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Call to Order: 12:05 pm

Present: Linda Wagers, Jade Prefontaine, Alahna Hunter, Carla Sparks, Jeff Thompson, Dawn Weststrate,

Agenda Additions: oldelibrary@gmail.com (Jade's email address) bgscouncil@gmail.com (email for the school council)

Old Business:

**New
Business:**

1. Welcome to Linda Wagers - new Bowden/Spruceview (Ward 5) School Board Trustee
2. School Council Page on our BGS Website -needs some work in the following areas:
 - a. Key Message
 - b. Members
 - c. Contact
 - d. FOG

School council members looked at this document and provided feedback. Will put it on the school website once it is ready to go.

3. Question about Lifetouch Photography -most schools use Lifetouch Photography but it is up to each school to decide who their photographer is. Alahna has heard that Lifetouch quality has gone down and price has gone up. This post was in regards to another community. People were angry about only getting one pose this year. There has been limited negative feedback given to the school. Dawn/Jeff can give Jason from Lifetouch some feedback about these concerns.
4. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant-\$500 grant that school councils can get to help promote school councils. There were some changes to it this year. Alahna to look into this. Could use this

money to help draw people into the school council.

5. Alahna would like to get a parent rep from each classroom on council this year. BGS could ask Tara Rankin to put this in the school newsletter. Alahna will write something up for the newsletter to give to Tara.

BGS Upcoming Events:

Nov 3 & 4 Parent Teacher Interviews (online) New online booking system for parents to schedule their interviews.

Nov 3 - Grade 9 "Take your Kid to Work" - virtual careers event

Nov 9 BGS Remembers-virtual assembly-consider sending the link for parents or live streaming on the FB page

Nov 11 & 12 Fall Break

BGS Admin:

1. Reporting AHS identified COVID cases to Parents -a new change is that a blanket letter is sent to parents when a positive case is confirmed in the school and when the student(s) have been infectious. AHS works with CESD division office staff and they let the school know when these letters need to be sent out.
2. Parent Drop Off and Pick Up-some concern about kids dashing out in front of cars and buses in front of the school. We are asking parents to pull ahead of the bus lane and against the curb to pick up and drop off students. Jeff spoke to the town about adding a sidewalk to the south side of the road in front of the school.
3. Teacher Collaborative Days- non-instructional Fridays. We meet with the other K-12 schools and collaborate in horizontal teams on improving teaching and learning practice.
4. Online Parent Teacher Interview Booking
5. Summary of Dual Credit
 - a. 3 Tech 1000 and 5 Welding 1167 (sem 2)
 - b. 2 ATG 1007 (Ag Electronics and Control Systems)
 - c. 6 offerings from Olds College in sem 1 and 7 in sem 2

6. Green Certification Program - 5 students participating
7. Two other field trip opportunities last week in gr 2 and HS-the grade 2's visited the Jungle Farm and some of the high school kids went on a hike at Dry Island Buffalo Jump

FCSS Report:

1. On October 5th, I met with Kelli Northrup and assistants to discuss some potential opportunities for the CTS students to participate in for work experience around Bowden, and through volunteerism. Several options were discussed through the variety of Clubs & Groups that are in and around Bowden.
2. October 7th, the CTS Students attended the Olde Library to assist with tidying up the raised planters and beds of the community garden. Students pulled out all the annual flowers, and hauled the compost to the larger composting stations in the park. The weather was beautiful, kids worked hard, and as a reward to celebrate a job well done, we went to the Reddi Mart for slurpees!
3. FCSS & Y.E.S. Coordinator Emily have partnered to offer a Kids Cooking "Snack Attack". There are currently 5 students (Grade 7 & 8) who are participating. So far we have made Pita Pizza and Ham & Cheese pinwheels. The idea behind Snack attack is to provide the youth with recipes that they can easily make at home with little to no supervision, and with ingredients that they will likely have on hand. FCSS has supplied the majority of the grocery items, and also some "goody bag" cooking supplies to celebrate at the end. Likely will be around \$450 - \$500 to the initiative.
4. FCSS & Y.E.S. will also be hosting the "Fall Scavenger Hunt" this Friday, October 22 here at the Olde Library, and throughout Centennial Park and surrounding area. Families will be given scavenger lists to find items as a team and then return for Hot Chocolate & Prizes.

	<p>5. October 20 is “Take Me Outside” day, the Grade 3, 4 & 5 class will be attending the Centennial Park & fire pit to make bannock. FCSS will be providing the roasting sticks, jam & butter to the students. Again, this is a partnership with Kelli Northrup. :)</p> <p>6. “Hygiene Confidence” 20 Deodorant /Antiperspirant sticks were brought to BGVS for the Jr & Sr High student to access. Youth that may not have access to supplies, or be aware of body odor issues will be able to grab one when needed.</p>
Town of Bowden:	<p>Thank you to Carol Pion for being our council rep from the Town. She has been a very supportive individual. Municipal election was yesterday and we have two new council people joining the Town Council. We will find out who our next representative will be next week.</p>
FOG:	<p>Fundraisers- Christmas catalog, Purdy's will start. Poinsettias for Christmas. Breakfast program bins will be stocked for classrooms, also lunchables. Is there anything teachers need or are thinking about?</p>
Parents Matters group	<p>Everyone is happy kids got back to school, glad there were no masks to start. Considering there were no hard cut protocols/Guidelines from government the district/schools did great getting things together.</p> <p>Bussing cost is a concern, numbers are down. Class size still a concern for some schools. Concerns around the Indigenous Day off, and how the future looks for that but also understand that this year was a quick turn around for planning.</p>
	<p>2021/22 Meeting Dates: October 19, November 16, December 14, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 6 (Weds), May 17, June 21</p>