



Bison Bits

Buffalo Head Prairie School

February 4, 2020

Phone: 780-928-2282

February

5-Wednesday

Hot Lunch: Pizza

7-Friday

Red/Pink Student Council
Colour Day

REACH Assembly- 1:20pm.
ECS W/F Presentation

Grade 7-9 Report Cards
Sent Home

10-14 Monday-Friday

No School for Students

17-Monday

Family Day-School Closed

18-Tuesday

Classes Resume

19-Wednesday

Hot Lunch: Ham & Mashed
Potatoes

20-Thursday

Junior High CTS Day
(instead of day 2 this week)

Pre-ECS Parent Information
Meeting 7:00pm

21-Friday

Junior High Ski Trip

24-Monday

School Council Meeting
7:00 pm



Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) School Visit

On Friday, January 24, Mr. Dan Williams was invited to visit our grade 6 class. Mr. Williams spent time sharing information about his role as our MLA and also spent time answering a variety of questions from grade 6 students, their teacher and a parent.



We greatly appreciate Mr. Williams' efforts to help make learning come alive for our grade 6 students and we are grateful for his efforts to spend time at Buffalo Head Prairie School!

2020-21 Student Enrolment- Important!

As we begin to plan for the 2020-21 school year, it is VERY important to be aware of which students may be leaving the school next school year and which new students may be attending. The reason that this is so important is due to the fact that student numbers affect the number of staff we will have. It also provides us with information we need to best plan for students. Please call us at 780-928-2282 if you have information about new or leaving students for the 2020-21 school year. Thank you!

Pre-ECS Information

With Pre-ECS beginning on Friday, March 6 at BHPS, this is a reminder to all parents that this valuable program will begin soon. Please call us at 780-928-2282 if your child will begin Kindergarten next year and you are interested in having your child participate in Pre-ECS. For parents with questions of any kind, a general parent meeting will take place on February 20 at 7:00pm. This meeting will address student learning, expectations, and any questions parents may have.

Facebook Notice

As per FVSD expectations, every school in the FVSD now has a Facebook account for communication purposes. We currently do the majority of our general communication through newsletters, our website, and school messenger phone messages. If parents would like to see more communication through Facebook we will begin using it more frequently. If parents do not feel this is necessary we will be continue with our traditional communication practices. Let us know your thoughts!

Playground Supper and Auction Update

Thank you Buffalo Head families for your incredible support this past weekend at the playground supper and auction fundraiser. It was truly a remarkable community celebration that brought out the C in community!

In total, \$13,456 was raised on Saturday. These funds will be kept in an account to support the purchase of an additional play structure for children at Buffalo Head Prairie School.



THANK YOU!

Sock Drive Update

Buffalo Head Student Council has been collecting socks, which have been generously donated by our school families. So far, we have collected 486 pairs! The childrens' socks will be donated locally and the men's and women's socks will be donated to the Salvation Army in Edmonton. Mrs. Joch is volunteering with this organization in Edmonton and will be handing out socks to people who live on the streets in the city.

Any parents wishing to contribute socks may do so until the end of this school week. Socks will be dropped off during the Teachers' Convention break.

Staffing Information

Please be advised that Miss Morgan has resigned from her current teaching position at Buffalo Head Prairie School. Miss Morgan's last day at BHPS will be Friday, February 7. We wish Miss Morgan the very best in her future. As a result of this resignation, every effort will go into finding a suitable replacement in the days and weeks ahead. Ongoing communication will occur with school council members through this process. We will also keep all parents informed via school newsletter.

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School Council Meeting

January 20, 2020

Present: Chris Fehr, Ryan Janzen, John Harms, Mike Friesen, Mary Klassen, Brenda Wiebe, Sarah Lawlor, John Zacharias

1. Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda

M/S John/Mary that the agenda be approved. Carried.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Brenda read the November 25, 2019 minutes.
4. Approval of Previous Minutes - **M/S Mike/Brenda that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.**

5. Chairperson's Report

- a. Playground Fundraiser Discussion – Scheduled for Feb 1. Dave Froese has agreed to be the auctioneer. Ryan J. will make a SynerVoice call this week reminding people about the supper and asking for donations. Another message will be sent out the January 30 reminding people about the supper.

6. Principal's Report

- a. Numeracy

- i. A Culture of Math – PD Day on January 31 will focus on building a culture of math at BHPS.
- ii. School Council Involvement and Support? Will try to incorporate numeracy at school functions.

- b. Literacy

- i. 2nd Literacy Screener Assessment – currently being completed for grades 1-9.

- c. Information

- i. P/T Interview comments – less comments on the report cards encouraged more parents to attend interviews. Recommendation was to try 2 consecutive days of interviews, 2 hours each day.
- ii. Christmas Concert Feedback – Content was great, but too long. Suggested maximum length of 90 minutes. Students started fidgeting by the end.
- iii. J.H. CTS Departure Time – Currently the bus leaves BHPS at noon, giving students about ½ hour to spend at LCPS prior to class starting. Students are asked to bring a parent note to be signed by Mr. Fehr if they will be leaving LCPS. LCPS hasn't had any problems with students coming to class late. School council didn't see any concerns with allowing students to leave the school.

- iv. J.H. Behaviour Updated – Mr. Fehr explained the current junior high behaviour expectations and consequences. The last couple weeks have been much better. School council appreciates the efforts by staff to expect positive behaviour.
- v. New FVSD Bus Cancellation Policy – the policy now says bus service will be cancelled at -40 or -48 with wind chill according to Environment Canada data. On days that busses are not running; the school is open and parents are welcome to drive their students. FVSD has spare busses ready to go should something happen to a bus.
- vi. J.H. Ski Trip – scheduled for February 21 to Peace River, school council members are welcome to attend. All students are required to take lessons. Students have been selling chocolates to raise funds.
- vii. Scholarship Application – **M/S John Harms/Mike Friesen that Damon Wieler's scholarship application be approved. Carried.**
- viii. Student Enrolment Projections & Pre-ECS Update – Are asking parents to start registering their children for Pre-ECS. Pre-ECS will run from March 5 to middle of May. Also looking for parent feedback regarding starting at 9 am instead of 9:30.
- ix. School Facebook Accounts – FVSD Schools – FVSD Communications personnel has been posting to a BHPS Facebook page. Central Office is requiring each school to have an account. School council had no concerns as long as it isn't a requirement for parents to use it.
- x. Information: Teacher Recruitment Dates – Mrs. Morris was away last week and Mr. Fehr is going next week. Not a lot of interest for teacher's who want to come north.

7. Financial Update

- a. SGF Budget Review – report was distributed.
- b. Operational Budget Review – report was distributed.

8. Trustee Report

SGF funds are often mentioned by the auditors.

Next meeting is February 24, 2020.

M/S Mike/Mary to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.