

Calmar Elementary School Council Agenda
Monday, February 26 at 3:20 pm at Calmar Elementary School

Attendance: Attendance: Bernadette Hawkins, Devona Klassen, Kara Kushinski, Krista Gardner, Christine Sikliski, Sue Biddell, April McDonald

1. Call to Order- 3:28 pm
2. Treaty 6
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Review of and approval of agenda
5. Administrative Report - Bernadette Hawkins

WISEST Conference

- 4 of our Gr. 6 girls went to the UofA WISEST Conference. This is a focus on women in science, engineering, and technology. The girls had a wonderful day.

Badminton

- The school had 7 students participate in the Black Gold Badminton tournament.
- Laura McDonald received a bronze medal and Brayton Kushnerik & Charlotte

Mortimer received a silver medal.

Kindness Card Making

- This was a kit again this year. We ran out of materials in the first week so we had to restock.

Zen Den

- This is going well. Students like having a place to just relax and regroup.

Celebration of Learning

- Tuesday, March 26 from 3:30 - 7:30

Breakfast Club

- Ms. Martin and helpers from the Leadership Club make and serve toast every morning. There is a good turnout. They usually go through 2 ½ loaves of bread each morning.

Health Powered Kids

- Mr. Walker will be running this program. It will run every Wednesday morning before school. Parents will have to sign up their children for it.

Spring Photos

- April 3 & 4

Happy Kids Daycare

- Board has given them approval to open a preschool @ CES

6. Trustee Report - Devonna Klaassen

Leadership Transition

- Superintendent Michael Borgfjord officially starts at BGSD on Friday March 1st! There is a lot of information transfer happening in Senior Administration, as we enter into a busy time of year where it is not only business as usual, but also hiring and preparing the budget for the 2024/25 school year. The Board has established a Transition Committee to ensure this process happens smoothly and efficiently.

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

- Just a reminder that if you have received a code for this survey to please take the time to share your feedback.
Deadline is March 1, 2024.

Board Statement on Gender Identity Policy

- The BGSD Board has issued a statement on the Government's proposed Gender Identity Policy. This is proposed policy - at this time there is no change in practice. We continue to follow the dialogue from the government closely and will be involved in discussions to gather input on implementation over the next several months.

ASCA Conference Sponsorship

- Once again, the Board of Trustees is pleased to sponsor up to three (3) School Council Members to attend the Alberta School Councils Association Conference taking place April 26-28, 2024 in Edmonton.

Friends of Education Nominee

- The Board of Trustees is pleased to support the nomination of Manluk Industries for the 2024 Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Friends of Education Award for their ongoing partnership with Black Gold, supporting growth and education at Calmar Secondary School in the Machining program.

Advocacy

- This month trustees met with the MLA from Leduc-Beaumont twice: once for a chat in regards to capital planning (namely a new high school in Beaumont), as well as opportunities for cross-ministerial support. Last week MLA Lundy also joined trustees for a tour of Ohpaho Secondary School.
We have a meeting and school tour (RBES) with our local MLA, Andrew Boitchenko, scheduled for early March.
- At the provincial level, we are doing some targeted advocacy with respect to:
 - Rural schools support
 - new draft social studies curriculum
 - partisanship in school board trustee elections

Our next Board Meeting - March 20, 2024

7. Old Business

a. Grant Ideas

- Needs to be used to educate parents or be used to pay for a SC member to attend ASCA

b. BOK class

- The Healthy Kids program Mr. Walker is facilitating
- c. Letter sent out
 - We will see if more people attend if we make the meeting later in the day.
- d. BG Rural School Survey
 - Waiting on the results from the survey company
- 8. New Business
 - a. Blinds added by April McDonald
 - Was discussed and the school/ PTA will need to pay for
 - b. ASCA Weekend
 - April is looking at her schedule and may attend if available
 - c. ASCA 2024 Resolutions
 - Homework given so we can come with our vote and not take time to read through it all at the meeting.
- 9. Next Meeting Date - April 2 @5:30
- 10. Meeting Adjourned – 4:26pm

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