

# **Fort Assiniboine School Parent Council Minutes**

## **March 23, 2022**

**Attendance:** Lorna Hiemstra, Melissa Hanna (Trustee), Jenny Kuelken, Teresa Dekker, Roxanne Cross, Danielle Calahasen, Peter Kuelken (County Counselor), Cindy Carswell

1. Meeting called to order at 6:15pm
2. New parent council executive was introduced: Chairperson, Danielle Calahasen; Vice Chairperson, Teresa Dekker. Still no Secretary (Cindy Carswell doing minutes this meeting)
3. No minutes from the last meeting to approve as there was no official council at that time.
4. **Old Business**
  - CTF Options
    - Archery
      - Looking into funding for equipment. Dale Kiselyk is a certified archery instructor and will be helping out with the classes.
    - Sewing
      - Special thank you to our community volunteers;
    - Emergency First Aid
      - No dates at this time.
5. **Reports**
  - a. Parent Society (report attached)
    - A discussion regarding possible outdoor learning structure followed.
  - b. No Pre-school report
  - c. Trustee Report (report attached)
  - d. Woodlands County
  - e. Principal's Report (report attached)

**6. New Business**

a. Election of Secretary

Position not filled. Cindy Carswell taking minutes for this meeting.

b&c. Citizenship Award Nominations  
Exemplary Awards:

Exemplary Contractor Services Award

Exemplary Support Services Award

Exemplary Community Partner Award

Exemplary Parent Volunteer Award

Exemplary Teacher Award

- Making nominations is not limited to staff members. Parents and community members are encouraged to make nominations as well.

d. Communication of Concerns/Suggestions

There are several ways to communicate with the School Council Executive. Some of those ways are: place a note in the suggestion box in the foyer, use the council's email address ([FASchoolCouncil@pembinahills.ca](mailto:FASchoolCouncil@pembinahills.ca)), call one of the council executives, and call Lorna. A suggestion was made that maybe there could be an area on the council's page where someone could comment anonymously.

e. Council of School Councils Annual General Meeting

April 22-24 the board will pay for one representative to attend this conference. The conference is being held virtually again this year. If anyone is interested, please contact Danielle for further information.

**7. Next Meeting: Wed May 25, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**

**8. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm**

# School Board News

## Board approves capital plan priorities.

As part of the province's annual budgeting process, school divisions are required to submit a list of capital projects for consideration. These projects can include new construction or modernization, and are considered alongside all of the province's capital requests, which include hospitals, parks and highways.

When creating the priority list for Pembina Hills, facilities staff review each school's age, size, enrollment, as well as any maintenance concerns. Projects are selected based on the identified needs of each school.

The board approved the following priorities:

1. **Barrhead Composite High School = full modernization & right-sizing.**

This school was built in several sections from the 1960's to the 1980's, and was built to accommodate 1,227 students. While some upgrades have occurred since the building was constructed, it needs a series of extensive modernization upgrades as well as a "right-sizing" to accommodate the current enrollment of 733 students. This project is estimated at \$30 million.

2. **Westlock Elementary School - partial modernization.**

This school was constructed in 1970, with expansions in 1986 and 2012. This building is in need of some modernization upgrades to the school building as well as sidewalks, parking lots and bus lane areas. This project is estimated at \$6.3 million.

3. **Barrhead Elementary School - partial modernization.**

This school was constructed in several phases between the 1970's and the 1990's. Modernization of this school consists of a series of upgrades including air handling units, rooftop heating units and electrical upgrades. The project is estimated at \$9 million.

These priority projects will be included in the division's 2023 to 2025 Capital Plan.

## Three-year education plan priorities

Each year, Pembina Hills School Division prepares and publishes a rolling three-year plan to chart a course for the way that education will be delivered. This plan includes a range of foundation statements and strategic priorities and identifies a series of outcomes, measures and strategies to implement the identified goals.

Since December 2021, the board, senior administration and school principals have been collecting feedback from stakeholders on the current Three-Year Education Plan. These engagement activities have indicated that the foundation statements, goals, outcomes and priority areas included in the current education plan are still relevant to our current conditions. Because these priorities are still relevant, no changes have been proposed for the upcoming 2022-2025 Education Plan.

The board ratified the current strategic priorities for the new three-year plan.

**The next school board meeting** will be held at the division's regional office on April 13, 3033 starting at 9:00 am

Fort Assiniboine School Parent Society has a new executive; President - Teresa Dekker, Vice - President - Meghan Koster, Treasurer - Jenny Kuelken, Secretary - Megan Petryshen. On April 29 - 30 there is a Casino Fundraiser in Fort McMurray. Volunteers are still needed, anyone willing to go please contact Teresa Dekker 780-674-1071. This is an all expenses paid, 3 day commitment to do a few very easy jobs at the casino and make approximately \$25000.00 for the school. May 7, 2022 is highway cleanup with the alternate date being May 14. Please contact Megan Petryshen or Meghan Koster for more information. You will be seeing more info sent home with your child about this after spring break. Parent Society is in the very early stages of planning an outdoor classroom/ shaded area for the kids. Next Parent Society meeting will be held at the library on April 20, 2022 at 2:30pm.