

# FLVT Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

- I. **Called to Order** at 7:01 p.m.
- II. **Opening Prayer** by Sheryl Benson-Loman
- III. **In Attendance:** Greg Kostiuk, Monique Atkins, Wendy Iwanczuk, Asheley Cowie, Brigida Chambers, Kaleigh Rey, Sabra Roberts, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Travis Magierowski, Roisin Gibb
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Minutes are approved
- V. **Principal/Staff Report**
  - a. Greg Kostiuk to report
    - i. Aladdin play bill – raised \$2600, the cost is \$1000 so there is a \$1600 profit. All FLVT students are going to the play for free during a matinee show, there will be a cost for the bus transportation. There are 6 shows in total, 2 matinee shows and 4 evening shows
    - ii. Registration for next year is ongoing – approx. 50 current students have yet to register for next year. Growth of 40-50 students is predicted for next year
    - iii. There is currently a teacher shortage at FLVT – at least one teacher is needed, but 2 new teachers would be ideal
    - iv. COVID re-entry – so far, so good. There were approx. 40 parents at the first Lent event at school, which was great to see
    - v. Parent Survey – results will be out soon
    - vi. Fieldtrip requests have started – the unfortunate part is that transportation fees have increased significantly
    - vii. Shrove Tuesday was a great success, Kayla in the canteen did a fantastic job
    - viii. There will not be any dances during Lent, but the idea of a spring dance is being floated
    - ix. Many decisions around COVID and protocols will be discussed at the PD day on Friday, March 11.
  - b. Roisin Gibb, School Board Trustee to report
    - i. Board report – with the announcement of the UCP budget, a new west side school is not happening. There is not a lot of funding for areas south of Calgary for new builds or modernization
    - ii. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) annual conference will be April 22 – 24, 2022.

## **VI. Reports from Executives:**

- a. Chairperson – Monique Atkins – attended the School Council Chairs/Board of Trustee Meeting. There is a \$500 grant available for school councils to access to support sessions, or professional development opportunities. Asheley and Monique will discuss and present options to council.
- b. Vice-Chairperson – Asheley Cowie – also attended the SCC/BoT meeting, not a lot to add from what Roisin and Monique updated. Asheley suggested some key areas for sessions could be social media usage and understanding, curriculum and a general “how to” when it comes to building and maintaining a healthy and successful school council.
- c. Treasurer – Sheryl Benson-Loman – we can only carry \$1000 into next year, so we have just over \$1900 to spend. Perhaps this could go toward Sports Day and a spring dance
  - i. Balance at end of January was \$6,395.65
  - ii. Balance after commitments \$2,940.65
  - iii. Money in \$25
  - iv. Money Out \$480
- d. Secretary – Tania Crabbe – N/A
- e. School Events Coordinator – Kaleigh Rey - none
- f. Communications Coordinator – Sabra Roberts – none
  - i. Sabra did ask if wine could be served at School Council meetings. Greg said he would have to ask the Superintendent if we could have license. There would be conventions to consider including serving food as well and no school funds could be used to purchase the wine.

## **VII. Unfinished Business**

- a. Grade 9 farewell gifts – we will order 400 pairs of glasses for \$1300, coming below the \$1500 budget. Because we have extra money, Monique moved that parent council “Spend an amount not to exceed \$600 on string bags for grade 9 farewell gifts” Seconded by Kaleigh. Passed.
- b. Kona Ice - If we do another, it will be paid for by school council, perhaps on Sports Day in the spring. Travis will confirm the date of Sports Day and share it with School Council. Monique will check if Kona Ice is available on that date. We will only have one size option for all students, but they can still select their flavor. Monique made the motion “Student council will spend an amount not to exceed \$1900 on Kona Ice this spring.” Sheryl seconds.

## **VIII. New Business**

- a. Valentine’s Day Cookies – Asheley and Sabra were able to be at the school and hand out cookies that Kayla made in the canteen to every student on Valentine’s Day. Asheley was very happy with the decision to include GF/DF and nut free options for students and teachers who needed them. It was a positive first experience back after COVID and teachers indicated students were very happy with the cookies.
- b. Retirement gifts – It was asked if School Council could simply give money to the school administration so they can buy a gift that is meaningful for the

retiree. School Council parent executive feel that it would be a better use of funds to have the gift selected by colleagues of the retiree. This can not happen because School Council money is a part of the school's budget and school budget can't be spent on gifts for teachers. It was asked if we can just buy standard \$50 gift cards for retirement gifts, again, this is not allowed as teachers are not allowed to receive gift cards from school funds. Kaleigh will ask a contact at the Italian Table restaurant in Lethbridge if it is possible to set up a "tab" so retiring teachers can go out for dinner and have \$50 covered by School Council.

- c. Year end plans and budget – With the discussion about Kona Ice for Sports Day, purchasing 400 instead of 500 glasses and the purchase of the bags, we will have to revamp the budget for April's meeting to see where we are at.
- d. Next meeting date is April

**IX. Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

**Next Meeting to be held April 12 at 7pm  
In the FLVT Library**