

Senator Patrick Burns School Council Meeting

Sept 18, 2024

6:34 pm-7:16: pm (online)

Administration: Harry Ludwigsen (Principal), Kari Mandin (Assistant Principal)

Attendees: Ted B. (Outgoing Chair), Kristine S. (Secretary), Amanda V., Amery L., Anna E., Charleen N., Christina, S., Deoraj D., Henry Y., Karilynn S., Miranda, K., Megan S., Miriam P., Natalia A., Brenda Rincon, Stephanie, Stephanie D.

Call to Order (6:34 pm)

Introductions

Review and approval of last month's meeting minutes

- Last month's minutes approved.
- Minutes are available here: <https://senatorpatrickburns.cbe.ab.ca/>

Principal's Report

- SPB needs your help: We need you to take up positions in our School Council and our Parent Association. All but two positions of these councils need to be filled. Thank you to Ted Barr for his commitment to the School Council over the years.
- Very proud to see the Basketball court vision complete. Student had a huge part in realizing this goal by raising \$15,000, which was matched by Parent Council funding. Triwood Community was also very supportive. Every day after school there are kids using the courts, which is really nice to see.
- The school administration relies on input from the School Council (and Parent Council) for direction on initiatives to take within SPB. Everything shared in this forum is considered and actioned to the extent possible, so your voices are extremely valuable. Positions on School Council that are open today are very important. Would be particularly nice to fill the Volunteer Coordinator position this year to help rally parent support for things like Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs), field trips, fundraisers, etc.. This position requires liaising with teachers and parents. Having a pool of parents to draw from is extremely helpful and this position has been vacant for some time now.
- SPB has 762 students. This is above the 750-threshold required to receive extra funding for one extra staff. Would like to open a 6th Grade 6 class to reduce those class sizes. Grade 6 classes are very full across CBE.
- Confirmed that Harry will continue to send out fundraiser emails for Parent Association.
- Harry is working with Sr. Melchin to see if there are parents of band students who can support fundraising to support the band program. Some schools have a separate council for band but SPB does not. This would ideally be taken up by the School Council and particularly a couple of band parents.

Parent Association Report

- All positions are filled except for Treasurer. Amanda V. is the new Chair. Would really like a band parent representative on the council.
- Apple fundraiser this fall. Apples will be delivered Oct. 22
- Fill your freezer event in Nov
- Poinsettia's in early Dec

Key Communicator Report

- No update. Position vacant.

Volunteer Coordinator Report

- No update. Position vacant.

School Council Elections:

Voted individuals into the following positions:

Chair - Henry Yu

Vice Chair – Miriam Palomino

Secretary – Kristine Sare

Key Communicator – Miranda Kroutil

Volunteer Coordinator – Megan Swan

New Business

- Megan S. specializes in wellness and would happy to volunteer her support in this area:
<https://www.weareunsinkable.com/unsinkableyouth>

Next Meeting (3rd Wednesday of the month):

- Wednesday, October 16, 2024
- Wednesday, November 20, 2024
- Wednesday, December 18, 2024
- Wednesday, January 15, 2025
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025
- Wednesday, March 19, 2025
- Wednesday, April 16, 2025
- Wednesday, May 21, 2025
- Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Meeting Adjourned (7:16 pm)