

**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary  
Parent Council Meeting  
Thursday, February 27, 2024  
5:30 pm**

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1. Call to Order at \_\_\_\_\_ 5:47 PM \_\_\_\_\_
2. Introductions – Veronica Barton, Shelby Lebreque, Kristen Lynds, Ralph Sorochan, Judy Chaisson, Kim Zapesocki, Regan, Dallas Kirtz
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda – First Veronica ; Second - Dallas
4. Motion to Approve the Minutes of– First Veronica ; Second - Dallas
5. Reports
  - a. Admin Report – Reading program, final assessments, good progress
    - i. Lots of snow, indoor recess, shout out for the school community through the water main break. Lot of support through an issue that was out of our control. City of Fort Saskatchewan did a great job getting it fixed as quickly as possible. Made for a relatively seamless day. Communication department going both ways was very good.
    - ii. Professional learning – March 1 – classified sessions in Bev Facey Sh. Pk for professional development for more specialty.
      1. Mindfulness workshop by 3 sisters yoga – 4 main pillars, compassion, awareness, strategies and games. Mindfulness to children through an educator.
      2. Gr 6 visits on Mondays for mindfulness
      3. PL session for ESL, multiple ESL students. Strategies MLL students benefits all learners.
      4. Collaborative time
    - iii. Fees – a few new structures when creating new fees:
      1. Requires that the dollar is rounded up. Will change the percentage of it minutely. Table in the report outlying the percentages.
      2. Field trips, women in science & technology, young author’s conference, basketball & volleyball teams, yearbooks, noon hour supervision. Current fees don’t cover the supervision that we have. Assignable time (don’t have to pay by the hour). Can noon hour supervision be a volunteer position? Is there a qualification? Volunteers are always welcome but would not replace the staff necessity.
      3. Fees to be covered again in March.
    - iv. Staff Update – Welcome to Jason Booker student teacher while Mrs. Havercamp is on leave. Additional support. Are there other people that we can look to for support

- v. Student advisory committee – variety of topics.
  - 1. Have a winter concert in Jan rather than a Christmas concert in December – be more inclusive for people who don't celebrate Christmas / December is so busy.
  - 2. Family movie nights – Can we get a proper screen? Looking into a screen and a projector with sound system. Kids would like to fundraise and make the money for that. Would like to present to the parent council.
- vi. Student/parent conferences – attendance was down. Perhaps a carnival to increase attendance
- vii. Kindergarten registration – kindergarten information night May 23 4:30 – 5:30
- viii. Feb 1 date – changed their passwords, most went without issue, but a few bumps. Div 1 K-Gr 3 will be fall for passwords
- ix. Registration – extended timeframe about students coming in and where they are going. Secondary school for James Mowatt.
- x. Jump rope for Heart - \$3300 raised, onesies, rap announcements attained.
- xi. Feed back for Asst Principal Zapesocki.
- xii. Pink Shirt Day 02/28/2024 – activities and a slideshow
- xiii. Speech competition Gr 4/5/6
- xiv. March book madness – imitates college basketball tournament. Link to website. Class decides which of 2 books they want, great way for kids to read new books. Books are shelved in the library after.
- xv. Mar 6 early dismissal
- xvi. Mar 11 sub teacher day – week of inspirational math
- xvii. Mar 21 Sangio Academy – one day residence music and group work. One voice with drums in West African rythms.
- xviii. Mar 22-Apr 1 no school
- xix. Apr 18 – community building/ family night highlighting literacy and numeracy. Informal event. Games, reading, school council can set up a table for this.

b. Trustee Report –

- i. Proposed collegiate – vision and partnership. Asking the parents and community to come to hear about the collegiate, the capacity issues, planning for the future, capital plan and proposed collegiate model. Planned for April. Date TBD. Also for them to try to avoid dates that schools have events planned. Need the community's support.
- ii. New project that is supposed to be started in Sherwood Park, has not started, looking to start in the spring now. Should be able to support more than one project at a time
- iii. Assurance Survey – data gathering for performance, needs and successes. Forms the plans for the school. EIPS budget survey – grassroots format, great idea. Alberta Education Survey (Gr 4) – please ensure this gets filled out. Critical piece of information that province uses publicly. Historically low participation rates on this. March 1 deadline on this. EIPS

annual feedback survey for the entire division. Good participation rate on this one. Not the public information that the province uses though. Comments on these surveys are some of the most important feedback that is received through the year.

- iv. AERR – Annual Education Results Report – can see online. 4 page document attached to the report.
  - v. Leaveraging student achievement fund - \$101,000 in this. Up to 1% kept in the budget as carry-over. Determined what initiatives need to happen this year – 2024 – Junior High literacy and numeracy supports. Some teachers hired to address that lag.
  - vi. Additional growth funds – influx of children in the fall. EIPS provides 65% of that funding in support. \$569,000 in support of that. Discussion of where that cohort \$ might be best addressed in the cohort. Understanding of where the schools are coming from. Not sure of the exact amount of allocation for Fort Saskatchewan.
  - vii. AGM conference – registration coming up. French Emersion has been going on for several years now, solution. French K-9, once the Sherwood Park school is ready, 10-12 will move to Sherwood Park to that school for French Emersion.
  - viii. Board meeting March 21 – information social media campaign. Mythbusting / Did You Know? In regards to Section 58.1 Education act, section regarding human sexuality. Outlined in the Education Act, no secrets. All of the outlines are in the this section. Teachers will share the resources that are supporting these classes. Parents have the availability to opt in or out with their child.
- c. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report –
- i. New legislature – they don't have any more knowledge than anyone else
  - ii. ASCA conference – someone will be coming to the next COSC meeting to explain what happens at ASCA, can take a look at what is there and try to align our chosen workshops with what we choose
  - iii. AGM Feb 28 – more detail, a chance for the parents to give feedback on policies they want changed. Approx 8 hours of people debating and arguing. Lots of big changes have been made this way. Vote for the board of directors.
  - iv. Assurance reviews
- d. Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program) – Still \$1331.87
- e. Breakfast Program Report (numbers, fundraising) –
- i. Casino money can be used for the bleachers – wording in the request, we can't use it for Birch Bay technically, but we can update the request for AGLC, highlighting the educational aspect of Birch Bay to re-submit the request. Can't use it for social trips, but can use it for an educational trip. Could be phrased as a physical education trip. Ropes course, should align

with the physical education curriculum. “Grow physically, socially, etc...” Curriculum enhancements are covered. UOP code on a form on the AGLC website.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. Nothing

7. New Business

- Nothing

8. Next Meeting: \_\_\_\_ March 19, 5:30 \_\_\_\_\_

9. Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_ 6:34PM \_\_\_\_\_