

RI Baker Middle School  
School Council  
MINUTES- November 21

1. Call Meeting to Order – Introductions & Welcomes  
6:33 pm  
In attendance: Shannon Little, Josh Martens, Shauna Pauls, Natasha Richards, Tanya Johnson, Krista Gaskell, Jason Prebushewski, Shannon Kasko, Tamara Hoogerdyck, Shannon Kasko.
2. Approval of Agenda – Natasha Richards
  - Motion to approve: Shauna Pauls
  - Additions to the agenda- Maegan Peacock
3. Approval of minutes –Shauna Pauls
  - Motion to approve: Natasha Richards
4. Reports
  - i. Trustees Report (Trustees not in attendance today)
    - On October 30th, the new board met for the first time and had their organizational meeting first and then a regular board meeting.
    - Robert Strauss was re-elected as board chair and I (Debbie Laturnus) was also re-elected as vice chair. Kristine Cassie was elected as the alternate vice chair. We also went through committee and Calgary school assignments,
    - At the regular board meeting we discussed FNMI recognition at regular board meetings. We will have wording at our next meeting.
    - We discussed having a citizen’s forum at regular board meetings. Administration will bring back a format to our next board meeting.
  - i. Chairperson Report
    - Nothing to report
  - ii. Principal Report –
    - a. School Goals- Each year staff gets together to create school goals. Mr. Prebushewski shared school goals with Parent Council. This will be posted on our website once approved by the board.
    - b. The Michael Project- Proceeds from canteen sales this week will go to Alberta Children’s Hospital. Michael VL T-shirts are also on sale this week.
    - c. VTRA II- Violent Threat Risk Assessment. Mr. Prebushewski and Mrs. Gaskell attended this training last week.
    - d. Hands off school- More physical fights this year than in the past. Zero tolerance with regards to violence.

- e. Mental Health First Aid- Mrs. Gaskell attended Mental Health First Aid training. This training involved educating attendees about various mental health issues, how to recognize them, and how to approach the person and encourage them to seek help. It was suggested that the school post the Family Services Center phone number, and Children's Help Phone number on the community board, website, and newsletter.
- f. Counselling hours at RIBMS- Currently Mrs. Taverner sees 60 students, and is at RIBMS for 2.5 days per week. Mr. Prebushewski has put in for here for an extra day.
- g. Kevin Cameron- Mr. Prebushewski spoke with him at VTRA training about what RIBMS is going through this year. He will be coming out with Mr. Pat Rivard to meet with Mr. Prebushewski, Mrs. Gaskell, and Dalayna Taverner to come up with an action plan for our school.
- h. Maegan Peacock- Mrs. Peacock will be off on medical leave until after Christmas. Mr. Ben Richardson.

5. Old Business:

- Turkey dinner update. Natasha Richards has volunteered to head a committee to take care of Turkey Dinner this year.
- Would like to support local businesses.
- Thursday, December 21
- Mr. Martens will put a sign-up sheet on website, so parents can volunteer for Turkey Dinner.
- Shannon Kasko will check on potatoes.
- Natasha Richards will contact local grocery and bakery.

6. New Business:

- Crosswalk safety- Students in the morning are running out into the street rather than using the crosswalks.
- Mr. Prebushewski will put a notice in December newsletter, reminding students to use the crosswalks.
- Mr. Gurr will be notified, and ask to watch for students that are not crossing at crosswalks.
- It was suggested that an additional crosswalk be added.
- There is also some concern about cars driving through the bus loop. It was noted that staff parking lot is difficult to get out of, and possibly the removal of the last two stalls may help.

7. Bouquets

- Dalayna Taverner for working diligently to make sure students on her case load are receiving the support they need.

8. Next Meeting Dates (6:30pm)

- January 23, 2018

9. Adjournment 7:48pm