

Fort Assiniboine Parent Council - Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday January 25, 2023 at the library

Attendees: Danielle Calahasen, Pauline Payne, Jenny Kuelken, Jennifer Schulte, Amber Levy, Alicia Nelson, Peter Kuelken, Megan Petryshen, Cindy Carswell, Lorna Hiemstra

- 1. Call to Order: 6:08 pm**
- 2. Introductions/Regrets: Trustee, Melissa Hanna sent her regrets.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes: Amber Levy approved the Minutes. Pauline Payne seconded the motion.**
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Brass Band. Kevin Wood with the Woodlands Arts and Music Guild has arranged the brass band workshop and it will be on the Fri. April 14th in the afternoon**
- 5. Reports**
 - a. Parent Society: Megan Petryshen reported. Hot Lunches will be once per month. There will be a dinner served for \$13/plate before the February Theater performance. The Annual General Meeting and Elections will be held on February 16th at 6:30 in the library. Highway cleanup will be the first Saturday in May. The Casino is coming at the end of July and volunteers will be needed, last year this earned us \$34,000. All of these fundraisers are going towards the outdoor classroom.**
 - b. Preschool: Amber Levy reported. The bathroom is being installed. There will be a hanging basket fundraiser shortly.**
 - c. Trustee: Trustee not in Attendance.**
 - d. Woodlands County: Peter Kuelken reported. He attended the Regional Economic Development meeting. It was noted that Agriculture is lacking in our student's education. There needs to be an Urban/Rural cross. Peter would like to seek a meeting with the Trustee, Melissa Hanna and the Superintendant Michael Bjorgford in regards to Agriculture Education.**
 - e. Principal: Lorna Hiemstra reported. There is new curriculum in the PE/health class which is Financial Management. Money Matters will be coming for the Grade 5's. The School Board is scheduled to visit on Wed. Feb. 8th from 1-3:30, there will be a focus on literacy. Mid March will see Progress Reports and Celebration of Learning Meetings. Trickster Theatre Residency is scheduled to come for one week on Feb. 24th. There will be a scheduling meeting to learn more on Jan. 30th. There are two upcoming ski trips for Junior High, Grades 6-9 will be able to go to Misty Ridge in February and Grades 7-9 will be able to go to Jasper in March. Skating continues and there will be a sledge hockey day at the end of February. We have Metis Author, David Bouchard coming on March 13th. If we have any Volunteers that would like to come and assist the coaches on sports teams they are more than welcome, however, they do require a volunteer form, a criminal record check, a welfare check, and a teacher must still be present.**

6. New Business

- a. Elections: Secretary still required. Tabled.
- b. ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) Workshops to use grant money. Proposing 3 options; School Council Purpose, Effective Engagement in Your School Community, Tools for Effective School Councils: Information was passed around, decision to be voted on next meeting.
- c. ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) -Conference and Annual General Meeting April 21-23 2023 in Edmonton -Anyone interested in going? Nobody volunteered, however we will discuss at the March Meeting.
- d. Volunteers:
 - Hot Lunches hosted by the Parent Society
 - Breakfast Program for serving and/or baking: Cindy Carswell reported that the seniors group are currently trying to have their kitchen approved by Jeff Hammer to see if they would be able to bake there, and then bring to the school.
 - Welcome to help with sports, but must have criminal record check and child welfare check: There were suggestions of having parents/community members come in to volunteer to teach an agriculture course, which could include canning/processing. There was interest in a farm program for our school.
- e. Alternate Calendar Dates: See the attached proposed calendar. There is not much for wiggle room, however the blue dates are what our school proposes. This year the Kindergarten had some dates moved around in February for the teachers convention and the theater group.
- f. School Priorities/
- g. Education Plan Update: Items f and g are discussed together. The teachers have been working with Literacy coaches with a main focus on writing this year. Writing is graded by content, punctuation and spelling. Mrs. Payne discussed in detail the process for marking PAT's. The 1st day teaches are placed in focus groups, standards for grading are set, and reasoning for grading. This is the new divisional approach to grading for our students, this was seen on the last new report cards.
- h. Literacy Goals: Parental Input: It was noted that there is an interested parent to begin a reading program with children in the afternoons. Crystal Wood and Lorna will discuss outside this meeting.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday March 22, 2023 @ 6pm

8. Adjournment: 7:59pm