

Fort Assiniboine School Council

Agenda

Meeting Date: **Wed. Jan. 17, 2024 @ 5:00 pm** In Library

1. Call to Order at 5:21pm
2. Introductions
 - a. In attendance: David Hobson, Danielle Calahasen, Sara Rouw, Lorna Heimstra, Melissa Hanna
3. Approval of Minutes (Nov 2023) – Approved with change to 10.c
4. Old Business
 - a. School Handbook-subcommittee (volunteers needed) – Sara & Danielle will take on
 - b. School Council Operating Procedures Review-changes needed? – Tabled for now
 - c. ASCE Grant Funds – See below
5. New Business
 - a. Elections of School Council Board Members: Vice Chair – Tabled due to low attendance
 - b. Breakfast Program-Survey Results and Updates
 - i. No Responses – assuming everyone is happy with the program, moving forward
 - c. Pembina Hills Council of School Council Meeting in December
 - i. Have an annual fee if we want to join Eco Friendly Schools, involves community cleanups, and other eco activities \$1500 Fee
 - d. ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association 2024 Conference and AGM April 26, 27 & 28 In Edmonton-Interested attendees can use Grant Funds –
 - i. School Calendar was approved, Conference in April - \$2000 set aside to send people – Danielle Can't attend, April 26, 27, 28th in Edmonton – Can ask around to see if anyone wants to come from our school, will put in newsletter and messenger – networking and ideas event, Danielle will attend the voting portion online if no one can come from the school or community
 - e. Council of School Councils Meeting Tues. May 7th at 5pm at the Pembina Hills Regional Office in Barrhead
 - i. Danielle will attend
 - f. Times for meetings-Better to do at 4:15pm? Thoughts?
 - i. 4:30 pm seems to work for everyone in attendance
 - g. Possibility of buying a 3D printer and computer science/coding as an option for CTF – Career Technology Foundations
 - i. Arad Ashrafi as teacher
 - ii. Already did Coding as CTF this year
 - iii. Position is two hours a week at the school – Volunteer 3-3:52 Mon Wed or Tues Thursday for two months – 16 hours with kids total – Chat GPT –
 - iv. Had 15 kids in last coding CTF
 - v. Sara will Connect Arad with Mr. Hobson- Ethics of AI, other possible topics
 - vi. Related are some classes - online and in person,

1. Cyberbullying, Teaching Internet Safety, & Empowering Parents – Online
 2. Insight into adolescent Psychology, Online Exploitation & Parental Guidance
- vii. Ask Megan about 3D Printer again
- viii. Check out 3D printer in Barrhead – Barrhead Composite

6. Reports

a. Parent Society

- i. -Outdoor Classroom Grant was turned down for half the money
- ii. -PHE Grant was turned down
- iii. Pembina West Coop - Request for Free Pies
- iv. Fortis Save energy grant – anything we need in the kitchen, energy star appliances - Asked Nicola if we need anything for the kitchen
- v. Walmart in Slave lake donated \$1000 received in November, not sure what it's for
- vi. Friesen Bros in Barrhead approved them for Toonies for Tummies coin jar for the breakfast program
- vii. Pembina West Coop – 10% grocery discount is being applied for – breakfast program
- viii. Had a meeting Dec 20 with Woodlands county, \$5-11,000 may be coming near end of March for breakfast program.
- ix. Some was donated to fundraiser for Noreen who lost her house in a fire

b. Preschool

- i. Nothing submitted

c. Principal

- i. Principal Planning in February-School Priorities?
 1. Division is focusing on tracking data for literacy, currently doing assessments, goal is making a data wall with kids' reading levels, leveled reading rooms,
 2. Another goal having learning intentions at the beginning of lessons and success indicators
 3. Division Educational priorities - Relationships – Literacy and Numeracy - Wellbeing
- ii. Alternate school year calendar
 1. Division has set the calendar – once the division has set theirs there are minimal decisions to be made – Next meeting will bring in a physical calendar to review
- iii. Upcoming Activities

1. Hydroponics – CTF Option, was during science last year Twice a week we get an hour to focus on hydroponics, have an inhouse expert Sally (TA) is helping a lot
 2. Grade 7-9 Ski trip to Jasper – One day early in morning and come back in night, a dozen kids showed up to meeting however, bus driver isn't available for the current day scheduled – need a new bus driver or change day, also could do East Link in Whitecourt for skiing and tubing,
 3. CTF with skating is at prime skating time, elementary skating will be in February
 4. Swimming – Lessons will be last two weeks in April in Barrhead
 5. Music – Mr. Hawkin and Mrs. Betz are doing choir, any kid who wants to in choir can join and it's not by class –they will attend Music Festival in Barrhead
 6. Teachers convention is Feb 8-9
 7. Bear houses are Feb 1st
 8. Celebration of learning meetings and kids will show their growth – March 13-14 for parents
- iv. Feedback on Progress Reports – Reports Coming home on March 21st, Feedback is that it is working well
- d. Trustee –
- i. Superintendent resigned, resignation accepted, have started advertising for position, have a few applicants, timeline is end of February, do have someone to step in as acting superintendent
 - ii. Gym expansion for Barrhead composite – approved to contribute 1.5 million from reserves to expand one side of gym
 - iii. Calendar – Survey sent out to parents & staff, Fall break will continue as is
 - iv. Board meeting today – Student Services Assurance Report – Removing barriers, some staff areas lacking, spoke about strategies on Trauma, went over incidents from the past and they are reduced
 - v. Approved outreach calendar for more PD Days
 - vi. Financial reports for ending Dec 31 2023, all is going well
 - vii. Conference with growth Alberta Feb 5-6, Melissa will attend that
- e. Woodlands County – Not in attendance

7. Next Meeting: **Wed. Mar. 20, 2024**

8. Adjournment 6:42