

MINUTES

FLVT School Council Minutes Oct 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Tania at 7:04pm

In Attendance:

Carrie Heimbecker, Monique Atkins, Paige Peake, Kristina Gilmore, Kaleigh Rey, Tania Crabbe, Wendy Iwanczuk, Luigi Pollio, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Asheley Cowie, Travis Magierowski

Approval of Agenda

Carrie Motioned, Asheley seconded; all approved.

Tania discussed putting time limits on agenda items to keep us on track. Aim is for meetings to be 1-1.5 hours. All agreed.

Approval of Previous Meetings

Carrie motioned approval of minutes, Paige seconded; all approved.

Report from Executives

- Chairperson: Not present; nothing to report.
- Vice Chairperson: Nothing to report
- Treasurer: Vacant. Document distributed on financials.
- Secretary: Nothing to report
- School Events Coordinator: Monique: to discuss fundraising under *new business*.
- Communications Coordinator: Asheley drew attention to the school council bulletin board. One form for parent volunteer came back. Asheley is wondering if we can set up a Gmail account. Monique stated that we can't have an email address due to FOIP. Tania stated that other schools have electronic communication tools; Tania to inquire how other school councils arrange for this. The feeling is that electron communication is the way to engage more parents. A reminder that school council does have a Facebook page.

Principal's/Staff Report

Travis: Greg sends his regrets; delayed at airport; Travis filling in. Greg asks that we keep Danny in our prayers as he has significant health concerns. Travis handed out October calendar and reviewed same. November 8th is the end of quarter one. Travis reminded us to use the calendar online for the most up to date information.

At present we have 614 students enrolled at FLVT; 50 more students than anticipated. Staffing is an ongoing concern to meet the new census. School improvement plan is in development and will be discussed at the next meeting. The PAT results were distributed along with the Accountability summary. We continue to score high due to the work of our teachers and their commitment to learning.

A spreadsheet for request for funds was distributed for school council to consider; requests were broken down into priorities. Travis stated that if school council could cover some of the items it would place monies directly back in the classroom for learning.

A reminder that Awards night is Oct 24th 7pm in the gym. A school council rep should be present. Joel may be available; Carrie will also be attending.

Room representative responsibility will be tabled until next meeting.

Parking lot; the fire drill raised concerns about access to the school. New signs will be put up about parking. Please adhere to same. No news about redoing the parking lot. Discussion ensued about the flawed and dated design of same.

Danny: Not present.

Luigi: interviews went well. There have been some concerns about the number of adults wondering halls at any given time. Luigi stated that while we want to be an open and welcoming community there are also safety issues related to having open access to the school. Discussion ensued about this.

Unfinished Business

- Carrie signed off on closing the bank account; document left in mail box; Deanna to take care of same.

New Business

- Fundraising: Monique reviewed criteria for fundraising. Discussed the request for a sensory room. Discussion ensued about the benefits of same. The feeling was there is support for same. Monique stated that we need to do fundraising to meet our goals and contribute to new projects. Monique discussed a bottle drive; portable bins that parents can access at the school. Monique could also set up an account at bottle depot as well. Can we park the trailers on the grass? Yes. For how long? 2 days was the consensus. Monique will set it up for next Wednesday/Thursday. Asheley will develop communication for Greg to disseminate to parents.
- Second fundraiser; movie night. The school has access to one free prelease movie per month. Travis stated that the screens/sound system would be good for movies. Laptop will run the DVD. Discussed logistics, interest, popcorn, potential funds. Discussed other ideas relating to fundraising. Movie night dates discussed; a Thursday prior to a PD day would be ideal. Jan 30th could be a potential date. Monique to continue to inquire and plan for same. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- Dance-athon; Monique discussed how this could work and how it would be successful. Proposed that we do this around Valentine's Day. Initial investment would be needed for prizes. We would need buy in from teachers. Lots of support for same around the table. Monique will ask for more details from her contact at Mike Mountain Horse.
- Monique reviewed other fundraising ideas that have been submitted to council such as chocolate sales, flower sales, card sales, etc. Also reviewed the 2 official letters requesting funds (sensory room and grade 6 camp). The question was asked about business being able to sponsor school council or specific projects. There was discussion that they would not be able to advertise and if they could receive a tax receipt. It was suggested that we approach or put out a call to businesses who would like to make a charitable donation prior to the end of the business year.
- It was determined that we need more information on the school's request for funds. We also need to understand what our fundraising projection will be for the year. A budget and treasurer are needed!
- Asheley motioned that we proceed with the bottle drive to fundraise for Shrove Tuesday; Paige seconded this; all approved. Asheley to send out communication to the school/parents regarding same. Volunteers will be needed to manage this.
- Asheley brought up that school council should send Danny flowers. Wendy volunteered to pick up flowers from Costco and deliver to the hospital; Sheryl will ensure they get to him. Tamara will reimburse Wendy for same. Asheley motioned that council spend up to \$40 on flowers, Monique seconded; all in favor.
- Olivia mentioned that the school is no longer using the app Remind for daily announcement and parents are missing this. When she brought it up in the office they stated that because of the volume of subscribers there would be a cost to using this tool. Olivia wondered if school council could look at funding this. Presently the school is using Messenger, but there are no daily announcements. Travis will ask about this.
- Paige brought up the idea of a grade six graduation celebration. Most schools do a celebration or recognition of students leaving elementary. Our school does not as students are not leaving. Tania stated that our grade six camp is a special event that celebrates this grade; another event is probably not needed. It was discussed that not all grade six's attend camp. Luigi said that one year a grade six class organized their own graduation. Carrie stated that it might be nice for families to be included in recognizing this

milestone. Luigi said even an assembly might be an idea. Asheley suggested that we should talk to the grade six teachers to get their feelings on this. Carrie agreed to same. To be discussed again at next meeting.

- Tania announced our next meeting date. She requested that we also look ahead and set meeting dates for the remaining school year so parents have time to plan. She would also like to set dates for next year at the June meeting.
- Tania motioned to adjourn the meeting; Monique seconded; all approved.

Next Meeting

Tuesday November 5th, 2019, in school library