

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary Parent Council

MINUTES – November 23, 2017



Attendance: Victoria Curran, Jessica Denkers, Beverly Evans, Kristy Germaine (teacher), Jim Gerwing (Assistant Principal), Robyn Michaelchuk (chair), LeeAnn Mohr, Sandra Sorochan (Assistant Principal), Tamera VanDomselaar, Nicole Way

Regrets: Heather Wall (trustee)

1. Call to Order at 6:34 pm
2. Introductions
3. Motion to approve the Agenda –add discussion of school fees (COSC) – moved by LeeAnn, seconded by Beverly, carried
4. Motion to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2017 – moved by LeeAn, seconded by Sandra, carried
5. Reports
 - a. School Trustee’s Report – Heather submitted a written report
 - b. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report – Robyn reported. Meeting included an overview of how to interpret school results and discussion of school fees (Bill 1). COSC has asked Parent Councils for input on these questions:
 - What makes up fees?
 - Are you in favour of fees?
 - What activities would you be will to pay for or give up?
 - How many tournaments are enough? Should there be a maximum?
 - What is the role of schools with teams?
 - How many field trips is enough? Should there be a minimum or maximum?
 - Can families afford to pay for all of these?Reminder to keep in mind that there is no new funding – the money has to come from somewhere. At FSE our Learning Resource Fee is \$50.00 – covers consumables like paper, pens, things teachers need. Field Trip fees are separate and have been reduced this year. Consensus was that we are willing to pay fees to keep services.
 - c. Principal’s Report – Sandra presented her report.
 - many activities going on: Jr. ATB, Remembrance Day with Fort Christian, community assembly – bullying awareness
 - Report cards coming out tomorrow (parents need to e-mail the teacher if they need a hard copy

- Book Fair coming up next week
 - Santa's Workshop – still looking for donations and volunteers
 - Chess King – proposing to hold a chess class on Tuesday afternoons starting in January (after school) – 1 hr per week (3:15-4:15) for 10 weeks, \$80. First week will be a free trial class. Open to anyone in K-6. ½ hour instruction, ½ hour of play, awards available.
 - Results review will be next Monday at Brentwood Elementary, 9:00-11:30
 - Jump Rope for Heart in February – fundraiser for heart & stroke – Mr. Yung
- d. Assistant Principal's Report – Jim presented his report. Flat Stanley Cup has been well-received by students. He noted that the first kids he taught are 50 now, and reflected that kids with discipline issues have often turned out ok. Grade 4 is having a fitness class, and there is an owl visit coming up.
 - e. Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program)
 - \$4,945.18 in bank account and \$981.78 in PayPal
 - f. Breakfast Program Report – still going well, some donations received. We are spending less because we have fewer students. We were asked to consider sponsoring Milk & Cookies for everyone.
 - g. Hot Lunch –tomorrow – wraps from the high school – 90 orders
 - December hot lunch – soup from Gloria's Soup Spot
 - LeeAnn would like to use the high school for the rest of the year
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
- a. Signing authorities/ bank changes – Ricarda still needs to sign off (the bank manager since authorized completing the changes without her signatures)
7. New Business
- a. Christmas Concert, Dec 21 – 2 performances: afternoon at 1:30 pm (no tickets required), evening – 2 tickets allowed per family, can request more. Raffle for front row seats – money going toward cost of stage. Kindergarten concert is on Dec. 13.
8. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:30
9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Evans
Secretary