



**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary  
Parent Council  
MINUTES – April 6, 2022**

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Attendance: Pamela Erickson (Assistant Principal), Shelby Labrecque (Principal), S. Olsen (Teacher), Ralph Sorochan (School Trustee Liaison), Nicole Way, Caitlyn Zabrick

Call to Order at 5:32 pm – meeting chaired by Caitlyn Zabrick

1. Introductions
2. Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Nicole, seconded by Caitlyn, carried
3. Motion to approve the Minutes of February 23, 2022 – moved by Nicole, seconded by Caitlyn, carried
4. Reports
  - a. Admin Report – School Council Report - Welcome & Kudos! Thank you to everyone attending tonight! It is wonderful to see parents back in our building, as well as virtually. I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and share all the wonderful things happening at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary! My sincere thanks goes out to our grade 4 families for completing the Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) Survey, as well as the families who completed the Elk Island Public Schools Assurance Survey and the Principal Survey. Your feedback is vital in assisting our division and myself to do our very best work to support students! I am proud to share our February Food Drive totals. FSE students, families, and staff donated \$91- and 175.8-pounds worth of food! Way to support our community! As well, staff came together to make pysanky with donated ingredients from a local grocery store! Thank you No Frills! Staff then purchased these yummy treats, with all proceeds going to the Red Cross to support relief efforts in Ukraine. Thank you goes out to West Coast Seeds who have donated seeds for students to plant in our planter boxes which will be arriving later this Spring!  
  
-Announcement Pam Erickson will be stepping down as assistant principal at the end of the school year. Kimberly Zapesocki has accepted the position of assistant principal for next school year. Kimberly is currently the music teacher at Southpoint School and will be a welcome addition to our FSE team.  
  
- Literacy - Classes were invited to participate in March Madness, whereby books were read and favorites were chosen to 'move on' to the next round. Classes were encouraged to participate in the Spring Break Reading Challenge through the Fort Library. Students who filled out the form could redeem an individual size Panago

pizza free! We are in the process of purchasing our decodable books. Thank you again for your generosity making these resources available to our students!

- Numeracy - Week of Inspirational Math happened March 14 to 18. The Week of Inspirational Math is an annual event inspired by the work of Jo Boaler, a Stanford University professor and expert in math education. Ms. Boaler is a champion of the growth-mindset which is an integral part of the Week of Inspirational Math. Rather than focusing on whether the answer is right or wrong, the growth-mindset promotes the idea that the most important part of numeracy acquisition is the ability to learn from your mistakes, push forward and challenge yourself to reach greater heights as a learner. Also, to show kids that Math is used for many other careers.

- Student Registration - Based on the registrations we received throughout February, we have 263 returning students and 37 kindergarten students registered for the 2022 - 23 school year.

- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Plans for phase 2 of our outdoor learning space have been made thanks to a generous donation from Shell. The plan, which still needs to be approved, includes 3 planter boxes and 1 planter pot which students will plant various seeds in. There will be 2 benches, approximately 7 feet in length. We are hoping to remove the 4 trees that are there as the black knot continues to grow on them. These will be replaced with 1 new healthy tree. We are also looking to get stone seating around the tree. As well, we are hoping to install a motion sensor light to deter the space being used for other undesirable activities during off school hours. Here is a link to the Google Drawing.

- Fees- Based on the feedback I received from our FSE families and taking into consideration many other variables, Fort Saskatchewan Elementary will be maintaining the current fee schedule for the 2022- 23 school year.

- School Education Plan FSE staff have met and discussed our priorities for next school year and this has culminated in wanting to rework our School Education Plan. I have included a link to a draft that we have created and would very much like to invite our school community to review this document and provide us with feedback so that we can align our priorities and work collaboratively to support our students. The highlights include: School Goal #1: Each student will achieve one year's growth in literacy School Goal #2: Each student will achieve one year's growth in numeracy School Goal #3 Increase collaborative partnership opportunities between school, home and the greater community to support student success.

- Upcoming School Activities - School Community Assembly - This school community assembly centred on the grandfather teaching of wisdom in March and humility in April. We were very excited and happy to be able to gather together in person during our April assembly and look forward to continuing to meet as a school community! Kindergarten Information Night is on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. for the caregivers of kindergarten students coming to FSE this fall. We are ending the month and showing our school spirit with 'Colour Day' whereby we are asking staff and students to dress in their favourite colour.

- b. School Trustee's Report - FSE Trustee Report – April 6, 2022 - Ralph Sorochan
- 1) APPRECIATION to everyone for coming out, tonight.
  - 2) PROVINCIAL BUDGET 2022 – The Provincial Budget was shared on February 24<sup>th</sup>. School divisions received detailed information regarding their individual allocations for next year, just before spring break. The Board already had several budget meetings in March and continues to meet in April.
  - 3) SUBSTITUTE APPRECIATION WEEK MARCH 14-18 - EIPS celebrated Substitute Appreciation Week from March 14-18, 2022. Annually, EIPS officially recognizes the professional service our substitute teachers and non-teaching staff provide throughout the Division each day. Each and every day, they play an essential role in maintaining the continuity and excellence of the entire educational process.
  - 4) BUDGET REALLOCATION - the Board of Trustees approved a budget reallocation of unanticipated surplus of \$263,000 to relocate one modular classroom to James Mowat Elementary from Fultonvale Elementary Junior High if funding from the province is not provided.
  - 5) EIPS FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS – Two documents are available on the EIPS website (eips.ca). a) Projected Financial Position for 2021-22 and b) Unaudited Financial Report for the period September 1, 2021, to February 28, 2022.
  - 6) NOMINATIONS – The Board of Trustees approved nominations for two ASBA awards at the March 17th Board Meeting. Kristen Davies (Sherwood Heights) has been nominated for the ASBA Edwin Parr Award for first year teachers. Shell Canada in Fort Saskatchewan for the 2022 Friends of Education Award, an annual Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) recognition for organizations that contribute to education within their local community.
  - 7) 4 YEAR PLAN AND PRIORITIES - The Board's direction, priorities for the 2021-25 term.
  - 8) REMINDER of ASCA CONFERENCE 2022 SPONSORSHIP – The Board passed a motion to approve the sponsorship of one school council member per school, to take part in the 2022 ASCA School Councils Conference and Annual General Meeting – with a submission deadline coinciding with the conference's registration period.
  - 9) UPCOMING EIPS BOARD MEETING – April 21st at 9:00 AM (meetings are back to in-person at Central Office in Sherwood Park)
  - 10) A couple letters were sent out to the Minister of Education regarding the new curriculum and the lack of time staff will have to implement the changes. They asked that they do not go through with the new curriculum. As well as a letter regarding bus fuel subsidy and additional funding for transportation to help families with the rising costs.
  - 11) The April 21 Board Meeting will be in person
- c. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report – Nothing to report as the COSC meeting was directly after the Parent Council Meeting.

- d. Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program)
    - bank balance – No update as Lauren is away
  - e. Breakfast Program Report (fundraising) – No update/Account Inactive
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- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes – None
  - 6. New Business – Recruitment Plans
  - 7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 18, at 5:30
  - 8. Meeting Adjourned at 5:56