

**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary
Parent Council Meeting
Thursday, January 25, 2024
5:30 pm**



1. Call to Order at _____ 5:36PM _____
2. Introductions – Stephanie, Veronica, Shelby Lebreque, Kristen Lynds, Ralph Sorochan
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda – First -Veronica, Second -Dallas
4. Motion to Approve the Minutes of November 23, 2023 – First – Stephanie, Second -
Kristen
5. Reports
 - a. Admin Report – Reading program, final assessments, good progress
 - i. Christmas program – great success
 - ii. Professional learning opportunities – consultant of the division – creating resources, encourage conversations surrounding the curriculum, work assessments.
 - iii. Continual Improvement – EIPS also comes into the school to support teachers, teach, offer improvements, Genius hour conversations, giving models to be able to offer support in the classroom. Great resource for our teachers in support of the new curriculum.
 - iv. Fees – Current fees – 5% increase to keep up with inflation. \$1.40 up.
 1. \$33.10 – K
 2. \$49.60 – 1-6
 3. \$88.20 – noon supervision
 4. \$44.10 for K noon supervision
 5. Gr 6 Scholarship Young Women in Science & Technology - \$46.20
 6. Young Authors Conf – \$31.50
 7. Sports teams (basketball & volleyball) - \$10.50
 8. Yearbook - \$21Changes will be submitted for the March Meeting to be approved
 - v. Staffing Update – Welcome Rebecca Bridges teaching Gr 5 in the afternoon. She was a student teacher here in the past.
 - vi. Drills throughout the year – on alert and shelter in place, next drill scheduled for Feb 13 for hold & secure and lockdown drill.
 - vii. First Nations Metis and Inuit meeting on the 23rd, about 50 participants out. Good connection there
 - viii. Jan 8, student advisory committee meeting, things the students would like to continue to see: Next scheduled meeting is Feb 26.

- ix. Annual Alberta Education Assurance Survey – opened on Jan 22. Sent on behalf of all schools and school authorities. What is working well and where is the room for improvement? Paper copies are available through the school.
- x. Parent Teacher Conferences at the end of the month. Some on the PL day and some on Feb 1. Kindergarten teacher has additional times.
- xi. Thanks to the volunteers for the Book Fair. Tuesday – Thursday
- xii. 31st is the PL day, other schools invited as well. Some Metis based learning. Learning about AI, responsibility and how to teach this to the students. Collaborative time in the afternoon. Presentation on Inclusion and Diversity.
- xiii. New student registration for 2025 opens Feb 1. Kindergarten registration also opens that day.
- xiv. New passwords on Feb 1 for students and staff. More security
- xv. Returning Student registration – March – acceptance not necessarily guaranteed
- xvi. National Ribbon Skirt Day celebration
- xvii. Jump Rope for Heart – Feb 15. Classes are already practicing. School has already raised over \$2000
- xviii. Survey will go out for feedback for Assistant Principal Zapesocki
- xix. Family Day – assembly on Feb 16. Grade 1 get to lead that one.
- xx. Feb 26 – presentation for 4, 5, 6 – energy and electricity expo

b. Trustee Report –

- i. French Immersion question in trustee meeting
- ii. Received the resignation of Trustee Jim Sutter, due to relocation out of his electoral area. He has dedicated his life to EIPS. Not obligated to have a by-election. Cost would have been over \$40,000 to remunerate. If there is another vacancy, a by-election would have to happen. Duties were absorbed by the rest of the trustees. Majority still remains at 5 votes. If motion is 4:4, it is ruled as defeated.
- iii. Policy amendments – all of the policies are reviewed annually. Wording changes to 6 or 7. Change to the education act on School Fees, no longer have to be approved by the school board for each School. Sign off with council chair and principal.
- iv. Financial Statements – audited financial statements were approved. Reports are all available for viewing. Assets and liabilities are all listed. Asbestos abatement – schools have to have money set aside for this. There is a calculation for this. Requirement and law has to show that amount in the budget. When there is a new build, historically Alberta Education and the province pays for that abatement. Doesn't generally come out of the individual school's budget.
- v. Fall budget 2023/2024 approved.
 - 1. Operating budget – 207.5M, including 1M operating reserves *cap on the reserves.

2. 17760 students this year. 310 students in FSE
3. 1375.8 FTE employees
4. Operating Reserves 4.75M
5. Capital Reserves –
6. 75% to instruction – \$9500/student
7. System Admin 6.91M – 4.51M used, rest to schools
- vi. Annual education results report – 4 page synopsis in the report. Highlights and areas for improvement. Hard copy available at the school, electronic copies available. Questions will be addressed at the next meeting.
- vii. Board approved sponsoring the ASCA council conf. Support for individuals to attend. Up to a max of \$5000. Apply as early as possible. Emma will send information and details for registration.
- viii. Collegiate in Fort Saskatchewan proposed – New Jr/Sr high for Fort Saskatchewan. Need as much advocacy as possible. Bring in business leaders to see how they could partner with EIPS. Promote to Jackie Armstrong-Homniuk MLA, meeting is scheduled.
- ix. Board is in the process of developing policy surrounding the use of AI.
- x. Returning student registration
- xi. Caregiver education series. – School counselor, she has a presentation of what she can do in conjunction with parent council. Utilising FCSS.

- c. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report – Has been covered
- d. Treasurer’s Report (Breakfast Program) – Service credit union had to merge the accounts. This is better anyway. Breakfast now in the operating account \$1331.87
- e. Breakfast Program Report (numbers, fundraising)

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Nothing

7. New Business

- Nothing

8. Next Meeting: _____ February 27 5:30pm _____

9. Meeting adjourned at _____ 6:30pm _____