

FLVT Parent Council Agenda

Tuesday January 11th, 2021

- I. **Called to Order** 7pm
- II. **Opening Prayer**
- III. **In Attendance:** Monique Atkins, Asheley Cowie, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Greg Kostiuk, Travis Magierowski, Tanya Koopmans, Emily Boutland, Wendy Iwanczuk, Brigida Chambers, Danny Ponjavic

- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Last meeting held Wednesday, November 17th 2020
 - b. Minutes are available online

- V. **Reports from Executives:**
 - a. Chairperson – Monique Atkins – nothing to report
 - b. Vice-Chairperson – Asheley Cowie - nothing to report
 - c. Treasurer – Sheryl Benson-Loman - Our current balance is \$4991.92
 - d. Secretary – Tania Crabbe – nothing to report
 - e. School Events Coordinator – OPEN
 - f. Communications Coordinator – OPEN

- VI. **Principal/Staff Report**
 - a. Greg Kostiuk to report
 - Mrs Cheryl Braun has retired (will be on staff until the end of June)
 - o She has been on staff since the day the school opened. She will be missed.
 - o Plans to celebrate her time at FLVT and wish her well are TBD and will be decided based on COVID restrictions
 - April 3rd will be spring school pictures
 - o Fundraiser \$2 for every picture they take goes to the school
 - The Spiritual Development Day on March 16th has been moved to March 22nd
 - Shelby Johnson has been added to the teaching staff. She does a bit of at home learning and helps free up some of the other teachers.
 - New kids are coming in. Approximately 5 or 6 new kids coming in along with some kids doing at home learning are planning to return – classrooms are filling up. We also have new kids asking about fall registration – we may need more portables next year.
 - Feb 1 will be reregistration day – it will be all online for existing students

- Feb 22 anyone new to or school can register
- b. Danny Ponjavic to report
 - Board met in December – nothing much to report
 - Proud of low transmission in November
 - o No in school transmission at this time
 - o None at FLVT to date
 - Forecasting a deficit budget this year
 - o There was a surplus last year due to the shut down
 - o \$800,000.00 surplus that was allocated to designated areas
 - No news of teachers getting prioritized vaccine access. The Union head is working on it but no luck so far
- c. Teachers to report
 - Nice to be back at school
 - Online learning was a success
 - All kids are putting in a good effort in class to do what they can to avoid transmission
 - Happy New Year!

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Fundraising-agreed it is on hold unless other options
- b. Potential Projects for any fundraising or teacher request?
 - Travis asked about gratitude walk – Greg estimates \$750.00
 - Greg says stations of the cross is \$1500.00
 - Travis – trees around the park
 - o Foreman of trees for the city says tree order needs to be in by April. We can work with them. They will do the planting and purchasing of the trees at no cost to the school.
- c. Greg: any idea on cost for stations of the cross or trees – see above

VIII. New Business

- a. Email from parent regarding Rose exchange
 - Greg does not believe it is an annual thing – the leadership group brought it in last year
 - The opinion is known and noted for future years.
- b. Asheley review of the Chair meeting
 - There were discussions around:
 - o trustee elections
 - If you know of parents that are interested encourage them to get involved
 - o Value of MLA engagement
 - Two schools presented the value of their meetings with their MLA

- Having that contact with your MLA adds legitimacy to our school's voice
 - Health Measures
 - Funding
 - Minister of education assured the boards that the reduction in funding would be turned around and put into the classrooms. They are hoping to see that promise fulfilled in next years budget
- c. Shrove Tuesday - what to do
 - Travis said COVID makes it challenging with the food handling tips – seems unlikely for this year.
 - Asheley – options could be:
 - Recipe sharing
 - Community engagement – could we donate to the food bank and have the classrooms bring Shrove Tuesday ingredients to them (the school already does a donation to the good bank in connection with lent)
 - If we do any sort of meal it would have to be catered at this time
 - Carla will talk to Kayla about doing the pancakes and see if we can do a couple of grades per day – not able to celebrate on Shrove Tuesday but perhaps during one of the surrounding weeks.
 - The entire school would be included
- d. Empty positions
 - We do need a communication person sooner than later
 - Greg recommends asking friends – if you are reading this and you are interested please join us at our next FLVT Parent Council meeting Feb 9th at 7pm and let us know.
- e. Enrichment options due to lack of field trips
 - Have we considered contacting Trail Museum or Telus Science Museum to see if there are options being presented to schools to provide them options to give them some sort of virtual experience?
 - Response from teachers:
 - Currently the kids and teachers are getting tired of the virtual stuff
 - The kids seem happiest being in their environment and just hanging out with their friends
 - Field Trips are not cancelled – Transportation is cancelled. In the spring they may be able to pursue some close by things
 - Still trying to find ways to get the kids out of classroom
 - Kids all loved the winter carnival and fall blast off
 - Asheley reiterated that we as parent council are trying to find ways to support the teacher and classrooms the best we can but not with any pressure from us – asked what the teachers would like
 - Greg suggested we could always break apart some of the funds and allocate them to the teachers
 - Monique asked about the sensory room – we do have one now but they will always need new equipment. They will get some equipment cost estimates to her

I. Adjournment – 7:51pm

**Next Meeting to be held
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 at
7pm online.**