

May 17, 2022

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**BGS School Council** email address is: [bgscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:bgscouncil@gmail.com)

[Google Meet Link](#)

**Present:** Jen Wood, Lindsay Taylor, Alahna Hunter, Linda Wagers, Jeff Thompson, Dawn Weststrate, Raelynn Notley, Jade Prefontaine, Gaye Grenier, Sandy Gamble

**Agenda Additions: None**

**Old Business: None**

**New  
Business:**

**BGS  
Admin:**

**BGS Upcoming Events:**

May 18-Gr 6 ELA Part A PAT  
May 20-Non-Instructional Day/TPGP  
May27-BGS Class of 2022 Cap and Gown Ceremony  
May 28-BGS Class of 2022 Banquet  
May 31-Vertical Team meetings  
June 3-Non-Instructional Day

June 6 -Physics Field Trip  
June 10-Jr/Sr High Dance  
June 13-Diploma Exam ELA 30 Part A  
June 14-Grade 6 PAT ELA Part B  
June 15-Grade 6 & 9 Math PAT Part A  
June 16-Grade 6 Math PAT Part B  
June 17-Diploma Exam Math  
June 17-Grade 1 Field Trip to Sunnybrook Farm and Kerrywood Nature Center  
-Grade 2 Field Trip to Red Lodge Park  
June 20-Grade 6 Social Studies PAT  
-Diploma Exam ELA 30 Part B

**Admin Report**

YES - presentation of the Youth Empowerment and Support Group - Raelynn Notley-Raelynn gave a presentation on the YES program for the group. The YES program is now in every community across the school division. Funding comes from local FCSS and CESD. Mental wellness programming K-8 focus that is preventative. Promotion of health and wellness. Safe and caring classrooms where mental health and wellness is discussed-how to manage feelings, developing friendships skills, dealing with conflict. Targeted student support is also available on recommendation from the school team. Fun, safe way to connect with peers. It is not counseling. Prosocial recreation opportunities for students to build skills in an area that they might be lagging. Universal youth programming is offered to everyone in group format.

Emily Smith is the Success Coach in Bowden. She splits her time between Bowden and Spruce View schools. The Success Coaches work outside of school hours-Fridays off and summers. Emily and Jade have created lots of programs together. Gaye and Emily also work closely together.

Contact Raelynn Notley for more information [rnotley@cesd73.ca](mailto:rnotley@cesd73.ca)

1. Staff/Student/Parent Basketball Game-lots of fun was had when the 3 basketball teams, parents and staff members faced off. The parent/staff team which included the grade 11 and 12 students won 41-40. Pizza and pop was enjoyed after the game.
2. Olds College Build a Dream and Discovery Day - Build a Dream Dawn took 10 high school girls to Olds College to learn more about women in STEM and the trades. It was a wonderful day. Olds College did a fantastic job organizing this inspiring event. Jeff and some of the high school teachers attended Discovery Day with 26 high school students to learn all about what Olds College has to offer. It was very informative for the students.
3. Kindergarten Field Trip to the Jungle Farm-Both Kindergarten groups attended a field trip to the Jungle Farm on Friday, May 13. Wagon rides, planting sunflowers, feeding chickens, learning about plants and enjoying the playground were enjoyed by all.
4. Bio 20/30 and Grade 7 Field Trip to the Calgary Zoo-The Bio 20/30 and the grade 7 students visited the Calgary Zoo to learn more about science concepts learned this year. The students had an excellent day at the zoo.
5. Life Skills letter to FOG-a letter asking for support for the BGS Life Skills program was sent to the FOG group.
6. School Activewear Group-Jade and Alahna went through the active wear and uniforms. Have a plan to look into some new uniforms-jr basketball will be first. Sizing from current inventory seems to be an issue.  
We have activewear that is for sale that we would like to move out for cost.
7. Budget and staffing-Corbyn and Chelsea will be moving on to other schools
  - Lisa and Kristy-will both be pursuing their Education degrees
  - Alexa Sackela-Geiger and Amy Severtson-joining our staff next year

<p><b>Parent Questions</b></p>	<p>Please send parent questions to <a href="mailto:bgscouncil@gmail.com">bgscouncil@gmail.com</a> ahead of the meeting</p> <p>Bus question about friends on a bus-From Corrine Varga Transportation Director. “Currently we are looking at it on a case to case basis. We are saying no to students who are not registered on a bus and we are accepting one offs for emergencies but we are trying to stay away from birthday parties, etc. The parents have been calling our office and if accepted, we are asking them to follow up with an email from both parents (receiving and sending).” Linda Wagers mentioned that there are concerns around insurance for kids who are not normally on the bus before and after school. This is different from a field trip. Alahna wondered if it had to do with COVID and still minimizing the number of children who are riding together. Jeff/Linda to gather more information from Corrine.</p> <p>Bell times-concern is around bell times that are different between elementary and jr/sr high. When teachers have to move from one schedule to another there seems to sometimes be a lag when teachers are getting back to elementary classrooms. There is about a 6 minute difference between the bell times. Because the jr/sr high kids don’t get recess there is a difference in the schedule both in the morning and afternoon. Typically if a teacher has a scheduling issue then we provide EA coverage until the teacher arrives. We try not to do too much schedule cross over due to this when creating timetables.</p> <p>Alahna asked Linda Wagers who sits on the Transportation committee about bus times and how many minutes students ride on a school bus. Linda explained that the goal of transportation is to try and minimize student riding time which can be very challenging.</p>
<p><b>Town of</b></p>	<p>Sandy Gamble-a letter was received from a citizen asking for the tennis courts to be repaired and set up for both Pickleball and Tennis. Jeff has spoken to Greg at the Town. It’s</p>

<b>Bowden:</b>	a big project which exceeds both the school and Town’s budget currently. A fundraising committee may be established to look into fundraising or a grant that may help with this project.
<b>FOG:</b>	Carla was absent. Life Skills letter to FOG-a letter asking for support for the BGS Life Skills program was sent to the FOG group.
<b>Parents Matters group</b>	Carla was absent.
<b>CESD Trustee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More locally developed courses have been approved to become part of the courses offered by CESD. These include Astronomy, Military Studies, Theatre, Marine Life and Ecosystems, and more Math!</li> <li>• Transportation has continued to keep replacing buses so as to keep the “age” at a reasonable state. This has been the standard practice. We currently have three buses serving the area for BGS. Budget will be monitored but fuel is always a consideration that is difficult at the best of times.</li> <li>• Lots of movement in the Division wrt to administrative and teaching changes. We are excited by the upcoming year with the many new groupings and combinations that have occurred.</li> <li>• Pre kindergarten/PUF (Program Unit Funding) was addressed with the Board. Asst. Superintendent, Marcie Perdue clarified how the gov’t has changed funding for students and some schools will be more affected than others. The Board will be asking for more clarification from the gov’t.</li> <li>• CESD has established a “Flourishing Stories and Innovation” ADHOC Committee to look into what is happening in other divisions and look at possibilities in CESD</li> <li>• CESD is looking into how to further provide safety and security to all students in the division wrt passwords for all grades</li> <li>• BGS grade 1’s should have received their tree for Arbor Day which is specifically designed to promote conservation with our students!</li> </ul>

## FCSS Report

1. **Volunteer Appreciation Supper** was a success! 120 + plus in attendance. Thank you to all the folks who attended.
2. **Kindergarten Field trip.** On April 29, both classes visited the Olde Library and Centennial Park for a field trip. The kinders painted rocks, chalked the walks, blew hundreds of bubbles, hula'd the hoops, snacked on the doughnuts, devoured the watermelon, and drank the juice boxes. A wonderful time was had by all!
3. **Y.E.S. & FCSS** Afterschool programming has started again with "Board at School" and "Minute to Win It"!
4. **Summer Programming** planning with Y.E.S. is just about finalized. We will offer programming in July and August with 2 age groups programming on most days. Family engagement events have been planned as well. Stay tuned for more details.
5. **Community Garden** - The garden is just about ready to go! It has been rototilled and we are just finalizing the clean up. May long weekend generally starts our garden season. BGVS has 2 lots that have existing strawberries, raspberries, saskatoons, chives, rhubarb and perennial flowers.
6. **Vision Board workshop** - held on May 11th, we had 7 ladies and 2 boys who joined. It was a nice evening of conversation & imagination.
7. **Good Food Box** - Is back! The contents are now being provided by Olds Uptowne Market and local growers. The May box included items from Shirley's Greenhouse. It is an affordable way to have fresh produce delivered right to Bowden once per month.
8. **Staff Vs. Kids Basketball Windup** - FCSS participated as a parent/programmer. Such a fun afternoon, ended in Pizza with the "Senior Seniors" winning by one? Thank you to those who organized.
9. **Athletic Wear** - Alahna & I went through and assessed the current jerseys and sports wear for the school. We are currently working with Staff & Administration to source and price compare options for new & replacements.
10. **Other** - planning toward a field trip here to Olde Library for water fights and bonfire with Kelli Northrup for June 17, and (at the school) Playschool wind-up on June 15. Seniors Week "Retro Bingo & Brunch" is in the works for June 7.

Consider September 15 for the fall BBQ-Jade will check to make sure organizations are free for this date and will bring info to our next meeting. **Let's set the date for Thursday the 15th**

	<i>of September.</i>
	2021/22 Meeting Dates: October 19, November 16, December 14, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 6 (Weds), May 17, June 21
	<b>Adjourn at 1:02 pm</b>

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