

Bruderheim School Council Meeting

Location: ZOOM Online Date: November 2, 2020 Time: 7:00 pm

1. Call to order: 7:03 pm

In Attendance:

- Alison Blaikie
- Cheryl Semeniuk
- Jacquie Senchuk
- Pat Lee
- Colleen Holowaychuk
- Miranda Braun
- Nicole Kammer
- Terri Barron
- Stephanie Campbell

2. Review Agenda & Approval - Motion:Stephanie Campbell 2nd:Terri Barron,
All in Favor

3. Approval of September's meeting minutes -
Motion:Stephanie Campbell, 2nd:Jacquie Senchuk, All in Favor

4. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk

All of the audits that AHS has done at out schools have all resulted in clean audits with no other recommendations. So schools and the division have done a great job.

Athletics - EIPS was more conservative with not allowing them from the start, and now the boards around the metro area are starting to pull back and cancelling athletics in their divisions.

Results reviews are this month, this week are the central office reviews and the schools are after fall break. If the school council rep is interested in participating, please contact your principal for the zoom link.

COSC meeting is coming up on Wednesday, if you are able, it would be great to zoom in.

5. Principal Report - Cheryl Semeniuk

1. This Friday, November 6, our school will be honouring Remembrance Day. This week, students will learn about a local veteran, Alex Decoteau. Wreaths will be placed Friday morning by each class along the boulders of our outdoor classroom. At 11:00 a.m., students will honour two minutes of silence.
2. I would like to encourage everyone to focus on [pedestrian safety](#) as the days get shorter. We have seven grade 5 and 6 students doing after school crosswalk duties starting after November break. AMA will train them. Please pay careful attention at morning drop off by making sure to slow right down when you park and pull out.
3. School Education Plan- Last month, we discussed Goal 3: Students will prepare for lifelong learning, the world of work and citizenship through enhanced parent engagement and community partnerships. The discussion focused on improving parent engagement and communication strategies during COVID, school scenario 1.

Our school goals also include:

School Goal 1: Students will achieve a minimum of one year's growth in literacy and numeracy.

Literacy: Staff is working with a literacy researcher from the University of Alberta, Dr. Georgiou, examining current research on the science of reading. Our instructional strategies and interventions for struggling readers center around the 5 Pillars of Reading:

1. Phonemic Awareness - hearing, identifying and manipulating the sounds in spoken words.
2. Phonics - connecting the sounds in spoken words to letters and letter patterns.
3. Fluency - reading in a smooth and connected way.
4. Vocabulary - knowing a variety of words about many topics
5. Comprehension - understanding the meaning of the text you are reading.

We will be sharing information with you about each pillar throughout the year so that you can support your child in developing these skills at home.

Numeracy: A strategy that teachers use in the classroom is called Number talks. Number talks offer a bridge between basic facts, conceptual understanding and mental math. A Number Talk is a short, ongoing daily routine that has students explore a concept.

Steps for a Typical Number Talk

- The teacher presents an expression or problem for students to solve mentally.
- Allow adequate “wait time” for most students to come up with an answer. Students can signal with a thumbs up when they have solved the expression.
- Initially, invite students to share their answers only, not their solutions.
- Then ask for student volunteers to share how they solved the problem.
- For each student who shares their solution strategy, chart their thinking on the board. Make sure to record their thinking accurately; do not shape or correct their response.
- Have several students who used different strategies share their thinking with the class.
- Invite students to question each other about their strategies, compare and contrast the strategy, and ask for clarification about confusing strategies.

School Goal 2: Students will learn and apply positive mental health, physical health, and social skills strategies to build a robust, safe and caring school community.

Strategy: Each month, we focus on an aspect of positive mental health and social skills. Our November Wellness Theme is Empathy. Empathy is the ability to sense other people's emotions, coupled with the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling. Perspective-taking refers to our ability to identify and understand other people's feelings. November 16-20 is EIPS Bullying Awareness Week, and we are focusing on empathy and perspective as essential to stop bullying. Students will be doing activities that week based on the book [Hey Little Ant](#) by Phillip and Hannah Hoose.

6. Teacher's Report – None

7. Town Report - Pat Lee

On Wednesday, November 11th, Remembrance Day, the Town will hold a short service in honour of our Veterans at 10:45 at the Cenotaph. Please wear a mask if attending. No inside service or lunch.

Town Office will be closed Wednesday, November 11, for Remembrance Day.

Please remove curb ramps now to avoid any costly potential Town equipment damage during snow clearing.

Metro Kalyn Community Library is still offering curbside pickup service. Contact the Library at (780) 796-3032.

Bruderheim Minor Sports Association is running 2 fundraisers in support of local youth. Contact hauchashley@hotmail.com or tanbob69@hotmail.com.

The 'Shop Local Market' is starting Saturdays at Bruderheim Walker School. Local vendors and products. Admission is a \$5 food bank donation or a Food Bank item.
Visit Bruderheim's website to stay informed on COVID-19 notices and updates.

8. Financial Report - Jacquie Senchuk

\$2002.56 in main account

\$5557.94 in breakfast account

Friends of Bruderheim: Account: \$14 227.36 and GIC: \$9013.86

\$1120.24 deposited from Mom's Pantry and \$569.50 deposited from bottle drive. Stephanie mentioned approximately \$2500 still missing from Lions Club from a fundraiser in the 2018-2019 school year. Stephanie will get in touch with Darby Dunn to check on this money. We are also still waiting for a deposit from Oil Kings puck drop money (approx. \$900).

9. Breakfast program - none

10. Old Business - N/A

11. New Business -None

12. Other Business and Items for Next Month -

Fundraising - Jacquie mentioned maybe doing a bottle drive in January after Christmas break. Will discuss this more with possible dates at next month's meeting. It will go through the Friends of Bruderheim.

COVID-19 - Mrs. Semeniuk advised everyone to check the EIPS website for updates and changes to the checklist. Isolation times and symptoms have changed. Also, if parents could start sending extra masks, maybe 3, to school with students especially with the cold, winter months coming up.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 pm

Next meeting: Monday December 7, 2020 @ 7:00 pm