

## **Senator Joyce Fairbairn School Council Meeting**

February 28, 2023 – 7:00 pm (At SJF)

**Attendance:** Leah Heidinger, Shannon Francis, Stephanie Beekman, Shannon Pratt, Skye Curtis, Craig DeJong, Kaylee Low

1. **Welcome:** Began at 7:00 pm
  2. **Reports:**
    - a. **Admin-** (Craig Dejong)
      - Badminton teams are all doing well.
      - New Budget: weighted on movement average, not getting funded for all the students they have. We are always growing so behind on funding. Some funding was removed with the new funding. So we will have less money in the division.
      - Transportation- not sure yet how it will work. There's not enough buses to do what they are asking us to do. Southland is having a hard time hiring.
      - Ms. Gile on leave, Mrs. Muirhaed filling in.
      - Shop teacher on leave, shop option turned down for term 3. Ms. Bryant is filling in some active options, "outdoor sports." Term 3 starts next week. Launching an option switch before the week starts.
    - b. **Division-** School boundary alignment committee. Might start a standing committee.
      - Results on the website from the Community Engagement site.
- I. ASCA Conference & AGM:** (Location-Delta Marriott Edmonton South)
  - Registration deadline is April 14
  - Conference is April 21 (starts @ noon) & 22 (all day)
  - AGM Sunday, April 23
  - PROXY vote deadline is April 13

Info from Division Email:

### **Deadline for registration is April 14**

Link to Conference information and learning sessions, page with registration link, and general meeting information and resolutions: [Annual Conference: Alberta School Councils' Association](#)

**Reminder:** Lethbridge School Division will pay the registration cost for one parent per school for the conference/ annual general meeting. You can register yourself and then seek reimbursement (ensuring you have all receipts) or you can contact Executive Assistant Kristin Solowoniuk ([Kristin.Solowoniuk@lethsd.ab.ca](mailto:Kristin.Solowoniuk@lethsd.ab.ca)) to assist with registration and have the school division pay for registration directly. The School Division provides \$250 to schools each year to support other costs as school councils see best covered.

### **Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2023 Resolution Package**

The ASCA has released its [2023 Resolution Package!](#) One of the main features of the business meeting on Sunday is reviewing, discussing and voting on proposed resolutions. Every School Council that is a member of ASCA has a vote for each resolution. All of Lethbridge School Division schools are members (the Board pays for membership fees each year). If you do not have someone attending the AGM, you may want to pursue what is called a Proxy Vote (a School Council attending the AGM can carry other School Council vote IF the form is filled out in advance). Here is a link to the form: [225747 \(albertaschoolcouncils.ca\)](#)

This year's resolutions found in more detail on the website, can be summarized as follows:

mandating criminal record and vulnerable sector checks for school board trustee candidates

- supporting integrated education funding

- integrating climate and biodiversity education throughout the K to 12 curriculum
- adding rights of victims of bullying and violence to the Education Act
- requiring consultation opportunities for proposed changes to legislation, regulations, or established programs or practice
- setting and meeting a student-to-school counselor ratio to improve mental health

→ No one from our council will be attending the ASCA conference & AGM.

→ Our council VOTED on the resolutions.

Kaylee will follow up with division to send votes with proxy.

Voting was unanimous as follows:

P23-01: YES in favor of having criminal record check

P23-02: YES supporting Integrated education funding

P23-03: NO to integrating climate & biodiversity education K-12 curriculum

P23-04: YES add right of victims of bullying

P23-05: YES to required consultation for proposed changes

P23-06: YES to school counsellor ratio

### 3. Old Business:

#### a. Speaker:

Response from Caroline Buzanko (From Calgary, Registered Psychologist)

<https://drcarolinebuzanko.com/speaking/>

-Cost will be \$500 for two hours (that is the discounted rate for schools + \$250 travel

-she is unavailable for this school year, so we **booked her for Tuesday, October 17th**

(plan is to have her speak to the students for the last hour of school and then parents for the second hour)

→ parents wonder if there will be much attendance if the presentation is directly after school. We will look into the possibility of broadcasting the presentation instead? (1 hour online)

Then maybe we'd have more people able to tune in.

-We could get a temporary zoom if we need to.

-If the presentation is goes well, we could look into having her present for a 'health day' to the students.

#### b. Spring Speaker:

-Kaylee is willing to do a presentation if we would still like to have one at our school this spring.

-The presentation she has been doing is 'Intentional Living in a Digital World.' Where she shares research and ideas for healthier tech habits and meaningful connection within families.

-Planning for Wednesday, April 26th for parents & teens @ (what time?)

### 4. New Business: none -

**Next Meeting:** May 16th @7:00 Firestone

\*\* Last book club meeting will be April 25th @ 6:30.

**Adjournment: @ 8:20**