

FLVT Parent Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

- I. **Called to Order** 7:00 pm by Monique Atkins
- II. **Opening Prayer**
- III. **In Attendance:** Greg Kostiuk, Monique Atkins, Tania Crabbe, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Asheley Cowie, Kaleigh Rey, Sabra Roberts, Emily Boutland, Patti Pilsner, Sheri Thomas, Paige Peake, Roisin Gibb, Tanya Koopmans
- IV. **Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Minutes are available Online
- V. **Principal/Staff Report**
 - a. Roisin Gibb (School Board Trustee) to report
 - i. COVID
 1. Due to updates thing will have changed from the discussions has at the last board meeting
 - ii. Transportation
 1. Illness has caused bus delays
 2. Overall, we are seeing improvement in communication
 - iii. Curriculum
 1. Board is working with the education minister to try to slow things down and revisit the curriculum changes
 2. The boards advocating is mostly focused on slowing the process down
 - iv. The division has received \$28,000 to start readying the land for new west side elementary school. Hope that this month we should hear gov't announcements of new schools. Cautiously optimistic that we will hear good news.
 1. The school cannot get much bigger
 - b. Greg Kostiuk (Principal) to report
 - i. Playbill
 1. Thank you for your support.
 - ii. Starting your registration
 1. Expecting a lot of new kids (40-50 kids approx.)
 2. Could use new teachers.
 3. Preliminary Estimates are:
 - a. K - 44
 - b. 1 - 48
 - c. 2 - 42

- d. 3 - 44
 - e. 4 - 56
 - f. 5 - 50
 - g. 6 - 56
 - h. 7 - 115-120
 - i. 8 - 115-20
 - j. 9 - low 90s
 - 4. School is full
- iii. COVID update
 - 1. Come Monday no required masking for students.
 - 2. March 1st no additional requirements
 - 3. Once Mr. Sampson has reviewed the new recommendations the school will send something out to parents.
- iv. Teacher Illness
 - 1. It varies day to day. Often can't find subs. Greg & Patti have been subbing a lot.
- v. Transportation
 - 1. Ken has asked the teachers to provide bell time wish list for next year so Southland can prepare
 - 2. Greg may send out a survey to get some feedback
- c. Teachers to report
 - i. Thank you to parents for support
 - ii. Planning for next year
 - 1. Hope to improve on options choices. Will release details in the next few months

VI. Reports from Executives:

- a. Chairperson - Monique Atkins - nothing to report
- b. Vice-Chairperson - Asheley Cowie - nothing to report
- c. Treasurer - Sheryl Benson-Loman
 - i. Balance at end of December was \$3,271.67
 - ii. Money in \$3,923.98
 - iii. Money Out \$800.00
 - iv. Commitments \$1,700.00
 - v. Predicted Balance After Commitments \$4,695.65
 - vi. Money from winter fundraiser came in. Some school fees came in. We paid out for pancakes. We plan to pay out hawk's virtues & Grade 9 Grad gifts along with funds for the playbill.
- d. Secretary - Tania Crabbe - nothing to report
- e. School Events Coordinator - Kaleigh Rey - nothing to report
- f. Communications Coordinator - Sabra Roberts - nothing to report
 - i. Addition from Monique
 - 1. The attachment to the school council link on the council meeting invite has been getting positive feedback

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Grade 9 grad gifts - sunglasses (\$1,300 for 400):
<https://www.4imprint.ca/product/C111490/Risky-Business-Sunglasses>
 - i. Monique will look into additional things to use alongside the glasses and we will make a decision next week
 - ii. Asheley would like to explore going ahead with only the glasses and instead of adding something onto the glasses perhaps we can do an experience instead of a “thing”. Perhaps even add something to the Grade 9 grad event.
 1. Gr 9 grad photobooth
 2. Other options covid permitting
 3. Hoping to have an in-person farewell
 - iii. Monique makes a motion to purchase grade 9 grad gifts in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 – Asheley seconded – CARRIED
 - iv. We will decide on additional options at the next meeting
- b. Playbill - how is it coming
 - i. Specify what we would like to see for the ad
 1. We would like to put in the parent council introduction as the ad. May want to make some updates.
 2. We need to use the term “School Council”
 - ii. So far we do not have any other updates
- c. Shrove Tuesday
 - i. Kayla would be willing to do it all on the morning within 2 hours. Cost will be similar to Christmas, No sausages
 - ii. Monique asked if School Council would be allowed to do it – Greg said probably but it has it takes longer and we may not be past the requirements and things could change.
 - iii. Asheley suggested parents help serve but we allow Kayla to do the food preparation. Monique agreed with this idea.
 - iv. Sabra will communicate with Kayla to set it all up
 - v. Monique made a motion to spend not more than \$900.00 for Kayla to proceed. Sheryl seconded - CARRIED

VIII. New Business

- a. Valentines Cookies
 - i. 30 cents a cookie. Choc chip. Best sellers
 - ii. Can do same day
 - iii. Parent council could deliver to class room or kids could come to the canteen
 - iv. How many kids have allergies?
 1. May need to purchase an alternative option for kids with allergies
 2. Greg didn't have an exact number
 3. They will have a nut free, gluten free option
 - v. Sabra will pick up some napkins

- vi. The reason we want to give cookies to students for valentines days is that we are looking to enhance the students school experience this year given the influx of funds, and covid circumstances
- vii. Monique made a motion to pay an amount not to exceed \$350.00. Sabra seconded – CARRIED
- viii. Kayla will proceed with the cookies, and Sabra will bring in the cookies.
- ix. Prefer afternoon. Parents can volunteer to help but will have to show QR codes.
- b. Retirement Gifts
 - i. Max amount. We cannot spend more than \$50 on a teacher gift.
 - ii. We would like to put in some kind of standard gift.
 - iii. Council will discuss standard gift options to help streamline this process. Around the \$50-60 mark
 - iv. We have 4 retirements this year
- c. Acknowledge Parents (Kaleigh)
 - i. Looking for a way to help parents understand we know this has been hard on them too. Might be a moot point as restrictions will be lifted.
 - ii. We may want to coordinate a parent event. Will have to wait until we know better what we are looking at with the restrictions
- d. Year end plans and budge for any events (pizza day, Kona Ice, etc)
 - i. Community meals.
 - ii. We will pin this until the next meeting so we know better what sort of restrictions will be in place.
- e. Return to parents in school will be baby steps.
 - i. The more activities we offer the more pressure there is on staff so to avoid overwhelming the staff we will have to limit our activities and not over do it.

IX. Adjournment – 8:07pm

**Next Meeting to be held
Tuesday March 8th at 7pm
Location TBD.**