

Fort Assiniboine School Parent Council Minutes

May 28 ,2019, 7:00pm

Attendance: Jennifer Tuininga, Megan Petryshen, Lorna Hiemstra, Charlene Fleming, Penny Price, Teresa Dekker, Dale Kluin

Chairperson Penny Price called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

1. Approval of Agenda

Megan Petryshen approved the agenda

Teresa Dekker seconded it

2. Approval of minutes from March 19,2019 meeting

Megan Petryshen approved the minutes

Charlene Fleming seconded it

3. Treasures report - Teresa Dekker

The account balance is at \$84.18. Teresa Dekker adopts her report as read.

4. Old Business (none)

5. New Business

a) Principal Report / Student Union Report – Lorna Hiemstra -see attached. It was announced that Mrs. Amanda Williams welcomed a baby boy!

b) PHS School Trustee Report- Jennifer Tuininga -see attached

c) Woodlands County Report – Dale Kluin – Dale reported about the financial difficulty that Woodlands County is in at the moment. Trident Exploration was a big company in the County that left quite a significant amount of money owing to the County in taxes. Along with a few others that cannot be named. There have been discussions on what the building in Fort Assiniboine could be used for. The County of Woodlands and the Town of Whitecourt are having trouble working smoothly together at the moment as well.

d) Parent Society Report – Teresa Dekker reported that there was a mix-up on the day of highway cleanup as to which highways were postponed and which were not. Kristen Machuk was able to deal with the situation on the morning of and all was picked and done.

e) Pre-school Report – absent

f) Open Floor for comments or concerns –

6. Set date for next meeting – September 24, 2019 at 7:00pm

7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm

Ft. Assiniboine School

Principal's Report for School Council

Submitted by Lorna Hiemstra

May 28, 2019

Staffing Update

- New Teacher in Grade 1&2 for rest of this school year and 2019-2020 – Miss Justine Hunter
 - o Graduated from BCHS and Concordia University Edmonton

Developing Citizenship

Students completed a Community Clean-up on May 16th. There was not a lot of garbage to pick up, the town is nice and clean. Jr. High students organized equipment and led cross grade groups around town.

Student's Council helped decorate and set up for Volunteer Tea and Spring Concert.

Positive Mental Health

We continue to include in our Health classes. Topics include positive mindset, how the brain works, identifying emotions, sources of stress, and different strategies for dealing with stress. PHPS Lead Counselor Karin Hitchcock and Psychologist Charlene Assenheimer have come in to make presentations to our grade 4-9 classes.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

May 30 Cosmetology Class doing face painting, hair and nails for Kindergarten
June 3 - Gr. 5&6 Pond Study, Gr. 1-4 Swimming Lessons Begin
June 4 - Pizza with the Principal, Kindergarten swimming lessons begin, Jr. High Zone Track Meet at St. Albert
June 6 - Kindergarten Grad at 2:45, we host Gr. 3-6 Elementary Track Meet with Swan Hills (Parent help needed with concession and running events)
June 10 - Gr. 5-9 begin swimming
June 12 - PHPS Board Meeting at our School; Show your Appreciation Day (Student's Union)
June 13 - Cartoonist Tayson Martindale (Jr. High 11:15, Gr. 3&4 at 9:30, K and Gr. 1&2 1:00),
June 18 - Gr. 6 PAT LA Part B
June 19 - Gr. 6 PAT Science, Gr. 9 PAT Social
June 19 Awards Night
June 20 Gr. 5-9 Canoeing at Schumann Lake with Mr. Kiselyk from 11-3
June 24 - Gr. 9 Science PAT
June 25 - Gr. 6 Social PAT, Gr. 9 Math PAT
June 26 - Gr. 6 Math PAT, Gr. 9 LA PAT
June 27 - Last Student Day; make-up day for exams; Gr. 1-6 Carnival/Water Games

School Trustee Report – May 2019

2019 PHPS Satisfaction Survey results are in! Each year, the school division surveys all parents, staff, and Grade 4-12 students on their satisfaction level in a variety of areas. The results are used by schools and the division to develop their annual education plans and work on ways to improve the educational experience of our students. Overall, our parents, staff and students gave us an approval rating of 93%. You can read the full results in the school and division education plans, which are available online at www.phpschools.ca/education-plans/.

Fall release of provincial budget forces school board to make assumptions

The school board discussed some of the assumptions we will need to make in order to develop the 2019-20 budget, including that the following monies may not be provided in the coming year:

- The Classroom Improvement Fund (CIF) expires August 31, 2019. Pembina Hills currently receives \$844,000 in CIF funding which is used to provide supports for our students with the highest needs. Assuming this will not be reinstated, the school board has agreed to pull \$307,000 from reserves to make up for some of the shortfall. Schools will need to come up with the remaining \$537,000. If the provincial budget does not reinstate this funding, or increase inclusive education funding to reflect the need, there will be a \$1.5 million shortfall between funding and the supports required for our students with the highest needs.
- The School Fee Reduction Grant provides \$400,000 per year to Pembina Hills and was introduced in 2017 when the province passed legislation to eliminate student instructional fees. This grant was designed to offset the loss of revenue to school boards. Prior to 2017, the division charged student instructional fees of \$60 for Kindergarten, \$70 for Elementary, \$110-\$140 for Junior/Senior High, or a family rate of \$300. If the School Fee Reduction Grant is eliminated, the school board will consider the possibility of reinstating instructional fees.

The school board will consider adopting the budget at their June 26 meeting.

Provincially

School boards are eager to speak with Minister La Grange at the upcoming Alberta School Board Association meeting in Red Deer, June 3-4. With the new government reporting they plan to bring in the Education Act for the fall, to replace the current School Act, the timeline for changes to policies and administrative procedures could be short. The Education Act would change the allowable age of accessing public education from 19 to 21.

Did you know...

Rock the Diploma weekend sessions are being offered at Barrhead Composite and R.F. Staples in June. Students can take part in interactive and strategic classes focused on preparing them to write diploma exams. Sessions are \$90 each. Students can register at their school office.

Fort Assiniboine School Parent Council Agenda

September 24, 2019, 7:00pm

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of minutes from May 28, 2019 meeting
3. Treasurers Report
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - a) Principal Report / Student Union Report
 - b) PHPS Report
 - c) Woodlands County Report
 - d) Parent Society Report
 - e) Pre-School Report
 - f) Resignations of Officers – Parent Council and Parent Society
 - g) Open floor for comments or concern
6. Set date for next meeting
7. Meeting adjournment