

Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 2020

Minutes

PRESENT: Therese Houston, Donna Watson, Tina Choy-Pohl, Laura Barkman, Vanessa DeFoort, Julie Delorme, Kelly Grijalva, Sheila Holden, Aga San Juan, Claudette Thibert, Helena Zutter, Gilles Mousseau, Diane Lamoureux, Sandy Nemeth, Pamela Kolochuk, Kerri Nelson, Louise Johnston, Jennifer Wade, Sarah Tran, Jen Shapka, Margaret Storey, Jeff Anderson

REGRETS:

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:31 PM by Therese Houston
2. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA** – None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – April 6, 2021 MEETING
Motion: To approve minutes of June 11 2020 meeting as presented.
Moved by Jen Shapka, seconded by Donna.
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – None
5. **GUEST SPEAKERS** -

PASSED

Louise Johnston, Pamela Kolochuk, Sandy Nemeth and Jeff Anderson from the LRSD School Board speaking about Bill 64: Education Modernization Act which talks about **better education starts today and putting students first**

- Feels this is an insulting slogan – especially considering COVID where the division really put efforts into keeping students safe - but this is done **everyday**
- Students are always at the center of the organizational chart
- Bill 64 puts everything into one system and is then housed centrally and run by the government
- 15 regions that would have 100,388 student, 247 schools (Winnipeg, St. James, Louis Riel, Pembina Trails, Seven Oaks, River East Transcona) vs Brandon
 - Creates a large discrepancy between the how many students a single elected parent would be advocating for
- A single director would be in position to oversee the entire region – no trustees and no school community councils
 - Parents would now take on this role
- Parents, teachers and administrators are asking questions of the MLAs but no response is being received
 - How will our local needs be considered and met?
 - How will these changes address student achievement and gaps?
 - How will these changes address supporting schools, engaging parents?

- What happens to French immersion?
 - Will directors and members of the PACE speak French and understand the immersion pedagogy?
 - If larger classes lead to less contact time with teacher, what is the impact on language acquisition?
 - Will we still have single track French immersion programs? (This is only in LRSD at this time.)
- School Community Council (SCC) – Today, we do fundraising, ground/school yard enhancements, staff appreciation etc
 - With Bill 64: School programming and policies, staff hiring and evaluations, student achievement, capital projects, student transportation etc.
- Provincial Advisory Council on Education – 15 people, 1 from each region (elected) from this 15, two would be elected to the PEA board to represent the province
- Concerns:
 - 15 parents will make up the PACE. From PACE 2 parents will be appointed to sit on the PEA board. **2 parents to represent the entire province of Manitoba**
 - For our region, 247 schools and more than 100,000+ students, there will be 1 parent elected.
- **What are people talking about?**
 - Responsibility is on parents
 - Equality vs equity – “one size fits all” approach
 - Centralization of decision-making and procurement of supplies and services
 - Ignoring the impact of poverty on student success
 - What happens to the existing support programs run by the division for areas where they know there is a need?
 - Loss of democratically elected representation and oversight
 - Loss of input by community members in running of schools
 - Emphasis on standardized testing as determinant of success of the school and public ed in MB
 - Impact on the high-quality French immersion program in LRSD
 - K-12 review recommendations were ignored
 - Removal of school principals from the teacher’s union
- **Action: Read for yourself and ask questions**

What's next...

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Bill 64 will establish significant changes such as:

- ▶ The Education Act
- ▶ A Provincial Education Authority on or before November 2021 to oversee all K-12 education in the province
- ▶ A new provincial governance structure that eliminates school divisions (except the DSFM) and replaces them with 15 regions by July 1, 2022

First reading: November 2020

Second reading: October 2021

Committee: Register to speak to Bill 64 (204)945-3636

<https://bettereducationmb.ca>



Manitoba School Boards Association: Why should you sign up to speak to Bil 64? [localvoices.ca](https://www.localvoices.ca)

- **Resources:**

RESOURCES:

- LRSD's Thoughtexchange <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#542634789/hub>
- Manitoba School Boards Association <http://www.mbschoolboards.ca/localVoices.php>
- The Louis Riel School Division keeps updated information on their website <https://www.lrsd.net/Pages/default.aspx>
- Manitoba Government: Information for Parents and Caregivers https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/2020_2021/information-for-parents-and-caregivers
- Manitoba Government: Overview of New Governance Model https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/2020_2021/new-governance-model-factsheet
- Manitoba Government: Fact Sheet - Putting Manitoba Students First https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/2020_2021/putting-manitoba-students-first-fact-sheet
- Manitoba Government: Better Education Starts Today Report https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/proactive/2020_2021/better-education-starts-today-report
- The Legislative Assembly of Manitoba: Proposed Bill 64 – Education Modernization Act <https://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/42-3/b064e.php>
- Manitoba Government: Commission Report - Our Children's Success: Manitoba's Future <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/educationreview/docs/public-discussion-paper.pdf>

- If you email the MLA for the area (either Audrey Gordon or Andrew Smith) using the following:

	<p>Audrey Gordon Southdale</p> <p>Minister of Mental Health, Wellness and Recovery PC Email: minmhwr@leg.gov.mb.ca</p> <p>Office:</p> <p>Room 333 Legislative Building 450 Broadway Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8 Phone: (204) 945-1211</p>
<p>Constituency Office:</p> <p>175-115 Vermillion Winnipeg, MB R2J 4A9 Phone: (204) 415-7397</p>	
<p>Andrew Smith Lagimodière</p> <p>PC Email: Andrew.Smith@leg.gov.mb.ca</p> <p>Office:</p> <p>Room 227 Legislative Building 450 Broadway Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8 Phone: (204) 945-3709 Fax: (204) 945-1284</p>	

- Parent Council event June 17 6:30 to 8PM – 2 members per PAC
 - This is to facilitate the discussion around Bill 64
- Advocacy will continue through the summer and fall
- Bill 64 signs will be available, and we will be notified when they are available

Questions

- ***How do some of the larger metro areas operate with some of the same single, central operations? Seems like there might be some financial impacts to a single, streamlined system.***
 - **Louise:** Aware of other areas where this has failed. Division is looking at what is best for LRSD. “One size fits all” doesn’t work and in speaking to colleagues in other provinces, haven’t found savings or evidence of improvement.
 - **Sandy:** Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton still have an elected metro school board. Bill 64 removes the boards. In those communities, there is still an elected advocate who ensures that there is a voice at the table.
 - K-12 recommendations advocated for a diversity of voices
 - There are many appointed positions but few that are elected.

6. **TEACHER’S REPORT** – none

7. **NEW BUSINESS** – none

8. **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Invitation to the Bill 64 discussion with the Board on June 17 – we can send two parents via Zoom
 - If you would like to attend, contact Therese

9. COMMITTEE/LIASON UPDATES OR REPORTS

- Parent Volunteer Committee
 - nothing
- Fundraising Committee
 - Will look at options in the fall
- Staff Appreciation
 - Pizza from Rebel Pizza and cookies from Sweet Annie's were sent to staff. Well received by the staff – nice treat and a nice change. Staff felt appreciated and valued.

10. CHAIR'S REPORT

- nothing

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council Statement of Financial Position May 31, 2021	
ASSETS:	
Cash	\$7,058
Accounts Receivable	\$0
Total Assets	<u>\$7,058</u>
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS:	
Total Liabilities	\$0
Net Assets	\$0
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$0</u>

Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council Bank Reconciliation as of May 31, 2021	
Bank balance, May 31, 2021	7,057.79
Add: Deposits in process/Receivables	-
-	-
-	-
Total Additions	<u>-</u>
Less: Outstanding cheques/Payables	-
-	-
-	-
Total Deductions	<u>-</u>
Book Balance, May 31, 2021	<u>7,057.79</u>
Verification:	
Starting Book Balance, Sep 1, 2020	7,606.29
Cash Receipts & Accts Receivable	1.90
Cash Disbursements & Accts Payable	(550.40)
Book Balance, May 31, 2021	<u>7,057.79</u>

Prepared by:
Tina Choy-Pohl
08-Jun-21

Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council Statement of Operations September 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021					
Revenue	YEAR-TO-DATE			2020/21	
	ACTUAL	FORECAST	VARIANCE	BUDGET	PROJECTION
Show and Save (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Farm to School (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Student Fees @ \$2/student x 600 students	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
Glenlea Greenhouse (net)	-	-	-	600	-
Other Fundraisings (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	2	1	1	2	2
Total Revenue	2	1	1	1,802	1,202
Expenditures					
Staff Appreciation Week	550	600	(50)	600	550
Other School Climate & Student Support	-	-	-	-	-
CB en Vitalité	-	-	-	1,500	-
Comedie Musicale	-	-	-	-	-
Other Educational Enhancements	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Council Operations	-	-	-	100	-
Scholarship	-	-	-	600	900
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	550	600	(50)	5,800	4,450
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(549)	(599)	51	(3,998)	(3,248)
Opening Net Assets, Sep 1, 2019	7,606	7,606		7,606	7,606
Net Assets Available, May 31, 2021	7,058	7,007		3,608	4,358
Notes:					
1. Confirm with school if we are still receiving student fees in 20/21					
2. \$2,000 for basketball court as per January minutes					
3. Main expenditures are MB Assn Parent Councils, Cdn Parents for French, AGM; donation of Farm to School vegetables to local organization					
4. Increased by \$300 at June 8, 2021 meeting for 20/21 school year only.					

- Waiting on approval from provincial grant
 - Note that an email vote was undertaken in January for an increase of the budget for the basketball court to \$2,500 to \$3,000 as this had a two day turnaround.
- Motion to add one \$300 bursary for 20/21 graduates due to the pandemic and the resulting difficulty finding part-time jobs
 - Motioned by Helena and seconded by Donna

12. ADMINISTRATION REPORT

1. CB during the pandemic

- Approximately 30 students at CB

2. Career Exploration Week – May 3 to 7

- Grade 7/8: Skills Manitoba presentation (careers in trades and technology) / multiple intelligences quiz (on MyBlueprint)
- Grade 9/10: MyBlueprint (strengths and abilities quizzes – identified careers) / What career would you like to know more about (guest speakers / videos in the fall) / Is my Resumé up to date?
- Grade 11/12: How to prepare for an interview / typical questions / conversations about personal experiences / mock interview
- Videos
 - You don't know what you want to do after high school? You're not the only one.
 - What is a gap year?
 - Colorful Subject Area / Careers posters on billboards around the school (What might be YOUR career?)
- Plans for next year

3. CB Recognizing the loss of Residential School children

- Ongoing conversations during online class time
- It is our individual responsibility to keep on learning the history of Indigenous People
- Staff and students working on a symbolic gesture to recognize the loss of 215 children at the Kamloops Residential School.

4. 2021-2022 school year

- Staffing is almost complete
- Working on schedules
- School Plan
 - LRSD Youth Summit – May 5th
 - Student voice
 - May 31st Divisional PD day
 - Our School Survey Results
 - Staff conversations

5. Grad 2021

- Still in planning stages
- Respecting Manitoba Gvt Health Protocols

- [Protecting Manitobans COVID-19 BULLETIN #11](#)

6. Calendar of events

- Wednesday June 9 – Grad Lawn Signs / Cap & Gown Distribution
- Tuesday June 22 – Last day of classes (9 to 12)
- Wednesday June 23 to Friday June 25 – Transition Days
- June 25, 28, 29 Convocation Ceremonies
- Wednesday June 30 – Report cards posted online (7 to 12)
- Wednesday June 30 – Last day of classes (7/8)
- Wednesday June 30 – Last day of classes (early dismissal – 2:30 pm)
- **Thursday July 1st – Summer holidays!**

13. PARENT QUESTIONS

- ***What qualifies a student for Honour Roll?***
Check your student handbook.
- ***Forecast for pictures during cap and gown – alternate rain date?***
No alternate date. Teachers and Admin will be distributing signs and cap and gowns on June 9. Teachers will be taking pictures. Delivery will be in the morning.
Different from ATC's program.
- ***Grad parade – not a school sanctioned event – how can we contact other students?***
Admin has concerns with parade around the COVID protocols, specifically because students exited their vehicles for photographs at feeder school which occurred last year and was not in accordance with current health dept regulations. Gilles will get back to organizers.
- ***Transcripts – how will they receive these?***
They will be included in with the diploma – but universities will also ask for them.
- ***Was there something happening at the school for National Aboriginal Day?***
LRSD will be celebrating but nothing planned at the school at this time.
- ***Is the recognition of the Residential School in Kamloops specifically? And will the remembrance be adaptable if there are future discoveries of a similar nature?***
Yes, and it will be something that the school will explore on how they can continue to recognize Aboriginal Education and Land-based learning.
- ***Thanks and accolades to both Gilles, Diane and the staff from both Helena and Julie who have students graduating this year.***
- ***Thanks for all their hard work over the years to Tina, Helena, Julie, Donna and Sheila who are leaving PAC since it is their last year!***

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:32 PM, moved by Helena, seconded by Tina.

Next meeting: Tuesday September 14, 2021