

Dewberry Council Meeting: March 6, 2024

Members in attendance: Tyson Lancaster, Tatiana Lidstone, Darlene Goldsmith, Darlene Bensmiller, Stacey Nelson, Logan Nelson, Lisa Bensmiller, Tyler Comeau and Lindsey Smyth.

Called to order at 6:35pm by Lisa Bensmiller.

Minutes from last meeting read and reviewed by Tyler Comeau, adopted by Darlene Bensmiller and seconded by Stacey Nelson.

Tyler Comeau suggested swapping the order of the current meeting agenda, which was approved and agreed to by consensus.

Lisa Bensmiller nominated Lindsey Smyth for Secretary, which was seconded by Darlene Bensmiller. Lindsey Smyth accepted the nomination.

Logan Nelson, grade 5, delivered the Student Report. (See copy of report)

Tyler gave his principal report. The following events that transpired over the last few months were reviewed, starting with 3 high school students being nominated for a weekend event with the Dragon Den mentors with the vote taking place this month. Events with Ryan Straschnitzki and Chris Koch were well received by students, with amazing feedback being given. All high school students have been certified in level C first aid, which is a high school credited course. Most of the staff is SIVA certified, including Tyler, with two remaining uncertified staff being certified this month. The Kinsoo Ridge ski trip was a massive success with nothing but good things said by students, staff and parents. JR high basketball is winding down with the boys finishing season with strong performance at Highway 16 tournament, while the girls will find out this week if they make the provincials. The application for \$5000 grant for school technology was approved by the board of trustees on Feb 28 and has been sent to the county. The Green Certificate program was featured on R.C. Of A.S.B. website. Superintendent visit on March 6 went well. Tyler also covered future events upcoming in the school. Badminton will be teacher ran four days a week after schools for both SR high and grade 8. Swimming lessons for grades 4-6 will start next week, and grade 1-3 later in April; KIDS will be approached to help offset costs of swimming lessons. Teachers will be meeting with Tyler to discuss optimum learning and universal support levels of numeracy and literacy. April 11 will be the school based speaking contest and April 30th will be the regional contest. Tyler went over the criminal record check for volunteers requirements off of the BTPs website and expressed his support of this policy. Principal report is ended by Tyler with reading the school vision and mission statement; these were reviewed by staff today and all were happy with these being used as the guiding principles to direct school spending and time.

Also brought up by Tyler was the ABSCA Engagement Grant of \$1000 received by the school in September. \$796.80 is remaining after spending \$203.20 on the council presentation. Tyler has suggested spending the remaining on either radio advertising promoting the school, another ABSCA presentation or promotional items such as pens, magnets etc. Tatianna agreed with a

radio ad, which Tyler has a council in radio and has offered to make the ad; Tyler will get price quotes and look into local area radios. Tyler has also suggested paid for Facebook/Instagram ads, which Tatianna shared her insight on these being a local business who uses social media for promotion.

Teachers report was given by Tyson Lancaster. Tyson shared that the staff is in agreement that resiliency of the student body is on the rise and the school is no longer "Covid learning". The major focus on literacy has continued. Tyson expressed some difficulty with high school classes and navigating online based work space, emails and projects; he reiterated the importance of absent students keeping caught up using these resources and remembering if the school is open, learning continues. Mr. McLean is continuing to offer after school math help for grades 7-12. \$1000 of books were ordered for the library, much to the excitement of the students, and they are being encouraged to read more by checking out the new material. February was literacy month and Miss.Surina organized many events that the students and teachers alike loved. The students are also enjoying JR. high drama class and there is talks of a spring productions/ spring fling.

School clothing order forms will be sent home by Stacey own March 7. Cayla's Creative Design will be making the clothing. Orders will be due March 22.

Trustee report was read by Darlene Bensmiller, on behalf of trustee David Bensmiller. There are currently 9 trustees in BTPS. The stakeholder meeting was held for 2023-2027 on February 5-6. The next board meeting is March 20 at 9am in Wainwright.

It was decided to be too early to discuss last day of school activities, and this topic has been pushed to next meeting.

New business included Stacey passing around hot lunch volunteer pick up list. The list will also be put on Facebook. There were a few swift K issues regarding the hot lunch orders going out last month and as a general reminder, hot lunch orders will always be published mid month.

The next meeting date has been set for May 1, 2024 at 6:30PM at Dewberry School.

Meeting adjourned by Lisa Bensmiller at 7:45PM.