

## Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

### Minutes

**PRESENT:** Therese Houston, Kelly Grijalva, Gilles Mousseau, Laura Barkman, Diane Lamoureux, Jennifer Oldfield, Kerri Nelson, Aga San Juan, Diana Vander Aa, Marla Nystrom-Smith, Amber Strong, Kerri Nelson, Claudette Thibert, Eryn Barthel

### REGRETS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:37 PM by Marla Nystrom-Smith

2. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA** – none

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 1, 2021 MEETING

Motion: To approve minutes of December 1, 2021 meeting as presented.

Moved by Aga, seconded by Erynn.

**PASSED**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – None

5. **TEACHER'S REPORT** – Jennifer Oldfield

- Teaches English (for approximately 20 years)
  - Recently looking at progression in students' creative writing as the team wasn't seeing the progression from Grade 9 through 12 that they would anticipate
  - They are working to better teach creative writing
    - This is being done by breaking it down to look at what it takes to craft writing
      - Creating low stakes writing opportunities
      - Getting credit for the practice but the practice is not graded
    - They used Khaled Hosseini's *And the Mountains Echoed* to study dialogue
      - How does the author deal with dialogue?
        - Ask students to meet in small group to gather noticings
          - E.g. technical, commas, italics etc.
          - Not always using *Adula said* and *Father said*
        - Students are then asked to recall a dialogue from their own lives and write it
      - It is then brought together into a final project that includes the plot, dialogue, descriptions etc.

6. **STUDENT REPORT** – none

7. **NEW BUSINESS** – none

8. **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Received a cheque from the province for the work done to the basketball court

9. **COMMITTEE/LIASON UPDATES OR REPORTS**

- **Parent Volunteer Committee – Eryn Barthel**
  - No report
- **Fundraising Committee – Kelly Grijalva/Jenn Wade**
  - Pizza week is underway!
    - This is a contactless fundraiser running until January 16
    - School community is encouraged to order as well as post the promotion on social media
      - Diane/Gilles will add it to the CB Twitter account
- **Staff Appreciation – Claudette**
  - Requires some information for planning including budget, potential dates
  - Will discuss some ideas with Gilles

10. **CHAIR'S REPORT** –

- none

11. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- none

12. **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

**Remote Learning Period – Focus on:**

- Student Engagement
- Technology
- Not our first rodeo (Staff and Students)
- Bridging from winter break to in-person learning

**Return to School Safety Measures**

- Café CB – Service is closed till 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Reduced seating in cafeteria – eating in classrooms and Media Centre
- Ventilation
- Masks – Raising the bar
- Assessing a return to sport
- Students living within walking distance of CB going home for lunch

## Activities

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| - January 10 – 14 | Remote Learning                                |
| - January 17      | Return to regular classes                      |
| - January 25      | Staff Meeting, 2:45 pm                         |
| - February 1      | 1 <sup>st</sup> semester – Last day of classes |
| - February 2 – 3  | Transition Days – No classes Grades 9-12       |
| - February 4      | Divisional PD Day – No school                  |
| - February 7      | Second semester classes begin                  |
| - February 11     | Grade 9-12 Progress Reports posted on-line     |
| - February 21     | Louis Riel Day – No school                     |

## 13. PARENT QUESTIONS

- **Q - Ventilation – What is the timeline if HEPA filters need to be changed?**  
A – no specific timeline has been provided but school is in the queue for testing
- **Q – Masks – are cloth still an option if that is the student preference?**  
A – Yes. They are more concerned that the mask fits well than what they are made of.
- **Q – What is the optimism on things going well when students return to in-school learning?**  
A – They have good expectations – Student population is 650 and it was built for about 500. We are currently in Orange and doing the best to keep a 2 m distance with the overflowing building.
- **Q – Are the second term dates for the Arts & Tech (ATC) center the same? And where do the information packages come from?**  
A – The dates are the same and packages should be coming from ATC.
- **Q – How is remote learning handled at ATC?**  
A – ATC would best be able to answer these questions. Gilles believes some programs are in-person and some are remote.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:13 PM, moved by Aga, seconded by Claudette.

Next meeting: Wednesday February 2, 2022 (in-person)