

FLVT Parent Council Agenda

Tuesday February 9, 2021

I. Called to Order 7:00pm by Asheley Cowie

II. Opening Prayer

III. In Attendance: Asheley Cowie, Greg Kostiuk, Tanya Koopmans, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Paige Peake, Patti Pilsner, Rhonda Waldorf, Brigida Chambers, Sheri Thomas, Wendy Iwanczuk, Danny Ponjavic, Kate Savoie, Amber Baines, Heather Spiess, Tania Crabbe

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Last meeting held Tuesday, January 11, 2021
- Minutes are available online
- Approval – Motioned by Patti – Seconded by Sheryl - carried

V. Reports from Executives:

- Chairperson – Monique Atkins
- Vice-Chairperson – Asheley Cowie
- Treasurer – Sheryl Benson-Loman
 - Balance at end of January was \$4986.92
 - \$20 school fees cam in
 - Current balance is \$5006.92
 - Only commitment is to Kayla for Shrove Tuesday stuff – should be around \$800.00 – Sheryl will get an invoice and pay Kayla
- Secretary – Tania Crabbe
- School Events Coordinator – OPEN
- Communications Coordinator – OPEN

VI. Principal/Staff Report

- Greg Kostiuk
 - Good news- we are getting another part time teacher. This will be paid for from the federal money to help schools. This teacher's role will be focused on numeracy – to support classes that need help with math skills. Likely will start with Grade 6 focus.
 - Next year
 - already 300 registrations are in – which is good for the first week
 - Feb 22 outside parents can register
 - Sept 1 – will be the first day of school for 2021-2022
 - June 28 – will be the last day of school for 2021-2022
 - There were 182 days of school this year – There will be 181 days next year
 - Teachers have requested more site-based PD days next year
 - Next year is still being planned for

- Funding
 - Division is looking at about a \$2 million funding shortfall
 - Based on funding model
 - Next year will be a challenging staffing year
 - The budget is coming out at the end of this month
 - Danny said that things can change though so this could be different as they start to plan the year
 - COVID update
 - School Sports
 - Not a lot of change in what is allowed for school because the kids still have to remain in their cohorts
 - Smaller schools have some freedom for some kind of sports clubs but, it is much more difficult in the bigger schools as we cannot accommodate all of the cohorts
 - Funding request
 - Mr Craddock made a request for a piece of phys ed equipment
 - Cost will be approximately \$750.00
 - It is a 9 squares apparatus (that they have at SABC)made of PVC piping
 - Asheley asked that he send us a proposal and we will review it at the next meeting
- Danny Ponjavic to report
 - At the last board meeting the trustees discussed the high student population at FLVT
 - Mr Samson was tasked to come up with a proposal to help alleviate the pressure that our current over population is creating. He is looking for ways to find more space
 - We are currently over capacity and there is added pressure that may come from the school district 51 zoning changes
 - The first priority for the next capital project is a new school on the west side. This is subject to funding from the provincial government but there have been no approvals yet.
 - Priorities for capital projects are usually given to the divisions that do not have room. The concern we have is that even though we do not have room in the schools on the west side, we do have room within the division, so this may not accurately represent the need we have.
 - Danny mentioned that it might be an good idea to talk to our MLA about what our school needs are.
 - Asheley asked how we could help. Danny recommended that after the proposals have been sent through to the government, we send a letter to the education department and cc our MLA (around March) to ask for support in getting a new school. Asheley proposed that we could put together a letter template and distribute to

our parent collection and see if we can add support. She asked for some Danny to provide history and talking points to help the letters carry more weight

- Danny reiterated that the priority to handle the growth situation is a new school at this time and not more portables

- Teachers to report
 - Brigida – Thank you for the pancake breakfast this week – it brightened the day of the students
 - Patti – Orientation night is happening the next two nights for kids going from grade 6-7

VII. **Unfinished Business**

- Greg: cost for stations of the cross or gratitude walk plaques
 - We asked for firmer pricing as we would like to approve these projects, along with the approximate timeline. Travis Magarowski will send us though the quotes and information
- A child in the school had a parent who passed away suddenly
 - As discussed in previous meetings, we will do what we did for the last family – we will collect the info from Greg and we will move forward with that. (gift cards and a credit with Kayla up to \$200.00)
- A staff member had a parent who passed away – we discussed giving either a plant or flowers to the staff member
 - Tania motioned to approve to not spend more than \$75.00 – and attempt to match past amounts for fairness– Sheryl seconded – carried
 - Precedence for these situations will be discussed at next meeting
 - One for hardship
 - One for celebration

VIII. **New Business**

- Update on Shrove Tuesday
 - The staff said it was the quickest, easiest and smoothest ever
 - One of the students commented on how nice it was to have the same traditions even during COVID and that they had still discussed the significance of the day and what it means in the Catholic Faith

I. **Adjournment** – 7:50pm by Asheley Cowie

**Next Meeting to be held
Tuesday March 16th at
7pm online.**