



**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary  
Parent Society Meeting  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
Following Parent Council Meeting**

Attendance: Teri Pearn, Kristen Lynds, Veronica Barton, Jarret Barron, Dallas Kirtz, Ralph SoroChan

- 1) Call to Order at 5:52 pm
- 2) Land Acknowledgement – Teri Pearn
- 3) Reports
  - a) Principals report –
    - i) Jan 29 PL Day – Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training
    - ii) Staff participated in literary assessment training, later this month learning strategies
    - iii) Family Day Assembly on Monday
      - (1) Citizen of the month awards based on the Seven Sacred Teachings.
      - (2) 18 families that joined for the assembly
    - iv) Valentine’s Day Carnival on Friday – lots of fun planned
    - v) Grade 2 Read Program
      - (1) Second round began this week, literacy specialist Traci Austen doing assessments, fluid program
    - vi) Grade 4 Read Pilot Program
      - (1) Halfway through, Natalie McIntyre is running that and will be back in April
    - vii) Black History Month
      - (1) Have pulled books for students to explore in the library
      - (2) Tololwa Mollé – author to share some of his books Feb 18
      - (3) Stennie Noel – Caribbean Calypso Musician – finalizing date
    - viii) Fees – survey results
      - (1) Proposed fees – lunch supervision stays the same (what is collected does not cover this expense completely), extracurricular stays the same
        - (a) 2% for field trips – can we do more in school experiences.
      - (2) Elements Weekly – inconsistent delivery and can discuss.
      - (3) Website – can be tricky to navigate. Plan to make this better to navigate.

- (4) Hot Lunch – should be offered once a month, prices to be kept reasonable, they would like to support businesses ONLY in Fort Saskatchewan.
    - (a) Edo, quesadillas, noodle options, burgers with condiments are an option
  - (5) Fundraisers –
    - (a) greenhouse (vegetable or flowers)
    - (b) School Dance
    - (c) Meat Draw
  - (6) Attendance at parent council – virtually, start time at 6 pm, babysitting optional
  - (7) Parent Engagement – relationships with the staff members, phys ed, music, recess
    - (a) Means volunteering, what opportunities to volunteer, up to date information with teachers, advocating for students, feedback on surveys
- b) Board Report – Ralph Sorochan
- i) Student Transportation Eligibility Change
    - (1) From 2.4km to 1.0km for K-6, 2.0km for 7-12, government has changed their mind again, criteria will be 1.6 K-6 and 2.0 for 7-12. Significant challenges, will be over a \$400,000 deficit in funding, families to be severely impacted. Approximately 690 students affected. \$400,000 will be a substantial increase to fee. \$75 eligible, \$150 in-eligible. Concern that boards are being made to be the bad guy, will be an increase in fees and a decrease in what they are able to provide. Letter to the minister with regards, symposium with the minister directly about the service disruption. Write a letter or talk to your MLA regarding this matter.
    - (2) ASCA conference is coming up – approved to sponsor the conference. Virtual this year, cost will be lower this year, anyone from the council can attend. Contact Emma at central for registration.
    - (3) OHS COR Audit – Safety certificate of recognition to provide the COR audit. 91% score on the COR Audit, exceeding the mandatory 60%.
    - (4) School status report link is to p 36 of the Trustee report
    - (5) Retreat for the Board – West Rivers Edge – budget priorities, rural education sustainability, capital planning, student transportation, and more.
    - (6) Annual Education Results report from 2023-24, synopsis reviewed last meeting and a link to the full report is available.
    - (7) Next board meeting Feb 20.
  - c) COSC Meeting-
    - i) Returning registration
    - ii) Trustee Elections, encourage nominations
    - iii) PowerSchool Data Breach – update on website, should be a letter
    - iv) Curriculum for the Jr High, no update yet
    - v) Remind parent council engagement grants
    - vi) Goals and Education Plans
    - vii) Super Intendent Marshall – Social media
- 4) Parent Council Reports
- a) Financial - breakfast \$1331.87

- 5) Approve the Minutes – First Veronica 2) Jarret
- 6) Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 7) Wish List/Spending Priorities – quotes to Kristen for the gym upgrades, waiting on the artist quote for painted, or vinyl
  - 8) Fundraising Plans – items for classrooms, funds instead of volunteering, board games.
- 9) New Business:
  - 1) Grant Spending –
    - Megan Tippler – Indigenous PhD Student at UofA is interested in working with the school to provide information sessions to parents/families. Dates and topics have been sent to council, would be good to promote by the parent council.
  - 2) Operating Procedures – review and re-do is still in process. ASCA used to offer support for this, can enquire.
  - 3) Operation Plan – to review at next meeting.

Update from Kal Tire- not yet

- Next Meeting: \_\_March 19 @ 6:00 pm\_\_\_\_\_
- Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_6:31 pm\_\_\_\_\_



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- 1) Call to Order at \_\_6:32 pm\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Motion to Approve the Agenda – First Jarret; Second Kristen
- 3) Motion to Approve the Minutes of January 15, 2025 – First Veronica ; Second Jarret
- 4) Treasurers Report–
  - a) Op – \$5875.51
  - b) Casino \$15673.79, still need to pay for work in the gym yet.
  - c) AGLC due March 28 to be submitted
  - d) Check for 2 teachers
- 5) Wish List
  - i) Decodable books – depends on fundraisers
- 6) Fundraising
  - a) Cotton Candy – Run before Easter – March 31 - April 9 – April 15 or 16 pickup
  - b) 50/50 – May 1 – May 15. Cash out before May long weekend.

- c) Little Caesar's– with cash? Stephanie to look into when we can do. Feb 1 - Close Feb 28. Pick up March 10
  - d) Online raffle – summer gift baskets. Contingency
- 7) Spending Priorities
- a) Brenda to give formal quote for gym - artist
  - b) Movie Night – April 16 to correspond with cotton candy pickup and Parent council meeting. Teri to check availability. 6 pm start, decide movie and promote.
  - c) Family Dance –Don't need to have both gyms, most DJs bring in their own lighting, recommendation to not have a fog machine.

Adjourn 6:42 pm