

Calmar Elementary School Council Agenda

Monday, November 27 at 3:20 pm

In Attendance: Devona Klassen, Bernadette Hawkins, Amy Hodge, Kara Kushinski, Krista Gardner, Christine Sikliski, Sue Biddell-Lyon

- 1) Call to Order- 3:30pm
- 2) Treaty 6
- 3) Welcome & Introductions
- 4) Review of and approval of agenda
- 5) Administrative Report – Bernadette Hawkins

Christmas Concerts

- ❖ Wed., Dec. 20 for K - Gr. 3 & Thurs., Dec. 21 for Gr. 4 - 6
- ❖ There will be a 1:30 & 7:00 performance
- ❖ Doors open at 1:10 & 6:40 respectively

Visible Learning

- ❖ Looking at data and research to move from 'what works' to 'what works better'
- ❖ Having teachers think of and evaluate their impact on student learning
- ❖ There are 10 mind frames for Visible Learning that we will be working through and implementing as a staff.

Three Year Plan

- ❖ Staff will be finalizing this at our Dec. 4 staff meeting.
- ❖ Visible Learning will be the overarching umbrella, with a goal in Numeracy, Literacy and Wellness

Learning Loss Grant

- ❖ Based on our screener results in Numeracy and Literacy, the school is given \$11,689.55 in money to support students in Gr. 1-5. This equates to just over a 0.1 certified FTE.
 - this is resources to keep
 - PD days for teachers (in-services, classes, ect.)

Christmas Elves

- ❖ We will be collecting nonperishable items, personal care items, unwrapped toys, mitts, toques, etc from Dec. 5 - 14

Christmas Spirit Days



Student Activities

- Grade 4-6 going to the curling rink this week
 - o Also there is 2 sets of floor curling that can be signed out from Calmar Curling Club
- Krista brought up skating at the arena in the new year.

6) Trustee Report – Devonna Klaassen

Superintendent Search

It feels like I've been saying 'stay tuned' on this one for forever! Interviews for the Superintendent's position have concluded. The pool of applicants presented a number of outstanding individuals to consider. The Board is pleased to announce that [Michael Borgfjord was selected](#), with his appointment effective June 1, 2024. Mr. Borgfjord has 18 years experience as Chief Superintendent in both Manitoba and Alberta. He is currently the Superintendent of Pembina Hills School Division.

Advocacy

As part of our ASBA Fall General Meeting, Black Gold's resolution to advocate for sustainable funding for dual-credit programming was passed. Dual Credit is highly advantageous to students

and families. Black Gold is doing this well and constantly expanding opportunities. We want to see this well supported.

Additionally, at our Fall General Meeting, we attended the MLA Breakfast, where we were joined by MLA Brandon Lundy, and had the opportunity to greet a number of MLAs and Ministers to share issues and challenges related to school boards and education. As well, both the Minister of Education, Dimitrios Nicolaides, and Premier Danielle Smith spoke and there was an opportunity for Q&A.

ASBA Director

I was elected by trustees from the Edmonton Region to serve as a Director on the provincial Board of Directors for the 2023-2025 term. I am absolutely honoured to serve in this role, supporting education, the future of education, and good governance from a high level perspective.

Fall Planning

The Board met for two very full days this month for financial review, assurance results analysis, and strategic planning. Our review and discussions are captured in our [November 2023 Strategic Plan Update](#).

International Students

We recently had International Students from Columbia here for a short stay for the second year in a row; a great time was had by all. In January we have students coming from Japan to attend Black Gold schools for 12 weeks. There is a call out for host families if you're interested!

Next [Board Meeting](#) - November 29, 2023

Devonna devonna.klaassen@blackgold.ca

7) Old Business

a. Grant Ideas

- Kevin Cameron's daughter has a long wait list.
- Tabling till next meeting

b. ASCA presentation in Leduc

- thinking of ways to try getting more parent involvement
 - send letter to Kinder/ Grade 1 parents
 - lunch or later meeting start (ex. 5:30pm)

c. Home Alone Course Update

- Leduc County is putting on course at Calmar Public Library

d. Teacher Favorite Things Questionnaire

- will get teachers to fill out

e. Parent Involvement/How to help the teachers input from Staff

- will discuss at next staff meeting

8) New Business

a. Budget for remaining year

- Pre K will run more days
 - 4 year olds Monday- Thursday
 - 3 year olds Wednesday- Friday

b. Wellness Update on programs including reading buddies, BOK Class, Boys & Girls Clubs etc

- Focus on Kindness throughout the school
- ZenDen (Division 2)

c. Letter for Kinder/Gr. 1 parents explaining School Council

- Letter will go out prior to next meeting

9) Next Meeting Date – January 22, 2024

10) Meeting Adjourned- 4:22 pm

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