**Regular Parent Council Meeting – January 17, 2024**

**Attendees:** Christine Carlson, Wendy Bazinet, Jamie Breitkreitz, Stacey Mack, Judy Lefebvre, Leslie McEachern, Denise Craig, Stacy Loitz, Lacey Bartholow, Amber Skogstad, Jo-Ann McGarva, Dale Bujold

Meeting called to order 5:37pm

Introductions and attendance taken

Previous meeting minutes read. Denise adopts minutes, Leslie seconds.

**Principal’s Report**

* It’s survey season. Alberta Education puts out an Assurance survey for grades 4, 7 and 10. A random access code is needed to complete the survey. The code will be mailed through Canada post and all posts/answers are anonymous. This feedback is to understand what works well and what needs improvement. Pembina Hills survey will be available January 22. This assists in creating an education plan, which is on a 3-year cycle. These responses are not anonymous. Student surveys will be read to students in grades 4-6 for their feedback.
* Barrhead Elks came for a tour of BES and were impressed with the Sunshine/Flex rooms. They decided to donate $5,000.00 for upgrades to the 3 Flex rooms. Thank you Barrhead Elks for your support.
* Current needs for BES at this time are:
  + Ipads for the 10 ELS students. Currently these students are using the Imagine Learning program and Google Read and Write. Imagine Learning tracks the progress of these students to see how well they are doing. Dale has applied for the Innovative grant, which if approved, could provide a maximum of $10,000.00. There is also the Microsoft grant which would cover the purchase of Surface tablets. Possibly purchase 1/2 tablets and trial out the programs on those to see how well they help the ESL students.
  + Viewsonic boards for classrooms where their smart board or projectors aren’t working optimally anymore. At this time, 7 are requiring replacement. The cost of a Viewsonic Board is approx. $2,200.00.
* Weather Policy: If is it -25 C or lower with the wind chill, students remain inside. -21 C to -24 C recess is shortened, and is at the discretion of supervisors. Freezing rain and rain indicate inside recesses as well. Environment Canada Weather app or Weather Network apps are used.
* Parent Teacher interviews are March 13/14

**Trustee’s Report**

* Our current Superintendent, Mike Borgfjord, has resigned. He has accepted a Superintendent position in the Black Gold School Division. A job posting was placed on the PH website. They are hoping to hire internally as to possibly carry on all the values and ideas he has established in his time at PH. We wish Superintendent Borgjford all the best in his new school division.
* Satisfaction surveys will be out in January. PH survey helps to establish a 3-year education plan.
* BCHS Renovation – Through community group concerns, there were about 16 people present at their last meeting to discuss the BCHS remodel. The board answered questions and is working with all groups. Design process will start later this month.
* The 2024/2025 school year calendar was approved. There was lots of support for the fall break which will be continued. The first day of school for students will be August 28, 2024.
* Mrs. Bourgeois received the Pembina Hills School Division Exemplary Teacher Award in November 2023. Congratulations Mrs. Bourgeois!

**Teacher’s Report**

* We asked Jo-Ann if she is interested in speaking on behalf of teachers in the school or if Dale includes it all in his principle’s report. She said Dale has it covered, but she would love to do an in-service at future meetings on different topics relating to how we can help our children. That information would be shared in the minutes. Jo-Ann agreed to do 1per year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm

Next meeting will be March 20, 2024 @ 5:30pm BES Staff room