

MINUTES

FLVT School Council Minutes Jan 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Tania at 7:07pm

In Attendance:

Carrie Heimbecker, Monique Atkins, Paige Peake, Tania Crabbe, Wendy Iwanczuk, Luigi Pollio, Greg Kostiuk, Joel McDonald and Danny Ponjavic

Approval of Agenda

Joel not present; no agenda circulated.

Approval of Previous Meetings

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

Report from Executives

- Chairperson: Not present during this portion.
- Vice Chairperson: Nothing to report
- Treasurer: Vacant.
- Secretary: Nothing to report
- School Events Coordinator: Monique: to discuss fundraising under *new business*.
- Communications Coordinator: Not present.

Principal's/Staff Report

Greg: January/February calendar distributed. No school on Jan 31st. No plans for movie night. Shrove Tuesday is Feb 25th.

Life Touch will be offering pictures spring school pictures. They actually pay to come into the school; kindergarten included. No pressure to purchase.

Registration has started for next year. Online registration will be taking place in February. Digital records are now being required.

Survey was done in January (150 responses) PPD's were preferred for Fridays. There is talk that a province wide school calendar may be implemented in coming years. 93% on the survey said school communication has been improving. Junior High awards, 76% wanted to continue with this. Faith plan 40% said yes; 56% unsure of this. Greg stated that this was something to look at. Junior High computer purchase program 59% in favour.

Randy Hauk is officially retiring. 28 years teaching at FLVT.

Alberta Ed survey coming for grade 4/7 parents. Please don't fill out don't know. Kids and teachers will also do the survey.

Planning for next year is starting. Ken Samson is waiting for news on the budget. No news on staffing changes at present. Board predicts we will be up by 20 kids next year. Board has asked for another portable. Everything is on hold at present. No busing updates.

Annual Ed report is on the website. Are the council meeting minutes being posted? Greg and Carrie to check with Tamara.

Budget: our school cut 24%; all the "fun stuff". All color printers have stopped to save money. Grade 9's can't go to CCH for orientation because of these cuts. The reality is that we cannot do everything that we want to do. The board has dipped into reserves to cover this year, but this will run out. Next year will be a challenging year. The good news is that our schools are in good physical shape.

Mr. L does an activity in the spring with pully/rafters. Our divisional officer is requiring that we get an engineer to approve, with a letter with a stamp on it. If anyone knows a structural engineer willing to donate their expertise... without the letter the event cannot take place.

Danny: Nothing to report. Danny is recovering from a long hospitalization. Tomorrow is his first board meeting.

Luigi: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

- The request for funds. An informal meeting took place prior to Christmas to discuss distribution of school council funds. Roughly \$300 Shrove Tuesday. \$300 Beautification. \$400 Camp, \$1200 Astronomer.
- Minimum \$600 needed for Shrove Tuesday; Tania motioned for to approve; Carrie seconded. Monique will look at getting it catered (700 persons). Greg recommended contacting the Knights of Columbus. Monique will look into same.
- Greg: reviewed what the fundraising cards are covering. Also reviewed previous year expenditures.
- Joel felt that the astronomer in school program should be supported every other year.
- The school secured a grant for healthy eating. Fridges are coming, stocked with healthy snacks for students. Sports Day will be covered by this grant, so school council will not need to sponsor the lunch this year.
- No health and wellness day planned for this year.
- Monique discussed various fundraising options, Joel is wondering if we should try to organize a bigger event to generate more funds. Monique, discussed dance-athon. Greg mentioned a read-a-thon was successful in generating money for his previous school.
- Trees: the trees are being chopped around the lake. It would be good to replenish. Joel to reach out to city to see if they would do something around the shed. Joel will look into trees.
- Greg will get a budget report from Tamara.
- Tania will make a spread sheet for next meeting so we can have a better understanding of expenditures.

New Business

- Bottle Drive: last one was easy and successful. 2 days was long enough. Book for February 4 or 5th.
- What about the idea of streaming the meeting?
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Next Meeting

Monday February 10th at 7pm, 2020, in school library.