

FLVT Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday September 14, 2021

- I. **Called to Order**
- II. **Opening Prayer**
- III. **In Attendance:** Greg Kostiuk, Travis Magierowski, Monique Atkins, Deanna Broderick, Tania Crabbe, Asheley Cowie, Danny Ponjavic, Brigida Chambers, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Candice Lam, Chris Stasiuk, Ildiko Price, Angelica Agustin, Sabra Roberts, Kaleigh Rey, Brad & Laura Hussey, Aanu Ighagbon, Funmilola Adeniyi, Kate Savoie, Wendy Iwanczuk, Paige Peake
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Last meeting held Tuesday June 15, 2021
 - b. Minutes are available Online
- V. **Principal/Staff Report**
 - a. Greg Kostiuk to report
 - i. Good start to the year. Thank you to parents. So far we are running a relatively normal formad
 - ii. Fall fundraiser – we have sold just under 500 cards sold so far. This means the school has made roughly \$5000.00. Greg will provide an update on how these funds will be allocated at the next parent council meeting.
 - iii. September 30th is National Day for Truth and reconciliation. There will be no school
 - iv. New this year for Jr High Academics – there no exemptions from final exams (in the past if you held a grade 85 or above in some classes you would not have to write the final exam. They are no longer doing this)
 - v. Meet the teachers
 1. Elementary – still online.
 2. Jr high – was originally planned for in person but with rising numbers this has been postponed. The Jr High teachers will let parents know if they will reschedule or cancel
 - vi. Transportation – Bussing being late
 1. Southland is working on it.
 - a. They will hire 6 more drivers and then redo the routes
 - b. They have advised that there will be no major changes until thanksgiving

2. Parents – make sure you have registered for bussing. At the end of September the bussing will be more or less fixed as they rework the routes
- vii. Enrollment updated
 1. 615 planned for
 2. We currently have 7 or so less than planned for
 3. The division is also down in enrollment
- viii. COVID 19 re-entry
 1. Masks – our mask mandate has been mostly supported
 2. There are about 6 or 7 students that have mask exemptions
 3. Vaccination clinic – so far only a handful of kids have signed up for this. We may not meet the minimum
 4. Contact tracing
 - a. no longer handled by AHS
 - b. Our superintendent is deciding if it is worth is to do this in place of AHS
 5. Parent Question - Will there be mandated vaccinations for teachers/staff?
 - a. Answer: this is not even on the radar at this time
- b. Danny Ponjavic to report
 - i. At the start of the year there was no mandating masking but now there is.
 - ii. Parent Question: Why is it that the public system is not wearing masks at their desks but the catholic system is?
 1. Every school division has the authority to make their own decision, and catholic school div decided this was the right thing to do
 2. Mr Sampson decided to enforce masking at desks because the schools here do not allow students to social distance
 - a. In some smaller rural schools they might not need to wear masks (like 10 students in a class)
 3. Public system is not in cohorts – masks are only off during times in which they are seated in their seating plans
 - iii. Danny updated on portables
 1. Site preparation should be in October
 2. Delivery in November
 3. Usable hopefully by January
 4. We have been approved for 2
 5. They will be placed outside of the ELP classroom through along hallway closer to the trees
 6. May cause changes to muster points in future
- c. Teachers to report
 - i. Brigida Chambers – welcome back
 1. Nice to have the kids interacting and having families onsite outside

VI. Reports from Executives:

- a. Chairperson – Monique Atkins
 - i. She has turned in the annual report to the board
 - 1. This report shows what we did last year and the financials (reports was short for last year)
- b. Vice-Chairperson – Asheley Cowie – nothing to report
- c. Treasurer – Sheryl Benson-Loman
 - i. Opening balance \$2,720.77
 - ii. Balance at end of August was \$1767.20
 - iii. Balance after commitments \$867.20
 - iv. Money in \$105.00
 - v. Money Out \$1,085.57
 - vi. Council fees will increase the balance
 - vii. Grade 9 donuts were a big hit
- d. Secretary – Tania Crabbe – nothing to report
- e. School Events Coordinator – OPEN
- f. Communications Coordinator – OPEN

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Call for positions to be filled
 - i. School Events Coordinator
 - 1. Helps any event parent council puts on
 - 2. There is a binder that helps you do this job from years past
 - 3. Main idea is to be the key contact and the delegator of the jobs
 - 4. Kaleigh Rey expressed that she would be willing to fill the role
 - 5. Monique nominated Kaleigh Rey for School Events Coordinator, Asheley seconded, and the vote was CARRIED
 - ii. Communication Coordinator
 - 1. Communicate with parents and community
 - 2. Tell the school community what is going in council
 - 3. Sabra Roberts expressed that she would be willing to fill the role
 - 4. Tania nominated Sabra Roberts for Communications Coordinator, Monique seconded, and the vote was CARRIED

VIII. New Business

- a. Fundraising for 2021/2022
 - i. The goal is to support activities and items for the school
 - ii. In years past we usually spend around \$3,000.00 (rough estimate as COVID changed things a little)
 - iii. The council is open to suggestions or ideas for fundraising
 - iv. There are some rules with fundraising so we need to be a little choosey about what we do and how we do it
 - v. How many do we normally do for parent council
 - 1. We do them as needed (no number specified)

2. We generally do a few small fundraisers, but no really big ones at this time
- vi. Ideas:
1. Bottle drives – we will do these again this year
 2. Poinsettia sales suggested by Greg
 - a. We have a pamphlet on hand from Devry Greenhouses
 - b. Sheryl will reach out and let us know more at the next meeting.
 - c. We will likely do this one.
 - d. It will require some parent volunteers
 - e. We will need to decide what it is for and share with parents early October as other schools also do this fundraiser
 3. Kona Ice Day
 - a. Running this Thursday
 - b. 20% of profits will go back to the school
 - c. There seems to be a lot of student interest
 - d. Can be purchased the day of if needed but also has been done at school cash online
- b. JH lunch protocol
- i. What is the protocol and are they required to eat outside?
 1. Students are not required to eat outside – they are allowed to eat in the classroom
 2. We are not mixing grades at this time
 3. If you leave your classroom at the lunch bell you have to leave school grounds as there is no supervision. This means students are not allowed to eat outside on school grounds
 4. Once supervision starts kids are required to remain outside until lunch is over
 5. When weather gets colder kids will hang out in the mezzanine
- c. School Sports
- i. Process – Sports is well on its way
 - ii. Viewing – all are welcome if they are masked
 - iii. If you know a Grade 7 Boys volley ball coach or someone who want to be one, the school is in need. They will also need a Grade 6 girls volleyball coach.
 1. Open to parents/volunteers. (there will be a staff assistant to help out)
 2. Not much in way of experience needed as the school will provide resources
- d. Parents in school – inquiry
- i. Why parents are still not allowed in school?
 1. For COVID safety, less outsiders coming in
 2. Staff found that students (especially littles) were a lot more independent without parents there to help.
 3. The building felt safer last year without outside traffic

4. Gives the school more learning spaces
 - a. Lunch room
 - b. Gathering space
5. Parent Comments on this issue are as follows
 - a. There is frustration and concern that we cannot support the teachers or be a part of the school community with these restrictions in place.
 - i. Response: Hopefully parent volunteering will be allowed in future
 - b. Others expressed some feelings of being unwelcome, or disconnected from the school. Is there a way to bring more parents in to help foster community?
 - i. Greg says he hopes we will get there over time, but with the COVID environment it won't be until after the 4th wave lifts
 - ii. We will work in future to find ways to differentiate between "public" and those of us who are part of the community
 - c. Another concern has to do with kids with mental health issues or disabilities. Are there arrangements made?
 - i. At this time, there has been given a few days grace to students who have required it, and then the job has been successfully handed over to EAs
 - ii. In the event further considerations were needed arrangements would be made
 - d. Some parents did find that the muster points helped with independence and have even found that engaging with the teachers has been at times easier than before.
6. Volunteers are still not allowed at this time because of the COVID risk factors. This decision was made by the division.
- e. Danny will be stepping down from the school board- we thank him for his service and wish him well. School Board elections will be held October 18th.
- f. Will we be supporting the "We are Treaty People" poster contest again this year?
 - i. Monique made a motion to support an amount not to exceed \$300.00 for the "We are Treaty People" poster contest, Asheley seconded, and the vote was CARRIED

IX. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm

**Next Meeting to be held
Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 7pm
Online unless otherwise communicated.**