

BDHS School Advisory Council

Minutes

Thursday, January 12th, 2012 7 PM – Rm 10

Attendance: Erin Massender, Karen Sullivan, Cheryl Brooke, Tammy Toll,
Tammy Velinou, Leanne McEwen, Julie Clendenning, Mark Sherman.

1. Welcome – Tammy T.

2. Student Reports – SC – Erin Massender, [SAA - (no report)]
 - Erin – **food fundraiser** went well,, bought gifts as opposed to gift cards for main student winners – new board audit rules
 - semi-formal**, well attended due to last minute ticket sales, low cost since no DJ, student generated playlist.
 - canned food drive** – final total over 4,000 items. Student challenge (or vice versa) to staff, male teachers dressed up in drag as a result one morning.-shortened 4 period instructional day just before Christmas break where students could sign up for a number of activities: bowling, skating, gingerbread house making, boardgames, movies etc.
 - door decorating contest** – Ms. Lansens / Carder get special mention.
 - candy grams** – ran but low response rate, may not repeat
 - Tacky sweater day** – went well, restart of Wacky Wednesday theme.

3. Staff Report – Karen Sullivan
 - Staff Health Challenge** before Christmas, teams being more fit and losing weight – everyone loss something (so everyone won...)
 - sports** – SBBB and SGVB leading leagues
 - 4 Bobcat curling teams this year with over 25 students competing
 - Provincial Gymnastics meet** this weekend, Pete K. involved.
 - Exams** are Jan. 27th to Feb. 2nd including weather back up date. All start at 8:15 am, run A,B,C,D, blocks one per day. Two hour delay start for inclement bus delay weather, if buses cancelled, everything moves one day ahead.
 - EQAO Gr 9 Math**, Jan 24th, 25th. – last week of classes, info letters went home before the break.
 - Province-wide PD** on-line session, via Adobe Connect – Karen S. and Pam Miner participated recently, looking at math gr 9 “closing the gap” resources.

4. Principal's Report

- Oct. 25th – **Interview Night** review – great turn out, new format of being earlier in term working well, numbers up from last year, will retain date.
- **PIC Mtg** – Oct. 20 – Round Robin review – Tammy and Mark – good access to senior admin team at LKCS that evening. Tammy pointed out in session with the Director that parents needed to be vigilant wrt on-line safety concerns, not just the school's responsibility. (was well received).
- **Report Card Comments** – mid-term changes, everyone seems happier with the new changes, clearer language, more personalized, province wide
- **PA Day - Nov. 25th – training focus**, Learning Goals, how to sum up for the students and post it so it helps them keep on track of where the lesson or classroom activities are going and what coming up.
- **Cycle Back date – Jan. 17th** (Part of District Review follow up process) 5-6 external people coming for walkabout to check out our growth towards our self-selected goals.
- **People for Education Survey** – completed and sent off.
- **Budget discussion** – this year's focus / IT changes, may be less desktop labs, more laptops / flexible access for students, more wireless, DD/MF spec ed proposal going in for iPad technology, may be a electronic sign for out front of school, depending on the quote price.
- **P symposium – synopsis**. – TPA / Conversations, both topics covered in depth, BDHS is "On Track and proficient in these areas".
- **Staffing – semester 2** – little change, just the one Mat leave is continuing.
- **Open House Jan 18th** – 6 – 8 PM.

5. Health and Safety – Fire Marshall inspection is scheduled for Jan. 25th, AM.

6. Special Education – DD/MF technology proposal – going in.

7. Open Items: none.

8. Next Meeting: Feb. 9th, 2012.