**Fort Assiniboine Parent Council - Minutes**

**Meeting Date: Wednesday March 22, 2023 at the library**

1. **Call to Order:** 6:10 pm
2. **Introductions/Regrets:**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Jenn Schulte approved, Cindy Carswell seconded.
4. **Old Business**
   1. **Elections: Secretary:** No volunteers, position remains vacant.
   2. **ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) Workshops to use grant money.** The School Council workshop was approved by Roxanne and seconded by Alicia. The grant money will be put forward the workshop scheduled for May 15th at 6:30 pm. Danielle will also speak to Kat Friesen to discuss other possible options to use this grant money. In addition we will speak with our School Resource Officer Officer Vicent in regards to presenting an online safety session, and possibility for new driver information.
   3. **ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) -Conference and Annual General Meeting April 21-23, 2023 in Edmonton:** There were no volunteers to attend the conference this year. Danielle will attend a few sessions virtually and can vote online at the annual general meeting
5. **Reports**
   1. **Parent Society:** No members present at the meeting, however Danielle did attend their last meeting discussing their upcoming fundraisers. They are; Co-op gift cards, Highway cleanup, Hot lunches, and the Casino.
   2. **Preschool:** No members were in attendance.
   3. **Trustee:** The focus is on promoting public education for the upcoming provincial election. They have been updating some division policies. The next school meeting will be held in Calgary at the Vista Virtual campus. Our school visit went well here, and trustees were pleased with the tour.
   4. **Woodlands County:** Not in attendance.
   5. **Principal:** See attached Principal’s report. On the Literacy front D’Arcy Eamore has been coming every week. There was a 2-3 day workshop for Principals.

Lorna Hiemstra questioned those in attendance on how the new progress reports were for parents. Parents were all in agreement that we would all prefer to see some type of percentage system to be able to better see how our children are preforming. However, these new progress reports are implemented division wide and we are unable to change them. It was suggested that parents have the option of time scheduled without their children present for goal setting meetings.

The Bicentennial committee is bringing in divisional schools over 5 days in June. Tues. June 6th is our day. Lloyd Lewis is helping with the BiCentennial.

The fish are doing well and will be released later this school year. We have many more to release this year. Chicken egg hatching has also begun.

1. **New Business**
   1. **PHSD Surveys (Grade 4-12)**: These used to be done in December, but were switched to Jan. We had only 37% participation. Results were just released yesterday so results will not be available for discussion until our next meeting.
   2. **Alberta Education Surveys (Grades 4, 7, and 10):** March 17th was the deadline. We do not have any results at this time, so will review at our next meeting.
   3. **School Base Planning:** The Planning meeting is an all day meeting for Staff on April 21st. An ATA member will be in attendance in order to help with the vision statement for the school. If you have any ideas or input on this matter, please contact Mrs. Heimstra prior.
   4. **Student Orientation Plans:** This will be for the Grade 9’s moving to Grade 10 next year. The Vice Principal will attend to give students information in conjunction with the new Academic Student/Family Liason (Shawna Pendrak) who is a social worker. She will help students and parents figure our courses and credits. Near the end of April Grade 9 students will attend the Barrhead High School to have a tour.
2. **Next Meeting: Wednesday May 24, 2023 @ 6pm**
3. **Adjournment:** 7:35pm