

FLVT Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday November 16, 2021

- I. Called to Order 7:01pm**
- II. Opening Prayer – Sheryl Benson-Loman**
- III. In Attendance:** Sheryl Benson-Loman, Ann-Marie Gianetti, Joan Rogers, Travis Magierowski, Calista Wright, Heather Hay, Olivia Pelucco, Yillas Chali, Greg Kostiuk, Luigi Polio, Monique Atkins, Tim Craddock, Michele Loman, Monique Atkins, Quintin Cheverie, Travis Meyer, Wendy Iwanczuk, Candice Lam, Roisin Gibb, Sally Schafer, Kristy Gabruck, Aiko Kostersky, Connie Hoffart, Jessica Johnson, Deanna Broderick, Steve Leger, Tyler Tamura, Angelica, Jennifer Kudilek, Asheley Cowie, Kaleigh Rey, Sabra Sutter, Kamryn Skura, Anna Heilman
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Minutes are available Online
- V. Welcome Junior High Teachers**
 - a. Grade 7
 - i. Ann-Marie Giannetti
 - ii. Jessica Johnson
 - iii. Travis Meyer
 - iv. Andrea Tkach – away
 - b. Grade 8
 - i. Kristy Gabruck
 - ii. Luigi Polio
 - iii. Quintin Cheverie
 - iv. Steve Leger (grade 8/9 split)
 - c. Grade 9
 - i. Heather Hay
 - ii. Michele Loman
 - iii. Tim Craddock
 - iv. Joan Rogers
 - v. Calista Wright - PS3 intern
- VI. Principal/Staff Report**
 - a. School Board Representative to report – Welcome Roisin!
 - i. New trustee
 - ii. Also, liaison for CCH
 - iii. Her goal is to help people understand the role of the trustee
 1. They are in place to make sure Catholic Education is running the way it should be

- b. Greg Kostiuk to report
 - i. Transportation – it is improving
 - 1. Cold day – working on getting some of those busses that are behind up to date on the mybusstop app
 - ii. Aladdin is still being planned for May
 - 1. Hopeful we can have spectators
 - iii. Tik Tok Challenge hit the school
 - 1. Sawing chairs with mask strings. Had quite a few chairs vandalized. It is being investigated and they have some ideas as to who is doing it. **Please reiterate to kids “no tik tok challenges”**
 - iv. Portables
 - 1. There will be 1
 - 2. Hopefully start over Christmas break
 - 3. Probable completion/move in date by mid march
 - 4. Will likely connect to school outside of the early learning area
 - v. Annual Education Report
 - 1. Working on this now
 - vi. COVID updates
 - 1. For people to enter the school they need vaccination checks or negative test
 - 2. Basketball
 - a. Looking at opening up for spectators
 - b. Probably 2 people watching per kid
 - c. Figuring out how to monitor this
 - d. Could parent volunteers check vaccinations?
 - i. Greg says possible but wants to see how it will be first
 - 3. Positive Cases at FLVT
 - a. A few cases in the last few days
 - b. Only the parents of the kid in their cohort, and only if they were infectious while at school.
 - c. 3 positive cases in a 5 day infectious period would result in a switch to at home learning.
 - d. Specific letter will come to parents if there is a child in your class
 - e. Last year we had 21 cases from March to May, none before
 - i. This year we have had 11 already this year.
 - f. What is the lag time between a positive case and when AHS notifies you that there is a case
 - i. Sometimes quick, sometimes a couple days.
 - 4. Will there be vaccinations in school
 - a. No information at this time about vaccinations in school, but Greg does think they will be available.

- b. The process of vaccinating at school is lengthy, it will likely be quicker to go to a drug store.
- 5. Funding for Negative Testing
 - a. Applying for grants to cover the cost of tests after Christmas.
 - b. Greg says they will have enough tests to last until the end of the school year
- 6. Will vaccinations be mandates
 - a. For teacher – no but they will need negative tests. Greg does not see it coming, there is no intention to do it at this time
 - b. For kids – no
 - i. Any facility that requires proof of vaccination for kids, the school cannot go to
- 7. Update on parents in school
 - a. Still closed to public
 - b. Expanding a little with Pre-k volunteers, Kindergarten volunteers, Spectators for sports
 - c. Principal can approve a parent to be in the school for various reasons
 - d. If COVID is not going anywhere – what is the plan?
 - i. So far they have been more reactive than proactive. Greg expects it will be addressed with a plan for next year. It is not an Alberta Ed decision, it is a School Division decision
 - e. Parents are asking for more compromise
 - i. We still have to show proof so the space is still safe.
 - ii. The Board feels as though we understand there are challenges with COVID, but parents are feeling disconnected, and we would like to see some flexibility here.
 - iii. Response from school board trustee: the rules are constantly changing. There are opportunities for engagement for parents. Roisin will work on getting some clear messaging regarding what the rule is.
 - iv. Parents feel being involved adds to safety in some ways, instead of decreasing it.
 - v. Ms Gabruck asked if there is parent feedback getting to the school board will there also be teacher feedback, and will it be site dependent as FLVT looks much different than other schools because of the ages

- vi. In the end this will boil down to Mr Samson's decision. The principal will weigh in with the teacher's thoughts.
 - vii. Limiting COVID exposure by limiting number of people in the building.
 - viii. Parents are asking to have access. No longer should we hear "Parents are not allowed" but instead we should be allowed under proper approvals and situations. Parents are cooperating. How can we move forward from here?
 - ix. Lock down drills – mandated by the school division
 - 1. Increasing student anxiety.
 - 2. Doesn't make sense in a locked school environment
 - x. What parents are looking for is some decency and kindness when walking in to the school. We need to find out how to make this a warm and welcoming environment still.
8. If someone in your house has COVID can your child still attend school
- a. It is a recommendation they stay home, but it is not required
 - b. Symptomatic people have to stay home
- c. Teachers to report
- i. Luigi Polio – has been nice to have a more "normal" year, even with the continuing challenges. It is a little more calm than last year.
 - ii. Kristy Gabruck – agrees with Luigi

VII. Reports from Executives:

- a. Chairperson – Monique Atkins
 - i. Chair of chair meeting on the 29th
- b. Vice-Chairperson – Asheley Cowie – nothing to report
- c. Treasurer – Sheryl Benson-Loman
 - i. Balance at end of October was \$3178.86
 - ii. Balance after commitments \$2878.86
 - iii. Money in \$536.80
 - iv. Money Out \$900.00
 - v. There was a \$21 difference between last month and this month due to a Kona Ice issue. Ask Sheryl if you have questions.
 - vi. Sheryl wanted to know if we have a commitment for the play
 - 1. She said yes. Usually a parent council ad in the playbill. Around \$100
- d. Secretary – Tania Crabbe – nothing to report
- e. School Events Coordinator – Kaleigh Rey – nothing to report

- f. Communications Coordinator – Sabra Sutter – nothing to report

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Winter Fundraiser
 - i. Summary
 - 1. Going wonderfully
 - 2. So far
 - a. 455 items sold
 - b. \$12370 in total
 - c. Prof \$3886.84
 - d. 4 orders that we are trying to fix as there was a mix up. They have been contacted. Greg will also try to reach out to them.
 - ii. Volunteers
 - 1. Do we have enough?
 - a. Greg says that the grade 9s will help unload with the truck arrives. They will open up half the gym and that is where parents can come to pick up.
 - b. Parents will give the volunteers their orders and the volunteer will fill and take to the outside doors.
 - c. Parent volunteers should show up around 2pm
 - d. Pick up will be between 3-5 pm
 - e. We would like volunteers – let us know if you are interested!
 - f. Thank you to Sheryl for all of your work on this. Our most successful fundraiser EVER!
- b. Grade 9 grad gifts
 - i. Good to order
 - ii. The board will talk over ideas and come up with a plan for the next meeting
 - 1. Possibly branded sunglasses
- c. Clarity on bussing app
 - i. What is the process for handling issues?
 - 1. Are the concerns being tracked?
 - 2. Public system is also having issues
 - 3. Greg does not use the app as it does not seem to be working
 - 4. For the first 5+ weeks teachers were supervising 100+ kids at the school after school waiting for busses, and in the mornings, kids were late at times missing their entire first class
 - 5. Is there a communication option to find out when busses are late? Roisin will take the concerns to the board. She agrees that if we cannot resolve issues at least we can communicate better here.

6. Greg would like to know more about short-term and long-term solutions to the Southland issue. There is a province wide issue but we do need a plan.

IX. New Business

- a. COVID – see above
 1. Update on school status & #'s
 2. Clarity on reporting from the school
 - a. How do you know if your child was in class with a case?
 3. Will vaccines be available in school?
 - ii. COVID Mandates in school for staff
 1. What does this look like after the new year?
 - iii. Parents in school
 1. Any changes?
- b. Awards – because we have no ceremony, the school is covering the \$1100.00 for the awards. They did used to be sponsored by outside sources. They would like to know if school council will help support the purchase of the awards.
 - i. There is an admin procedure for advertising option on an award, but they are not allowed to post ads in hallways and stuff.
- c. Play is coming up. In the past Cheryl Braun organized the ads in the playbill. Raised \$2000-\$3000 for the ads
 - i. Would school council like to takeover this project with the understanding that the funds raised would go to the fine arts program?
- d. Would we like to do the next meeting in person?
- e. Grade Six Camp
 - i. Not this year likely due to there not being any field trips out of the division
- f. Ski Trip
 - i. Unsure. Greg will investigate if it can be done.
 - ii. If they are requesting proof of vaccine no.
 - iii. Hill is booked.
- g. Jr Hight year end trips
 - i. Looking into it but not decision yet
- h. Elementary is still in cohorts so it makes things more difficult

X. Adjournment – 8:58pm

**Next Meeting to be held
December 7, 2021 at 7pm
Location TBD.**