

**Fort Assiniboine School Parent Council Agenda**

**Annual General Meeting**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, 7pm**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of minutes from January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019
3. Treasure report
4. Old Business
  - a. CTF
5. New Business
  - a. Ward Review
  - b. Creation of Communications/Welcoming Committee
  - c. Bussing/Length of school day
  - d. Principals Report (Principal planning with board, Review alternate school calendar)
  - e. PHPS Trustee Report
  - f. Woodlands County Report
  - g. Pre-School Report
  - h. Elections of Officers
6. Set date for next meeting
7. Meeting adjournment

## Fort Assiniboine School Parent Council Minutes

### AGM- January 22, 2020. 7:00pm

Attendance: Jennifer Tuininga, Lorna Hiemstra, Jenni Williams, Penny Price, Teresa Dekker, Roxanne Cross, Cindy Carswell, Crystal Wood

Chairperson Penny Price called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

1. Approval of Agenda.

Roxanne Cross approved the agenda

Jenni Williams seconded it

2. Approval of minutes from January 29, 2019 AGM

Jenni Williams approved the minutes

Penny Price seconded it

3. Approval of minutes from November 26, 2019 meeting.

Jenni Williams approved the minutes

Roxanne Cross seconded it

4. Treasures report - Teresa Dekker

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

5. Old Business

a) CTF – included in Principal Report

6. New Business

a) Ward Review – Jennifer Tuininga – see PHPS website

b) Creation of Communications / Welcoming Committee

a parent has brought up concerns about communication with parents at the school. The minutes are not always up to date on the school website, she would like to see a committee formed to address and see that parents always have an opportunity to stay informed on school events. She thought a good start would be to have a table set up at the school open house which happens in the fall to fill anyone in on our Parent Council and Parent Society and the roles these hold in the school. Also, this person would proofread all school newsletters to be sure that all dates and times are correct. Crystal Wood has stepped up to form this committee and would like to find a few parents to help her. She will pursue this further.

c) Bussing / Length of School Day – a parent brought up concerns about the bus times here in Fort Assiniboine and would like to know how the district decides how many busses the Fort Assiniboine area

gets. She would like to see Fort Assiniboine have another bus or two added to the existing routes to possibly shorten the times some of the kids spend on the bus, which then directly affects the length of the time spent away from home per school day.

d) Principal Report (Principal planning with board, review alternate school calendar) – Lorna Hiemstra -see attached. Table Principal Planning with board and review alternate school calendar to next meeting. There were some suggestions made for possible CTF options – First Aid / CPR

- Hunters Education training

e) PHPS Trustee Report- Jennifer Tuininga -see attached

f) Woodlands County Report – absent

g) Pre-School Report – Jenni Williams – Jenni would like to thank the School for including the pre-school in the Christmas Concert. The class is enjoying the calm after the Christmas rush. There will be a hanging basket fundraiser that will take place in March. There will be a spring raffle fundraiser that will take place sometime in the spring.

h) Elections – President – Crystal Wood nominates Penny Price to stay in president Position. Penny accepted the nomination. Roxanne Cross seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Everyone voted in favor. Motion passed.

- Vice President –Teresa Dekker nominated Roxanne Cross to be Vice – President. Roxanne Cross accepted the nomination. Crystal Wood seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

- Secretary / Treasurer – Roxanne Cross nominated Teresa Dekker to remain Secretary / Treasurer. Teresa Dekker accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Jenni Williams seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor. Motion passed.

i) Roxanne Cross made a motion to modify the operating procedures number 8.c) to say- if any executive wishes to exceed the 4 year term, it must be voted on at the AGM by voting members. Crystal Wood seconded the motion. All in favor. Carried.

7. Set date for next meeting – March 18 at 7:00pm

8. Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm

## **School Council Report - January 2020**

### **School Board approves community consultation process for Electoral Ward Review**

Trustees will be consulting with the public, as part of local school council meetings, to review the current electoral ward structure to ensure that it effectively represents community and school populations. The online survey will close on February 10th.

**Budget update projects \$2.2 M deficit** The board approved the updated 2019-2020 budget for Pembina Hills, projecting a deficit of \$2.2 million. The Alberta Distance Learning Centre is projecting a deficit of \$165,000.

The Pembina Hills deficit is a result of reduced education funding and unprecedented increases in insurance premiums. While the school division had earlier planned to draw down reserves in 2019-2020, the draw-down rate will be accelerated. As a result, it is estimated that the division will be left with reserves of 3% of operating expenses.

**Results for coded students significantly higher than the province** As part of the Student Services Assurance Report to the board, Director Rob McGarva reported that the graduation rate for Pembina Hills students with Alberta Education special education codes is 75% versus 68% for the province. Provincial Achievement Test acceptable results are 55% versus 47% for the province.

**Awaiting the new provincial funding framework for education** Possible changes to Program Unit Funding (PUF) and Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) provide funding for a significant amount of support students requiring a specialized support. Through RCSD, Pembina Hills receives \$510,000 to hire staff. This is in addition to supports hired by other districts that Pembina Hills accesses, such as a vision consultant, trauma psychologist, audiologist, deaf and hard of hearing consultant, and an occupational therapist. PUF funding last year was \$2.7 million in supports for early education students with severe needs. This could mean less staff or different demands on staff.

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