

Attendance

X=present at this meeting

X	Kirsten Cronlund (Director)	X	Dr. Reid Prichett (Headmaster)	X	Rev. Phil Schnarr (School Pastor)
X	Chris DeMaria (primary unit rep)	X	Cara Dibb (intermediate rep)	X	Carol Nash (upper rep)
X	Sharon Neiger (special rep)		Justin Allen	X	Jenn Asplundh
X	Kym Brock		Sean Connelly	X	David Cooper
X	Jenny dePadua	X	Melinda Friesen	X	Naomi Haus-Roth
X	Christina Irwin	X	Tor Pitcairn	X	Landon Synnestvedt

Guests: n/a

Opening: Honesty

Rev. Phil Schnarr

Rev. Schnarr introduced the meeting with a review of the moral virtue to be emphasized at BACS for the month of October: honesty. He discussed the importance of teaching virtues in the context of the school’s overall mission, and expressed his gratitude for the full support of the faculty in this endeavor.

Q&A | Sound-offs

Around the Table

Wherein key issues are raised by the representatives on behalf of the constituency. Today’s items:

Issue	Action/Resolution/Comment
Getting the email about dress code changes was very helpful	
Some parents have questions about the building	More official news? Attendance at Society Meetings is a good source.
Revisit consideration of foreign language in primary grades	Suggested future topic.
Consider possible ways to disseminate minutes from this Council	Web site? Email a link?
Communications to parents: Minimizing paper, but also limiting email	Feedback requested on balance of these methods
Think about additional parent-involvement activities at the school	
Effectiveness of communication is just as important as frequency and methods	Communication will be a focus of this council
Criteria for scheduling times when school is not in session for conferences, in-service, and other variable events	Consideration of working parents, teacher schedules, community events, other schools, and holidays
Concept of a “virtual backpack” was raised, where parents are responsible for checking online to see if there are communications to them. This method is being used in other local school districts.	Consider in light of overall communications strategy
Parents feel their role on this council is to represent points of view as well as to give personal opinions.	
Requesting status of where the school is in the ongoing conversation about dress code. What is working, what needs to be changed?	Dress code is an appropriate topic.
Appreciation was conveyed for availability of after school activities in addition to sports.	
Question was raised about timing of busses to accommodate multiple release times (12:15 and 2:30).	Bus service must be negotiated with various districts. This will be a future agenda item.
Promoting interaction between grades is very much appreciated by parents (e.g., 6 th grade mentors for 1 st graders)	Can this model be repeated elsewhere?

Director's Chair – A Team Approach

Director Kirsten recognized that the meeting is a short time, and encouraged communication as a team working for common goals. She expressed excitement about exchanging ideas. This council represents a hub with spokes reaching out so that information and flow both outward and inward. This is not intended to be a body for decisions, but for facilitating communications.

Headmaster comments

Headmaster Reid added his thanks to parents for offering time and commitment for this council. This is an important connection to the community served by the school.

Society Meetings

The BAC Board has been making a push for attendance and participation at Society Meetings so there is a fully representative group at the meetings. This is an important forum for hearing about the work of the school, and for providing feedback.

Strategic Planning

BACS will be engaging in Strategic Planning, and the Society as a whole will be focusing on building consensus through appreciative inquiry. This process would be used to identify, envision collectively, and focus efforts on improvements and solutions.

Measles Update

A recent measles case in town put some focus on BACS preparation for pandemics. There is a significant population in the community and school that is unvaccinated, so risks must be considered and addressed. The response to the measles case led to some impact such as quarantine of families due to a conservative approach being required.

Unidentified Male on BACS Campus

An unknown individual was noticed in the vicinity of the athletic fields, and a communication was sent to parents to inform them that action was being taken at the school that might be reported back by students. Police were immediately involved; Chief Coffin found the person and followed up with a background check. Although no immediate threat was identified, police directed the person to stay off school grounds. Students were kept informed by staff and teachers, and assured of their safety.

Moral Virtues Project

This year's focus on monthly moral virtue themes started as a study by the faculty on morality. A number of faculty members pursued independent studies during the summer, and several of them focused on moral virtues and met to compare notes. The program has received good feedback from parents.

Next Meeting

The next Directors Council meeting is scheduled for 27 Oct 2010. Please contact members listed in the Communicator newsletter if you have any issues to bring to our attention.

Respectfully,

The Directors Council Members