

December 12, 2023, Parent Council Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Jamie Sobkow

Amber-Lynn O'Brien

Andy Stiles

Amy Schramm

Ashley Carter

Colleen Holowaychuk (Trustee)

Brian Christie

Miranda Braun

Jen

Dave Armbruster

Meeting called to order at 5:33pm

Review and approval of the agenda, Amber accepts, and Andy seconded the motion. Approval of the last meeting minutes, Amber accepts, and Jamie seconded the motion.

Old Business:

Enhance It- the order is in progress; shirts will soon be made. Mock ups have been done and reviewed and accepted. They look great! The online store is up and running for parents to order.

Raffle baskets- 1 large games basket and 3 small baskets (an ice cream sundae basket, Christmas baking basket and a movie night basket) are almost ready. We will sell tickets for the baskets the evening of the concert when doors open and until the concert starts. \$2 for tickets for the 3 small baskets and \$5 for tickets for the large basket. Miranda will do up a write up for the baskets and Jamie will go into the school to print and cut out slips to be handed out to the kids to take home to let parents and other attendees know to bring cash to the concert for the baskets. Miranda is donating the items in the baskets and Andy will donate the Cineplex movie gift card of \$25 for the movie night basket.

New Business:

Cierra M. has sent in a resignation letter to Dave Armbruster and has stepped down as our treasurer as of December 12, 2023. Andy makes a motion to accept her resignation and Jamie has stepped up to fill the treasurer position along with secretary. Andy motions to accept that Jamie has offered to take the position. Amber seconds.

Principal Report:

Principal Report - Parent Council Meeting - December 12, 2023

Parent/Teacher Interviews by Phone – We had a great round of Parent/Teacher Interviews on December 6 & 7. We conducted them by phone this time as a result of being in a respiratory illness outbreak for approx. two weeks prior. So, the decision was made to have them via phone considering we would be informed by AHS on December 6 whether they would lift the status or not. Despite them being over the phone, we had 68% of parents signing up, with the highest two classes being at 85%. Not included in this percentage are the phone calls that teachers also initiated to some parents that had not signed up. Thank you to our teachers and parents for engaging in these important and intentional conversations as we partner together in education!

TIGER Trait Assemblies - (Teamwork, Integrity, Grit, Empathy, Respect) For the months of November & December we are focusing on Integrity. As we look ahead to January & February, we will focus on Grit!

Annual Assurance Review - We had our Annual Assurance Review with our EIPS Trustees and Sr. Admin on November 27, 2023, at AL Horton in Vegreville. Thank you for the support that you show our school and that you show to your children. This was a great opportunity to talk about both our successes and challenges from last year and this was a collaborative and supportive conversation. Thanks to Lareina Dibben, our School Counsellor and Amber-Lynn O'Brien, our School Council Chair for joining me and for representing our school very well!

Government of Alberta - Learning Disruption Funding - \$8,665 was allocated for BRU students in Gr. 1-5 who would benefit from extra support based on the GOA Screeners and STAR data. More details will be coming soon, and we plan to have this intervention begin in the new year.

Mitten Tree - The students and staff at Bruderheim School collected 3 boxes of mittens which were all donated to the County of Lamont Food Bank on December 11. A big thank you to Mrs. Bettac for organizing this initiative to help keep hands warm in our community during this winter season.

Christmas Concert front row seats - Draw on December 18 at 2:00 p.m. Information went out on Friday, December 8 and people started buying tickets on Monday, December 11.

Christmas Cards from School Council - All 117 students will receive a package from School Council this week with two Christmas cards and stickers. Thanks for this great idea and positive way to spread some Christmas Spirit during this season.

(K:19, Gr. 1:20, Gr. 2:13, Gr.3:13, Gr. 4/5:26, Gr.5/6:26)

Christmas Concert dress rehearsal - Afternoon of December 20

Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m. - December 20 - Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Last day of school is Friday, December 22!

~ MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

First day of school in 2024 is Monday, January 8, 2024!

Food Bank Drive for County of Lamont Food Bank - Together with Castle School, we here at Bruderheim School are running a Food Bank Drive from January 8-19, 2024. All donations will go to the County of Lamont Food Bank.

Next School Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Trustee Report:

Bruderheim Trustee Report

Thank you to Amber who came for assurance reviews.

Received the resignation of Jim Seutter due to relocation of residence. EIPS will not hold a bi-election.

Approved 2022-2023 Annual Education Results Report.

Approved 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements.

Approved 2023-2024 Fall budget \$207.5 million

Reminder:

- Next Committee of School Council January 10, 2023, at 6:30pm (virtual option)
- School council engagement grant
- Budget survey

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!
Colleen Holowaychuk

Town of Bruderheim Report:

Town Report

REMINDER: LICENSE RENEWALS

This is a reminder that Bruderheim business and dog license renewals are due January 31st of 2024.

GIVING TREE AND CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The Giving Tree is up at the Bruderheim Town Office and full of tags waiting to be filled. Tags are for children's gifts and /or toiletries for seniors. Help make this year's Christmas Hampers full of love!

Christmas Hampers will be delivered Sunday, December 17th. To make a donation, please call 780-619- 6955 or visit the County of Lamont Foodbank website.

Council Meeting at 7:30 tomorrow

Next council meeting Jan 10 at 7pm in the New Year

Thank You

Ashley Carter

Financial Report:

Only payments made from the account are the ones for babysitting during the meetings and Mrs. Taylor has been reimbursed for purchasing snacks. Signatures will need to be updated at the bank for the treasurer position. Enhance It will send an invoice for the shirts and council will send a cheque to pay for the order.

Business for the next meeting, February 6, 2024, at 5:30pm

We have received the grant that Amber applied for, \$500. What should we do with this money? There are parameters to work with.

Go over all potential fundraisers and decide how many and which ones to do. Jamie will speak to Andrea at Old Country Sausage to see if we can do a meat fundraiser locally. Maybe Stawnichy's perogies? We will discuss this and more options.

Friends of Bruderheim meeting will take place at next parent council meeting in February.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm