

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary Parent Council
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES – September 15, 2016



Attendance: Jessica Denkers, Beverly Evans, Jim Gerwing (Assistant Principal), Chantel Grismer, Robyn Michaelchuk, LeeAnn Mohr, Corry-Lyn O'Hara, April Ror, Heidi Schinking, Sandra Sorochan (Principal), Tracey Thompson (Teacher), Heather Wall (Trustee), Ricarda Weckwerth

1. Call to Order at 6:32 pm – meeting chaired by Corry-Lyn O'Hara
2. Introductions
3. Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Chantel, seconded by April, carried
4. Motion to approve the Minutes of May 24, 2016 – moved by Chantel, seconded by Sandra, carried
5. Reports
 - a. School Trustee's Report – Heather presented her report

- this summer saw the most projects completed ever in the division (roof projects, flooring, lockers, new cosmetology lab at Facey). Southpointe expected to be ready by January, to be opened September 2017
- organizational meeting was held at the end of August, Trina Boymook continues as Chair and Harvey Stadnick is Vice-Chair
- the Board had a meeting with the Minister of Education two weeks ago. They expressed concerns about tight turnaround times for policy responses. There is often not enough time for adequate parent engagement. Boards need to be able to consult their community. Also talked about infrastructure and concerns with contractors. With most provincial projects builders are fined if completion is not on time, and a bonus is offered for on-time performance. For school contracts there is no such incentive, and they are mandated to accept only the lowest bids. The negative impact of the carbon tax was also brought up. Our district transports 9000 students with 700 bus routes, and provincial funding is \$0.60/L for fuel.
- public meeting today – up 161 students in the district to over 17,000 (1% growth)
- board retreat is planned for the end of September
- Meet & Greet is next Wednesday at the Central Office.

- b. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report – Corry-Lyn explained what COSC is and invited anyone who would like to attend. Meetings are on Wednesday evenings. (RSVP deadline for Meet & Greet is tomorrow)

- c. Principal's Report – Sandra presented her report. She welcomed us back to a new school year.
- We have 473 students today (last year on this day 415), 4 ECS classes, and 42 staff (same number as last year). About 160 families attended the Meet the Staff evening.
 - An FNMI educator is being hired – to work one day a week and provide some literacy and math support to FNMI students as well as promote cultural awareness. (FNMI = First Nations, Metis, Inuit).
 - Grade 6 patrols are starting next week – 22 students signed up
 - Orange Shirt Day – Sept 30 – celebrating First Nations culture and remembering Residential School issues (Sept 30-Oct 2 are designated cultural days)
 - Guide to Reporting Student Achievement – related to the new report cards (document is on the school website)
 - School Education Plan (SEP) – we are in the second year of the present plan (is also on the website) – dynamic document as goals are reviewed and feedback received and considered. The school is looking for parent feedback regarding strategies to meet goals. One goal was to see an increase in literacy of at least one reading level. Of the students who received support, all went up at least one level, and two students went up seven levels.
 - October plans – Assemblies on October 4 with John Dunn, adventure traveler “Life in the Arctic”
 - two PD days coming up (Oct 6 & 7) – learning new report card, training in “Play is the Way”, literacy and numeracy assessment training
 - Norman Foote Concert - October 18 – both choirs performing with him, tickets are \$10 per person –fundraiser for the school /music program (40% to the school)
 - Dochstader family – two girls and their dad were in a traffic collision. Girls are doing well, Dad not so much. A GoFundMe page has been started as well as other fundraisers for the family. (Parent Council has purchased gifts for all three children.) The family is thankful for everyone's support, prayers, and wishes.
 - we expect to be down about 150 students next year
 - four teachers expecting this year – Mrs. Whitrow, Mrs. Gulseth, Mrs. Percy, and Miss Hess
- d. Assistant Principal's Report – Jim presented his report
- the first assembly has taken place – talked about the Golden Rule and friendship
 - intramurals are up and running –organized by Mr. Nyznyk
 - the library is now open for drop-in at recess. There were 60 people today
 - Hot Lunch is tomorrow; glad for the successful bottle drive
 - Wacky Wednesday is being introduced this year (similar to Forte Friday last year)

- e. Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program) – Kelly Blackmore submitted a report. Balance at the end of August was \$2399.22. There is about \$3000 in PayPal to be transferred for hot lunches
- f. Breakfast Program Report – started last week, 100-150 kids each time. For tomorrow some students helped divide up boxes of cereal into Ziploc bags (100). We confirmed that we are allowed to bake at home and bring to the school (such things as muffins). LeeAnn will take letters to businesses again to seek donations.
- g. Hot Lunch
 - first one is tomorrow – Pizza from Perry's 2 for 1
 - some students have requested Subway
 - new hot lunch online ordering system is working very well. Many people have ordered for the whole schedule (Sept-Jan). Some have not ordered online so those orders had to be keyed in. The process should be easier from now on. Most hot lunches for the year have been booked.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes – none

7. New Business

- a. Elections of Executive for 2016-2017 School Year (Sandra chaired this part of the meeting):

All positions were acclaimed.

Chairperson: Robyn Michaelchuk
Vice Chairperson: Corry-Lyn O'Hara
Secretary: Beverly Evans
Treasurer: Ricarda Weckwerth

Committee Positions:

-Fundraising Coordinator for Breakfast Program: LeeAnn Mohr

It was suggested that rather than a volunteer coordinator as we had last year, that we try to get one or two parents from each class to act as class reps/ parent liasons. They would help the teachers with obtaining volunteers when needed. Sandra will ask the teachers to try to get a volunteer from each of their classes.

Corry-Lyn resumed the Chair.

b. Confirm signing authorities for the Breakfast Program bank account:

MOTION: For “F.S.E.S BREAKFAST PROGRAM 5840756” at Servus Credit Union, the account will remain 2 to sign. Robyn Michaelchuk and Ricard Weckwerth are to be added; Ernie Smith and Kelly (McPhillamy) Blackmore are to be deleted. The signors are:

1. ROBYN MICHAELCHUK - Chair
2. CORRY-LYN O’HARA – Vice-Chair
3. BEVERLY EVANS - Secretary
4. RICARDA WECKWERTH – Treasurer

Moved by Corry-Lyn O’Hara, Seconded by Chantel Grismer, Carried.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 3th at 6:00 (we will try to keep meetings to the second Thursday of each month when possible)

9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Evans
Secretary