

# FLVT Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 15, 2021

- I. **Called to Order** at 7:01 pm by Monique Atkins
- II. **Opening Prayer**
- III. **In Attendance:** Greg Kostiuk, Patti Pilsner, Monique Atkins, Deanna Broderick, Tania Crabbe, Wendy Iwanczuk, Asheley Cowie, Brigida Chambers, Carla Jensen
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Last meeting held Tuesday May 11, 2021
  - b. Minutes are available Online
- V. **Reports from Executives:**
  - a. Chairperson – Monique Atkins
  - b. Vice-Chairperson – Asheley Cowie
  - c. Treasurer – Sheryl Benson-Loman
    - i. Balance at end of May was \$2,730.77
    - ii. Estimated balance after commitments \$928.77
    - iii. Money in \$10.00
    - iv. Money Out \$0.00
    - v. Money expected to come in \$263.00
      1. Bottle Drive
    - vi. Money expected to go out - \$2065.00
      1. Grade 9 gifts
      2. Mrs. Braun retirement
      3. Gratitude Walk
      4. FLVT Lanyards
      5. Hawks Values
  - d. Secretary – Tania Crabbe
  - e. School Events Coordinator – OPEN
  - f. Communications Coordinator – OPEN
- VI. **Principal/Staff Report**
  - a. Greg Kostiuk to report
    - i. 6 staff members leaving
      1. June 24<sup>th</sup> farewell
    - ii. Next year
      1. Mr. Sampson has indicated to plan for a typical start to the new year
      2. Staffing is still up in the air – changes to come

3. Some of the protocols will stay in place but not sure which ones just yet
  4. Bell Times – still in limbo
  5. Kindergarten Change – Less hours as per the gov't
    - a. Start Sept 13 End June 16
    - b. 6 Fridays
    - c. ELP will be the same
  6. Card Fundraiser will likely be a go for the beginning of the school year
  7. Grade 9 Farewell
- b. Danny Ponjavic to report
- c. Teachers to report –
- i. Brigida – thank you to teachers, parents and everyone for their support this year

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

- a. Bottle Drive Summary
  - i. Lower participation than in the past – might be a timing thing after just coming back from a COVID break
  - ii. There is an account at Ability Bottle Depot for FLVT – if you would like to donate your bottles you can do so anytime of the year by visiting either the north or south location and letting them know you would like it credited to the school's account (Thanks to Monique for setting this all up!)
- b. Gift for Mrs. Braun's Retirement
  - i. The rock is purchased and it looks great
  - ii. Best to give it to her on June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Asheley will bring it to the office and Greg will keep it there
- c. Grade 6 camp – do something else? Pizza Party?
  - i. Pizza party can be done
    1. Has to follow protocols
  - ii. Wednesday won't work as there is a sports day
  - iii. Kids are still in the learning atmosphere and getting ready for finals
  - iv. Discussion around whether or not we will continue to support grade 6 camp. Was it decided that we would not longer do this?
    1. It was brought up to consider if there are other needs, but the answer was not at this time
    2. It was decided to support a Grade 6 Celebration this year given the year it has been
    3. We will review the minutes and have a clearer understanding of what was decided regarding supporting Grade 6 camp for future years
  - v. Asheley put a motion to commit an amount no more than \$200.00 towards a grade six celebration that will be coordinated by council and discussed with teacher. Tania seconded - CARRIED
- d. Grade 9 gifts

- i. Dropped off the lanyards but...Lanyards aren't allowed (because they are not breakaway)
- ii. Asheley brought up that it was disappointing that we did make a decision but now we cannot use them
  - 1. Parent council would like to make the financial contribution and have the grade 9 planning committee make a decision on the gifts moving forward. Greg said he would like parent council to continue to choose the gift as the teachers also don't know what to choose. Asheley is concerned that we would likely find ourselves in this same position again. Greg said they are in a difficult very restricted spot.
  - 2. Monique proposed sunglasses for perhaps next year – Greg said there would likely be no opposition there
- iii. Deanna proposed we do lunch or coffee & donuts for this year's grade 9s
  - 1. We need to consider that there are limited days
  - 2. We would have to reach out to the teacher to arrange it
  - 3. Donuts after finals might work
  - 4. Tim Horton's could individually wrap the donuts
  - 5. Asheley motions to commit an amount not to exceed \$500.00 to distribute donuts to the students after finals Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Monique seconds - CARRIED
    - a. Donuts should be dropped off by 9:40am
    - b. Parent council will arrange the drop offs
- iv. Lanyards will be given to Mrs. Sawchuk as they might be useable in scrapbooking club

## **VIII. New Business**

- a. Residential Schools Questions
  - i. How is FLVT dealing with the dialogue for all students regarding the recent discovery of the remains of 215 children at a former residential school in Kamloops. It seems to be different depending on the teacher?
    - 1. Right after the incident, the flag was lowered
    - 2. Template for a prayer service was shared that some teachers chose to do. Others did not.
    - 3. There has been PD had been committed in the past decade to first nation issues, and specifically residential schools
    - 4. The Division is committed to Educating Staff on first Nations issues
    - 5. In regards to the Kamloops discover specifically– Monday at 2:15 all schools in all of the divisions will be meeting in a virtual prayer service to pray for reconciliation. This will not include the Junior High Students as they will be dismissed after their final exams.

6. It was said that the messaging about residential schools is based on teacher comfort level.
    - a. It was suggested that perhaps it is time to force some discomfort to promote the dialogue as this needs to be discussed.
    - b. Residential Schools are currently part of the curriculum and are at least required to be discussed regardless of teacher comfort in social studies.
  7. Greg specified that there is a focus on long term change.
  8. Parents with question about this can reach out to school administrators and they are happy to speak more on the issues.
- b. Fundraising for 2021-2022
    - i. If we want to do a card campaign, we wouldn't want it to compete with the school one. We can discuss this in the new year.
      1. The school will do something similar to what they did in past years.
  - c. Positions for Next Year
    - i. Deanna is a strong maybe for the communications coordinator
    - ii. Monique will act as president until someone steps in
    - iii. If you are interested, please let us know!!!
  - d. WE DID IT - what a year!!!

**IX. Adjournment** - at 7:58pm

**Next Meeting to be decided in the New School Year.**