

Minutes Wednesday April 26, 2023 7-8pm FSS library <u>in-person meeting</u> and Over Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome/Call meeting to Order 7pm

2. Present In Person

Patty Villasenor

Sheri Earl

Nicole.H

Anna.P

Erin.H

Jane J

Zoom

Isabel Craig

Taralynn

Jodi

Annie Hepher

- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Adopt minutes of last meeting-Patty Adopted, Sheri Seconded
- 5. Reports
 - Treasurer: Sheri Earl

See treasurer report- \$250 Cheque cashed for boy's mental health group

• President: Patty Villasenor

-DPAC Parent information sessions on Gaming, social media and sexting, over 3 Tuesdays – asked but cannot record because of copyright. Would be great if the times /days were different so that more people could attend. -Intra-murals starting next week- Patty and Nancy running. Volunteers still needed- each session is 45 minutes, police checks required. Monday, Wednesday, Fridays after school and Tuesday/Thursday mornings, skills development

-Like to do one more fundraiser before end of year- open to ideas.

• Principal: Erin Hay

-Course selections complete, online access to course selection closed. Would have to meet with administration to change courses now.

-Moving to fully electronic report cards next week

-Final Quarter of the year- would like parents to contact classroom teachers when timely and meaningful instead of just at report card time. Parent teacher meetings and early dismissal unlikely to return as instructional time needs to be made up. Will continue to discuss with staff.

-Input from parents is that they would prefer an invitation to meet instead of having to initiate meetings.

-Staff are brainstorming ideas for bringing parents into the school, to make the school feel more welcoming i.e.," Charcuterie in the park" or dinner/fundraiser/art display/music.

-Getting to know teachers by doing activities is valuable.

-Student council organize many inclusive activities such as down syndrome silly sock day and anti-bullying events.

- "Trash bash" tomorrow and assembly at the end of the week.

-The uneasiness with planning events due to covid is over and there are many field trips planned, i.e., overnight camping trip for grade 11 English, College and university trip to Lethbridge, outdoor ed. firepits, extended learning days. Events contribute to emotional wellness and improves academics. -Busy with graduation assessments that are happening right now. Do go on transcript, can reset assessment up to 3 times.

-May 31- community engagement evening- celebrate school growth plan, which is numeracy and indigenous connections, language, and culture. Share district goals as well. All members of community are invited to attended. -Approximately 60 parents, students and all staff received a survey to provide authentic feedback on how Principal and Vice Principal are doing in their jobs. -Extended Learning days, questions from parents on students attendance, difference in standard of activities. Request that teachers email parents ahead of time to share what their activities are. Erin will contact teachers and ask them to do so.

-Project Heavy Duty- Elk valley schools, learn about trades, take first aid courses/safety courses, lunch with TECK, College of the Rockies, work safe BC- in conjunction with youth in trades programs.

• DPAC: Ana Piney

-Public education conference, May 12 and 13 in Surrey. Teacher rep. is going to the conference and are looking for a parent representative from Fernie. Contact Adrian Demeres if able to attend.

-Start looking for DPAC rep for next year as Anna is leaving. Involves one meeting a month on zoom and reporting back to PAC

• School Trustee: Nicole Heckendorf

-All schools are working on Budget 23-24

-Pay increases for non-unionized teachers should be covered by provincial government.

-CBAL are talking about removing funding for some environment education

6.New Business

• **Funding Request**- \$500 for 2 science classes to go climbing at college of Rockies, from Julie Howard.

Motion put forward to approve funding by Patty, seconded by Sheri. All in attendance were in favor.

- Funding Request- Meagan Coultry, set of pickle ball equipment- \$560 plus shipping. Motion put forward by Sheri to approve up to \$600, Patty seconded, all present were in favor.
- Staff Appreciation lunch- Need to decide on dates: May 8, 9, 18, 30, or 31st

Final decision: Tuesday 30th May. Nicole will head up, Anna,

Sheri, Patty to help. Volunteer list will be contacted to recruit more helpers.

NEXT MEETING: 6 PM- Thursday 8th June 2023 – last PAC meeting

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