**Fort Assiniboine School Council-Minutes March 20, 2024**

Meeting Date: **Wed. March 20th, 2024 @ 4:30 pm** In Library

1. Call to Order 4:30 pm
   1. ***In attendance: Danielle Calahasen, Miranda Emery, Pauline Payne, Roxanne Cross, Jenny Keulken, Melissa Hanna, Megan Petryshen, Sara Rouw, Nicola Kostelyk***
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes (Jan 2024)
   1. ***Approved***
4. New Business
   1. Elections of School Council Board Members: Vice Chair – ***No one is available at this time***
   2. Breakfast Program-updates
      1. ***Program has new life with extra funding and healthier options, some kids are not attending but overall breakfast club has improved. Volunteer base is good for now.***
   3. ASCA (Alberta School Councils Association 2024 Conference and AGM April 26, 27 & 28 In Edmonton-Interested attendees*? Can use ASCE Grant Funds, or Pembina Hills has up to $5000 to send Council representatives in our Division.*
      1. ***No one is able to attend so far, Danielle will register for general meeting. If parents have suggestions for provincial level regarding curriculum – parents are heard here. See*** [***https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/***](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/) ***for further details***
   4. Parent Ideas/Concerns
      1. Get Laying Chickens for school-*Public Health Concerns, however Grades 1&2 hatch chicks each year.*
         1. ***Due to not being allowed to use or sell uninspected eggs, this won’t work, other farm ideas discussed and would like to include Peter in a future conversation***
      2. CTF Class Selections-*Done on a 1st come 1st serve basis.*
         1. ***Some classes need to have a cap due to nature of teaching.***
      3. CTF Marking –
         1. ***Teachers are marking in collaboration with instructor and EA’s when needed, some CTF’s are curriculum tied and some are not, expectations are laid out as the course goes along***
      4. School Budgets-*This is already on the agenda under Principal’s report.*
         1. ***\*see attached Budget Report***
         2. **Schools are given a budget for staff and there is a separate pool for psychologists etc**.
         3. **Need clarification on budget report**
         4. **Went from 85 students to 98, kindergarten is half funded- will see results with weighted funding due to enrollment increase**
      5. Arena Cost: Skating-***We have a joint-use agreement with the Fort Ag Society. We use their arena for free and they use our baseball diamonds for free.***
      6. School of Choice: Bussing and AP 50-01-***To be discussed further at a separate meeting - we have arranged for a separate meeting with the Superintendent and the Trustee in the near future on Wednesday April 3rd, 2024 @ 6:00pm in the Library to discuss for all those with concerns.*** 
         1. ***A 10 minute discussion was held surrounding bussing to school of choice. History of how the changes to the AP came about, why we have busses that could take the children but are now not eligible. The trustee explained how the choice was made primarily to protect smaller rural schools and keep them from being shut down, as well as keeping the larger schools from overcapacity issues. Parental concerns about limiting education choices and fair treatment when siblings of those enrolled in school of choice are grandfathered in will be brought to next meeting to specifically address concerns. Note: If parents have concerns about the level of Education their children are receiving at their school, concerns should be brought up to the teachers, principal, and school council. If there are issues only affecting their child, this should be taken up with their child’s teacher, then the principal if not resolved and then on to the Superintendent if the matter is still unresolved. To enroll in a school of choice (non-designated):***
            1. ***Step one, take concern to principals of both schools***
            2. ***Then take it to transportation department***
      7. Election of Superintendent? Principals vs. Trustees-
         1. ***Trustees hire based on provincial regulations with Principal’s input.***
         2. ***Principals input – an admin meeting with all principals and vice principals was held to discuss what we’re looking for- looking for someone to continue implementing what was put in place by past superintendent***
5. Reports
   1. Parent Society
      1. ***Year End Field Trips-Parent Society to Pay for entire year end field trip, would like it to be entire school on same trip in May/June-However, teachers have already booked individual field trips. Therefore scheduling could be an issue.***
      2. ***Started latest fundraiser yesterday, Little Caesars started***
      3. ***Wish list submitted by Lorna, will send teacher requests***
      4. ***Plan to make wish list public for those who want to donate for something specific***
   2. Preschool***-Nothing to report.***
   3. Principal ***Swimming – booked 5 sessions in April 22-25 and April 29th***
      1. Principal Planning in February-School Priorities?
         1. ***Continuing former superintendent priorities how we look at learning and kids who are struggling, data wall with reading levels***
      2. Alternate school year calendar
         1. ***No choices to make this year, calendar has been decided***
      3. PHPS Surveys (Grade 4-12) - ***Tabled***
      4. Alberta Education Surveys (Grades 4, 7, & 10) - ***Tabled***
      5. School Base Planning -
         1. ***On April 19th, parents can give feedback – will invite via messenger to google doc or anonymous link***
      6. Student Orientation Plans –
         1. ***Barrhead will meet with Grade 9 soon, June 7 teachers meet to pass along info for grade 5 to 6 transitions, a date will be set for students and parents***
      7. Fire Drills/Lockdowns
         1. ***We are in compliance, did lockdown early, did fire drill***
      8. School Education Plans –
         1. ***No major changes and posted on website*** - **Numeracy, literacy, wellness for staff and students**
      9. Upcoming School Year Budgets – ***We have one document, clarification coming as principal did not have time to review prior to meeting***
      10. Citizenship Award Nominations –
          1. **Nominations can be made outside of meetings with board chair**
          2. **April 18th 2:30 Volunteer Tea**
   4. Trustee –
      1. ***Board planning and symposium recently attended, change in rates annex for transportation fees, 3 year capital plan isn’t changing, Barrhead & Westlock elementary will be modernized.***
      2. ***Career Camp opportunity for 25 students entering grade 10***
      3. ***Policy changes with employee recruitment and selection, when temporary position becomes a regular position first consideration is given to temporary staff***
      4. ***Pilot program for organic waste – compost in Westlock $10 a week to have a composting garbage bin in Westlock school***
   5. Woodlands County ***Not Present***
6. Old Business
   1. School Handbook-subcommittee
      1. ***Need to set up meeting with Sara & Danielle to update***
   2. Council of School Councils Meeting Tues. May 7th at 5pm at the Pembina Hills Regional Office in Barrhead
      1. ***Danielle will attend***
   3. Possibility of buying a 3D Printer and Computer Science/Coding as an option for CTF -was brought up in Parent Society Meeting***-Instructor too busy this year, may do private option at library next year.***
7. Next Meeting: **Wed. May 22, 2024** @ 4:30pm
8. Adjournment at 6:06pm