is approved, it's just stalled in some "red tape".

Your trustees will be endeavoring to attend as many council meetings as we can over the school year, please feel free to reach out to either of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Robyn Steed
Esther Eckert

October Trustee Report - Ward 4 October 2023 Highlights:

The Board met with Leduc County Councillors at the beginning of October to exchange ideas and to strengthen the relationship we have with them. We were privileged to also meet with the MESB Board (Maskwacis Educational Schools Commission) and their superintendent. One of the Board's priorities is to deepen our understanding of Indigenous Culture and we are hoping that this meeting will result in some cross division opportunities for their students and our students to connect.

COSC event - The Board sponsored this event at the MacLab Theater on October 25 for all school council members and school administrators. The ASCA presentation focused on improving Parental Engagement. Every parent in a school is part of the school council and yet, it's difficult to grow the attendance at local school meetings and the participation of parents. Research shows that parental involvement in a child's school translates to better academic achievement. After this event elections for the CoSC executive was held and all positions were filled. The next meetings for board chairs will be on January 17, 2024.

School tours this month found the trustees interacting with staff and students in Calmar and some of the Leduc Schools.

Interviews for the Superintendent position are nearing conclusion. The pool of applicants was wide and the Board has shortlisted suitable candidates. Interviews are continuing.

The October Board meeting was held on November 1st. After much consultation, review and debate, the Board provided direction on the Reconfiguration of the Leduc schools with the new Ohpaho Secondary School opening in September 2024. Both Leduc High Schools will house students in grades 8 - 12. The principal of Opaho is Dan Lake.

Board planning is currently underway. Two days (November 8, 9) are set aside to review the budget and compare it to the projections made in the spring. The Board's Strategic Plan for the coming year was created and the monthly Board Work Plan was examined. The AERR (Annual Education Results Report) will be reviewed tomorrow. This looks back at the provincial test results, and the Assurance Measures results. Each of the department leads will present an overview of their strategic plans as well.

After a very busy October and multiple meetings already in November, the trustees are looking forward to a short break next week. We sincerely wish all of our students and staff and their families a chance to rest and refuel for the coming months.

We, as your trustees, are endeavoring to attend as many council meetings and school events as we can throughout the school year. Please feel free to reach out to either of us at any time.

Robyn Steed and Esther Eckert

5.2 Principal

- Professional Development: Visible Learning Division Wide *Shelly and Jolene attended a 2 day conference. The goal is for students to understand what they are learning and why they are learning it. Teaching staff is excited and interested in this approach. Shelly and Jolene are working on a survey to determine where students are at. This is a 2-3 year process.*
- Student Pride/Incentives: Caught You Being Good & Student of the Month
- "Hands-Off Policy" and zero tolerance for rough play
- School-Wide Character Traits; November is Courage. *December is kindness.*

- Student Clubs: Basketball, Pokemon, Maker's Club, Choir, Volleyball, Writer's Club...more to come *badminton, crochet*
- Movember- Thanks to Mr Carlson, Mr Sundt, Mr Shantz and Mr. Lidkea
- Nov. 9- RCMP Presentation- Social Media Awareness for Grade 5 Students *On to do list: Parent night with Zebra.*
- Nov 9- Boys & Girls Basketball- Home Game 3:30 pm-5:00 pm
- Nov. 20-December 1- K to Gr 2 AHS Dental Checks
- Nov 24- School-Wide PJ Day
- Remembrance Day Assembly- November 10th
- Fall Break Nov. 13-17; school resumes November 20th
- Beaumont Santa's Helpers Box- Now until Dec 15th
- Upcoming Christmas Concerts- ECS December 19, Dec 20 & 21. Schedule to be shared asap
- *Volunteer time: Thursdays from 9-11 in meeting room or makers space for parents to come in and volunteer and assist with anything teachers need assistance with.*

6. New Business

6.1 Hot Lunch - on order forms can parents opt to donate lunch if absent? *Will be adding a disclosure: Absent students - parents must call the office by 10am on hot lunch day advising they will be picking up their child's food. If not, food will be donated to another student.*

7. Upcoming Events *None*

8. Next Meeting:

Meeting Dates as follows (2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm)

Dec 14, Jan 11, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, June 13

9. Adjournment *6:51pm*