



**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary
Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
6:15 pm**

- Call to Order at _____ 5:30pm _____
- Introductions – Veronica Barton, Stephanie Stoddard, Shelby Labreque, Kristen Lynds, Ralph Sorochan, Kim Zapesocki, Dallas Kirtz, Jarret Barron, Leanne Percy, Rebekah Barron, Brian Dennis, Joelle Evans, Jenny Clish
- Motion to Approve the Agenda – First Veronica; Second - Kristen
- Motion to Approve the Minutes of March 19, 2024 – First Veronica; Second – Stephanie
- Student Presentation : Projector Screen, projector and sound system
- Can't see very well, be a distraction and talking. They will pay attention.
- Cost \$20,000
- Fundraiser ideas: spaghetti dinner, dance, lunchtime lemonade, bottle drive, bake sale.
- Online 50/50, Read-a-thon (online), casino (2026), chip days
- Posters presented for fundraisers.
- Students want to help raise some of the money.
- Reports
 - Trustee Report – Ralph Sorochan
National volunteer week April 14-20, thank you to everyone for caring for the students.
Provincial budget release Feb 29. Didn't receive funding until Mar 28. Didn't extend the deadline. Finance people are working diligently to get things done. School admin teams as well.

No funding rates have changed in the envelope or manual at all. Creates a much tighter budget as funding has not been increased to account for inflation. Government has increased funding for enrollment growth. Additional for individuals in schools.

Specialized learning (PUFF), grants have not increased (have remained the same). Classroom complexity deals with #s of students and individual needs in classrooms, mental health. Grant remains the same for classroom complexity. This is a priority for the board.

Mental health strategic plan remains a priority for the board. Will continue to support that plan, objectives and goals.

Infrastructure goals, has decreased by \$200,000. However there was an increase in the CMR (capital maintenance renewal) rates. For mechanical upgrades (ie boiler system upgrades, roof, etc). \$1.6M for mechanical upgrades. Aging infrastructure in the division, 41 schools, doesn't go very far, won't cover may additional projects.

Government restriction for 1.32%, increased to 6%, anything over that would have to go over the government.

New transportation funding model, most fees will decrease. K-6 students residing 1 km or less will be eligible, 7-12 2 km or less will be eligible. Eligible fee attending designated school will be \$75/year. Attending non-designated school will be \$75/year. Ineligible fee will be \$150 from \$225, ineligible for non-designated will be \$225. Kindergarten will be \$50, Kindergarten ineligible will be \$100.

Re-allocation of surplus funds – 1.1M dollar overall surplus \$694 windows OS, \$325 chrome books, Sherwood park.

Financial projections are in the trustee report. Everything is looking fairly good there, where the surplus adjustment comes from.

Unaudited financial report received at the end of February, looks good there as well. Reports are located on the EIPS website under the trustee section.

Curriculum advocacy, social studies was recently released, request for the public and staff to provide feedback. Letter to the minister has been sent.

3 year capital plan has been approved. Fort Sask High has been approved. April 25 at 5:30 at Southpointe for information.

Fort Saskatchewan is growing and aging infrastructure is a problem.

May 2 and 30 are board meetings for EIPS.

Education week is coming up. Sponsored by the ATA and the Alberta Councils Association.

- Admin Report – Shelby Labreque

Thank you for having the kids present. They worked really hard.

Thank you for coming out to the literacy and numeracy night, having a booth.

Staff updates, welcome Ronnel Rahuso in Ms Percy's class. Funding came at the end of the year. Was able to provide some support.

Successful cotton candy fundraiser.

Education week April 15-19, lots of activities, thank you cards to several areas. Learning of historical information about the school and it's journey to what it is today. Focus on students understanding the importance of education in Alberta, led into literacy and numeracy night. Over 100 people come out to that evening. Tuesday April 19, assistant principal grey and Mr Kobelo came to present from Rudolf Henig Jr High. Pick options and walk through a day at Jr High. Q&A Connection to Land club, has planted seeds to prepare for planting outside when it's nice. Variety of vegetables. Mother earth, give back to the planet.

Grade 6 ELA PAT will not be administered this year, optional field testing in June this year. Decision making in that curriculum

Tomorrow is administrative professionals day. Unsung heroes. Want to recognize the hard work and commitment, thanks and gratitude for all they do. Hot lunch from a restaurant.

4 mentorship teachers have wrapped up in 4C and 2B, thank you to the teachers that have helped to support and them mentorship that goes both ways.

Grade 6 immunizations on Friday.

Thursday 25th at Southpoint. Infrastructure information night.

Friday May 3 is last professional learning day for the year, internet site, CAD organization, using tech in the best way possible, ensure placement is best possible

May 6-10 mental health week. Gr 6 regulation strategies and practicing strategies through the day (microdosing)

May 8 – hats on for mental health day

May 6 – bus driver appreciation day

May 6 – red dress day – msising and murdered women and girls

May 10 – bear witness day – spirit bear's

May 15 – moose hide campaign day – ending violence against women and children (website)

May 14 – volunteer tea – kids practicing musical performances for that

May 23 – 5-6 kindergarten information night

- COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report – Dallas
Most has been covered.
AGM at the end of April, proposed advocacy resolutions.
- Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program) – \$1331.87
- Business Arising from the Minutes
 - Parent engagement grant that rolls over. We have 3 years worth of engagement grants (about \$1500), sent rules for spending that
- New Business

- Next Meeting: __May 23, 2024 6:15pm_____
- Meeting adjourned at ____6:08pm_____