

FLVT Parent Council Minutes

December 13, 2022

- I. Called to Order 7:06pm**
- II. Opening Prayer**
- III. In Attendance:** Asheley Cowie, Sabra Roberts, Wendy Iwanczuk, Kayla Chapman, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Joel McDonald, Linda Ellefson, Greg Kostiuk, Patti Pilsner, Emily Boutland, Carla Jensen, Tania Crabbe
- IV. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Minutes are available Online
 - b. Asheley – 2nd Tania Carried
- V. Principal/Staff Report**
 - a. Linda Ellefson (School Board Trustee) to report
 - i. See attached report
 - ii. St Francis has been shortlisted CBC music challenge
 - iii. Highlight 2 students - Dedicated & hardworking
 - 1. Dianna & Cruz
 - 2. Nov 28th – council chairs meeting
 - a. Looked at 4 board priorities and took ideas from the participants and celebrated what is good and discussed what could be improved. These ideas will be compiled and shared at a future board meeting.
 - iv. GRACE – will be reactivating now that COVID protocols have relaxed
 - 1. These advocates are key in ensuring the continuation of catholic education
 - b. Greg Kostiuk (Principal) to report
 - i. Exam week at end of January (23rd) – kids will just be there in the am
 - ii. Portable update
 - 1. still no windows
 - 2. we do have the light switches now
 - iii. Next years registration
 - 1. Kindergarten registration starts Jan 9th
 - iv. Annual education report is posted on the website. If you have questions reach out to Greg. Overall, we have done well.
 - v. Basketball has started and is “alive & well”
 - vi. Little Mermaid – going well
 - 1. Fundraiser was a success. Raised approx. \$500

- vii. We received \$5000 Community Foundation grant for the music program. Will be used for equipment.
- viii. Grab & Go food – another grant was received. It paid for a fridge in the gathering space that holds healthy foods kids can access anytime. \$500/month to restock the refrigerator.
- ix. Police presence is lower in the school than in past years.
 - 1. Used to have a lot of officers assigned but now there are way less.
- x. Local parent survey will be going out in January
 - 1. Should the survey ask
 - a. During the pandemic we met virtually – should we have occasional meeting be virtual?
 - i. Council said yes to ask
 - b. Also there is a question about the level of fundraising that parents feel is acceptable.
 - c. Possibly going to ask about fundraising for a lab.
- xi. Two of the greats are retiring this year
 - 1. Greg Kostiuk
 - 2. Cathy Martin-Weersink
- xii. West village mall gave the school \$1,300.00 – Ted Scholten
- c. Teachers to report
 - i. Patti
 - 1. Reviewed the calendar. It is attached.
 - 2. Hot Chocolate on Monday December 19th starting first thing in the morning. Will be distributed to the classrooms.
 - 3. Elf in training program running on December 19th
 - 4. Communitea is well attended.

VI. Reports from Executives:

- a. Chairperson – Asheley Cowie - na
- b. Vice-Chairperson – Monique Atkins - na
- c. Treasurer – Sheryl Benson-Loman
 - i. Balance at beginning of November was \$3,469.66
 - ii. Money in \$235.00
 - iii. Money Out \$55.95
 - iv. Balance at end of was \$3,648.71
 - v. Estimated Balance after commitments \$2,398.71
 - vi. Commentary – Currently no further commitments.
 - 1. Grade 9 gifts are already taken care of.
 - 2. We may need to consider grade 6 camp. The places we normally go are not available so they need to gather more information before we can discuss what the needs are.
 - 3. Shrove Tuesday will be discussed later in the agenda.
 - 4. Council Grant

- a. We can host a parent council evening. But there are quite a few restrictions that we are trying to work around. It essentially pays for speakers or education.
- d. Secretary – Tania Crabbe - na
- e. School Events Coordinator – Kaleigh Ray - na
- f. Communications Coordinator – Sabra Roberts - na

VII. Unfinished Business

a. Fundraiser Summary

- i. Pick up went well
 - 1. We ordered 412+15 extra
 - 2. Total units this year was 427. Last year was 499 units.
 - 3. \$13,380 this year total sales. \$11,380 total sales last year
 - 4. Profit this year was \$2741
 - 5. Next year could we do pick ups in the canteen to make sure the gym is ready for school the next day.

VIII. New Business

a. Shrove Tuesday

- i. No school on shrove Tuesday
- ii. We can do it on another day. We are thinking of February 17th (Friday)
- iii. Kayla is willing and council would like her to
 - 1. Parent volunteers are welcome. There will be something to do but there is no pressure for specific numbers.
 - 2. We will seek donations this year for the food.
 - a. Requests should go out early January. Avoid whole wheat pancakes if they ask (they stick).
 - b. Donation letter templates will be added to group chat.

b. Caretaking/Cleaning Concerns

- i. Asheley had a concerned parent call regarding the cleanliness of the school. During the outbreak there was no sanitizer at the doors.
 - 1. We have now filled the hand sanitizers
 - 2. The school is currently dirty. The factors contributing to this are:
 - a. Budget required the division to cut 2 caretakers.
 - b. There are no relief caretakers. If a caretaker calls in sick there is no one coming. If there is no one at other schools the caretakers we do have can be pulled to other schools and no one replaces them.
 - c. There are caretaker positions available. They are having trouble filling the position.
 - d. The division is considering private contractors as a short-term solution.
 - e. We only have one caretaker in the evening.

- f. There will be some decisions to be made next year regarding the cleanliness of the school. If we have concerns, we can voice them to Linda & Greg or we can send letters to Greg and he will direct them to the superintendent.
- g. The teachers have been trying to supplement but it is tricky as there is just not the time.
- h. The point was made about wellness
 - i. Teachers' wellness – they are cleaning which may cause them to fall ill
 - ii. Student wellness – they are in an outbreak scenario but their environment is not clean
 - iii. Custodial staff – could burn out as there is too little resources and too much work

c. Rent to Own Tech

- i. Sen Joyce Fairbairn School does a rent to own program. Have we considered this?
 - 1. We did this a few years ago. It was not successful as the division had a bunch of issues. Collection issues, parental controls, they could source it cheaper etc...
 - 2. Tech issues
 - a. \$500,000 approved from board for tech
 - b. 3 to 1 issue
 - c. Going forward more devices will be 5 years old and they will be removed so once again we will have a shortage

d. Ski Trip Support

- i. Need support getting volunteers and help coordinating the plan. Grades 4-9 – need 1 adult per 8 kids that attend. Need to be a qualified volunteer, can confidently ski or snow board, criminal record check, vulnerable sector check. Some time in March. VS check takes about 6 weeks to complete. Approx 125 kids attend – need 20 or so adults.
 - 1. Steve & Greg are hoping to get some leniency on the ratios as there should be enough supervision from hill staff to make this happen.
 - 2. Greg does not need us to help plan or coordinate – but we can help support them by putting out a call for volunteers. Once we get more information Greg will let us know what we are actually looking for.

e. Soccer world cup – thank you to Mr Craddock

- i. Was played on screen in the gym

f. Where are sports fees directed

- i. Greg will follow up with Joel. Generally, reffing, tournament fees, equipment, and other cost etc.

g. Bell times

- i. Door open at 8:45
 - 1. What temp does the doors open early

- a. Guide of -15ish (or when it feels cold) doors will open earlier
- b. There has not been an abundance of kids here before 8:45
- c. Door will continue to stay locked for security. The doors being unlocked during the day caused a variety of security issues
- d. Unlocking the doors early in the morning requires more supervision from the teachers and there is not always enough hours for the teachers.
- e. Early education – what are the roles, rights and responsibilities of the parents of these young kids
 - i. There was a shift to there needing to be a reason before parents could enter the school. This is in some ways still the case.
 - ii. Perhaps there could be an early education orientation day that provides some guidance on what is allowed.
 - 1. Greg will take it to the teachers to find some solutions to these issues. (ie a Mom and newborn waiting outside for their child, or children needing help with snowsuits, etc...)
- f. Guidelines for parents entering the school
 - i. We as parents would like more information about what we can and cannot do in the schools
 - ii. We would hope to see a return to the community feel that the school used to have
 - iii. Greg will work to communicate the guidelines better. He has seen more parents in the school than last year.
 - iv. Doors are unlocked at peak times

h. Fundraising

- i. Capital Projects – we have the ability to save for capital projects. There is a way to do it. Section 13.2 & 14.1 of the Alberta Regulations talks about how to make this happen. We will have to involve our finance department to understand how to make it happen. There is both a contingency and a capital improvement option available. Greg will review this and we will discuss again in future.

IX. Adjournment – 9:03pm

**Next Meeting to be held
January 17, 2022 at 7pm**

FLVT School Council Report for December 13, 2022

Celebrate and advocate for GrACE: Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education. both locally and provincially to celebrate and tell the stories of publicly funded catholic education. If you get the opportunity, view the video: Public Education: The Catholic Way.

- *The Board approved the 2021/2022 Annual Education Assurance Report (AEAR) which will be placed on the Division website*
- *November 28th, the Council of school Council chairs met to discuss Board Priorities and the impact of each priority in promoting student growth and what needs further attention. The four Board priorities are: 1) Staff and students will grow in their faith and experience the richness of catholic education. 2) High quality instruction rooted in sound research and effective assessment practices to support growth for all learners. 3) First Nations, Metis and Inuit education for all. 4) Foster a culture of wellness that is foundational to support learning.*
- *Videos on Advent featuring our schools and students offer beautiful messages and music of the spirit of each of the four Sundays of Advent.*
- *December 6th: Attended the ATA Advent liturgy and dinner*
- *Holy Spirit Star: Diana Stebletska*
- *December 12th: Finance Committee Meeting*
- *December 14th: 8:30 Smudging ceremony*
- *December 15th: 10:30 Advent Mass*
- *December 19th: 2:00 Advent Celebration*
- *December 21st: Elementary Christmas Concert*
- *St. Francis students shortlisted for CBC Classroom Music Challenge. Video available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VeGd4T_gd9Q*
- *Alberta School Councils Association issued a call for advocacy resolutions for AGM April 13th. Opportunity to influence change in education by identifying issues in Alberta's K-12 education system that you would like to address, change or resolve.*

DECEMBER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| HONEST ACCEPTING WISE KIND SPIRITUAL | Most up to date online Calendar See: https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/calendar For the co curricular calendar please click 'co curricular' | Nov 29 Toonie Tuesday! Soup Kitchen fundraiser Bring in a Toonie every Tuesday During Advent | Nov 30 Fundraiser Plant Pick-up (details to come) | 1 Super Silver Day Chicken Burger \$4.50 | 2 No School School PD Day | 3 Thursdays in December Jr High Communi-tea during lunch break |
| 4 Second Sunday of Advent | 5 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50 | 6 Toonie Tuesday! Advent Celebration (9:30am K-AM/7G) Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50 | 7 Kinder Field Trip to Galt Museum Pancakes with Hashbrowns \$4.50 | 8 Glittering Gold Day Chicken Burger \$4.50 | 9 Jr. High Stem Club 1:15 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick Up Grade 1M, 1T, 7G, 7M Movie Mill Field Trip Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50 | 10 |
| 11 Third Sunday of Advent | 12 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50 | 13 Toonie Tuesday! School Council Mtg. 7 p.m. Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50 | 14 Taco in a Bag (by Pre-order) \$6.25 | 15 Terrific Teal Day Advent Mass @ FLVT 10:30 Chicken Burger \$4.50 | 16 Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50 | 17 |
| 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent | 19 Advent Celebration (2:00pm) Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50 | 20 Toonie Tuesday! Christmas Hat Day Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50 | 21 Christmas Sock Day Elementary Christmas Concert @ Southminster Church Loaded Nachos \$4.50 | 22 Red & Green Day JH High Christmas Formal Chicken Burger \$4.50 | 23 Sweater Day Christmas Christmas BINGO Last day before Christmas Break | 24 |
| 25 Christmas Day | 26 No School Boxing Day | 27 No School Christmas Vacation | 28 No School Christmas Vacation | 29 No School Christmas Vacation | 30 No School Christmas Vacation | 31 |

JANUARY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 New Year's Day | 2 No School Christmas Vacation | 3 No School Christmas Vacation | 4 No School Christmas Vacation | 5 No School Christmas Vacation | 6 No School Christmas Vacation | 7 Thursdays in December Jr High Communi-tea during lunch break  |
| 8 HONEST ACCEPTING WISE KIND SPIRITUAL | 9 Classes Resume | 10 | 11 Pancakes & Hash Brown \$4.50 | 12 Chicken Burger \$4.50 | 13 Jr. Girls & Boys Bball - Hawks Classic Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50 | 14 Jr. Girls & Boys Bball - Hawks Classic  |
| 15 | 16 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50 | 17 School Council Mtg. 7 p.m. | 18 Career Dress up Day Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50 | 19 Loaded Nachos \$4.50 | 20 Chicken Burger \$4.50 | 21 Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50 |
| 22 Junior High Mid-term week | 23 8:55am Jr. High Math Mid-Term Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50 | 24 8:55am Jr. High Social Mid-Term Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50 | 25 8:55am Jr. High LA Mid-Term Hawaii Day Taco in a Bag (by Pre-order) \$6.25 | 26 8:55am Jr. High Science Mid-Term Quarter 2 Ends Chicken Burger \$4.50 | 27 No School PD Day Sr. Boys & Girls Bball - Hawks Classic Tournament | 28 Sr. Boys & Girls Bball - Hawks Classic Tournament  |
| 29 | 30 Quarter 3 Begins Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50 | 31 Jr. Boys & Girls BBall Quarterfinals  Mini Pepperoni Pizza \$4.50 | | | | Most up to date online Calendar See: https://flvt.holyspirit.ab.ca/calendar For the co curricular calendar please click 'co curricular' |
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FEBRUARY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Things update School council Pd days Quarter end/start days Canteen special NOT UPDATED Theme day | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Thursdays in December Jr High Communi-tea during lunch break  |
| 5 | 6 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50 | 7 School Council Mtg. 7 p.m. Mini Pepero- ni Pizza \$4.50 | 8 Beef & Cheese Taco w Mexi Fries \$4.50 | 9 Chicken Burger \$4.50 | Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50 | 10 11 |
| 12 Badminton try- outs this week - tentative  | 13 Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50 | 14 Red/Pink for Valentines Day Mini Pepero- ni Pizza \$4.50 | 15 Taco in a Bag (by Pre-order) \$6.25 | 16 Pink Shirt Day (Feb 22) Chicken Burger \$4.50 | Smoothies \$3 Kraft Dinner \$2.50 | 17 18 |
| 19 | 20 No School Family Day | 21 No School Shrove Tues- day | 22 No School Ash Wednes- day | 23 No School Teacher's Convention | 24 No School Teacher's Convention | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Elementary Science Sizzle Cheesy Garlic Fingers \$4.50 | 28 | | | | |