

Fort Saskatchewan Elementary Parent Council

MINUTES – October 13, 2016



Attendance: Beverly Evans, Kristy Germaine (teacher), Jim Gerwing (Assistant Principal), Robyn Michaelchuk (Chair), Corry-Lyn O'Hara, April Ror, Sandra Sorochan (Principal), Heather Wall (Trustee), Ricarda Weckwerth

1. Call to Order at 6:30 pm
2. Introductions
3. Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Corry-Lyn, seconded by April, carried
4. Motion to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2016
 - amendment requested by Heather Wall – change 700 bus routes to 1700 bus routes
 - moved by Ricarda, seconded by April, approved with amendment
5. Reports
 - a. School Trustee's Report – Heather presented her report
 - a letter is being sent tomorrow to families in the Southpointe School catchment area with regard to forming a Society for the new school. The meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2, 6:00-8:00 pm at Ecole Parc
 - District Results Review meeting with four schools presenting (including ours) will be held on Friday, November 25, 1:00-3:30 pm at Westboro Elementary (1078 Strathcona Drive, Sherwood Park). Meeting is open to interested parents.
 - b. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report

Robyn went to the September meeting. Several points of discussion including administrative procedures/ updates on nutrition, "Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and Safe Learning Environments for Students," and student conduct. There was some discussion about input from parents on these issues. There are a couple of events coming up – Imagination Expo, Feb. 25, 2017; Literacy Day, Oct 22, 2016 (free seminars for parents)
 - c. Principal's Report – Sandra presented her report.
 - we now have 476 students enrolled
 - Seneca Crowe has been hired full time as FNMI mentor

- New report cards will be coming out in November. The district will be looking for feedback (there will be a survey). Feedback to be brought to January Parent Council meeting
 - PD last week – new report card, Play is the Way; also teachers have been trained on Levelled Literacy Intervention Kits
 - Jr. ATB – interviews next week and grand opening November 8
 - Norman Foote concert next Tuesday evening – part of proceeds to music department
 - Parent/Teacher interviews next Wednesday and Thursday, book fair
 - Picture retakes October 25
 - October 26-28 – nine staff members attending “The Alberta School-Based Mental Health Conference” in Edmonton.
 - October 25 - four staff members participating in a workshop on FNMI Education
 - Hallowe'en Assembly – October 31 at 1:20
 - School Education Plan is due tomorrow – results review was available for us to look at – most results are encouraging
- d. Assistant Principal's Report – Jim presented his report
- reflected on how elementary education has changed over the years, especially with use of differentiated instruction and technology. He noted that we have three student teachers (grades K/ 1/ 5) and an EA student teacher (grade 2).
- e. Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program) – balance is \$6213.65, which includes \$3000 transferred from PayPal for hot lunches
- f. Breakfast Program Report – Grade 5s are helping bag cereal. Eggs are being served tomorrow. Sandra received an e-mail from Breakfast for Learning – grant approved and will be coming soon.
- g. Hot Lunch – tomorrow – Perogy Lunch from Fort High School
-online ordering system is generally going well

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Bank Changes – the process to change signors for the bank account has started, but some people still need to register at the bank (make an appointment to meet with Jolene Miller at Servus Credit Union)

7. New Business

- a. New Administrative Procedure on Nutrition (Robyn)

-was presented at COSC – board is looking for feedback – guidelines for healthy food choices / making healthy choices available – implications for fundraisers, classroom treats. There is further information on the EIPS website at: <http://www.eips.ca/schools/healthy-schools/nutrition>. We are asked to review the procedure and bring feedback to the next meeting. Official implementation September 2017. This does not affect what parents send in lunchboxes.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 24th at 6:30 pm

9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Evans
Secretary