

Fort Assiniboine School Parent Council Minutes

May 27, 2020 at 7:00pm

Held via Google meet

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

Chairperson Penny Price calls meeting to order at 7:08pm

1. Approval of Agenda: Teresa Dekker approves the agenda as presented; Jenni Williams seconded it.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2020

Jenni Williams approved the minutes

Penny Price seconded it.

3. Treasurer's report - Teresa Dekker-

the account balance is at \$84.18

4. Old Business

a) CTF Update – a parent presented a possible new CTF option for Junior High. GIS (Global Information Systems). We will visit the possibility in the new school year depending on what happens with the COVID situation. There is a possibility of doing day workshops for things like carpentry, knitting, crocheting, possibly with the local senior group. Doris Kuelken would be willing to do a CPR/First Aid course with the kids. Another option would be to include a Hunter Education course. The kids will be asked if they would like to go forward with this, either on a weekend or possibly doing it online.

b) Operating Procedures Update – the updates have been made and once Mrs. Fleming is back in the office (June 15) those changes will be posted online.

5. New Business

a) School Council of Council Meeting – May 12 – the meeting was held online due to COVID. There was supposed to be a conference held in April in Edmonton which was cancelled due to COVID 19. School satisfaction survey results are posted on PHPS website. Dunstable School did a drive by so the kids could see the teachers as well as the Teachers see the kids. There was a discussion on how the online school was going. Some students are dropping out of

the online learning. Online school is posing to be a challenge for a lot of people. Next meeting will be held on November 3, 2020.

b) Principal Report / Student Union report – Lorna Hiemstra- see attached

c) PHPS Trustee report – Jennifer Tuininga – see attached

d) Woodlands County Report – Dale Kluin – absent

e) Parent Society Report – Teresa Dekker- Highway Cleanup is back on but only for a small portion of the highway. June 17 there will be a parent Society meeting, AGLC has let us know the next casino will be Oct/Nov/Dec 2021

f) Pre-school Report- Jenni Williams- the flower basket fundraiser was a success. They did teacher appreciation baskets, next year preschool registration forms are being emailed out to all the known families in the area, Sandi Larsen will be teaching preschool next year, they are thinking there will be approximately 10 kids. There will be refunds sent out to parents who pre-paid for spring classes. Trying to do google meets with preschool children is a huge challenge!

g) Communication/ Welcoming Committee Report – Crystal Wood – There was a table set up at the first evening of Parent/ teacher interviews to inform parents about the Parent Society and Parent Council roles in the school. It was a success, just did not get to see all the parents because before the next evening of interviews Schools were all shut down due to COVID 19. An idea to do a biography of all the Teachers and Support Staff in the school was presented so that new parents coming into the school would know a little bit about the people in the school. Also, thought this would be a way to implement security within the school, by knowing who everyone is.

h) Additional discussion – a teacher brought up concerns about students transitioning back into school after such a long time being away. Alberta School Council Association put out a survey to parents asking about the 3 different scenarios for School Re-entry. At this time, the results of that survey are not known. Mental health is a big concern in children due to the pandemic and current lockdown procedures in place. Rural students have a huge advantage in comparison to urban children. We are all hopeful that the kids needing help are reaching out for the help they need.

6. Set date for next meeting – September 30 at 7:00 pm

7. adjourned meeting at 8:30pm