

MINUTES

FLVT Parent Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Joel McDonald at 7:00pm.

In Attendance

Carrie Heimbecker, Deanna Broederick, Luigi Pollio, Joel, McDonald, Lindsay McDonald, Candice Lam, Carla Jensen, Kaylee Grunau, Danny Ponjavic, Christine Braun, Amber Baines, Jackie Rafa, Wendy Iwanczuk, Sandra Leith, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Davina Saunders, Asheley Cowie, Travis Magierowski, Bryce Kelly, Greg Kostiuk, Jonathan Koopmans, Carly Rasmussen, Dallas Marose, Monique Atkins, Laura Hussey, Paige Peake

Welcome from Joel; no pressure to commit to positions but parent council provides a great opportunity to do things for our kids.

Opening prayer

Approval of Agenda

No agenda prepared for tonight. Positions need to be voted; no quorum tonight, no motions will be made or passed.

Approval of Previous Meetings

June's meeting minutes are posted on FLVT website, under parent council.

Business Arising from Previous Meeting

- As of now 4 council members have signing authority for the parent council account: Carrie, Deanna, Joel and Lindsay. There was some question as to whether Greg should have signing authority. Greg not comfortable with same.
- Deanna reported that parent council has no outstanding invoices.
- Deanna requested that we set the meeting schedule for the year, as well as update the website and create a binder of resources for future use.
- For the following year, all positions need to be elected and filled, except Secretary. It was determined that this will take place at the next meeting, Oct 2, 2018. Greg to send out communication regarding same.
- Lindsay stated that it would be helpful to have sub-committees under the elected positions to share in the work load.
- It would also be helpful if all classrooms had parent reps, and reps attended council meetings. Discussion ensued on how to get volunteers for these positions. Joel commented that we need help planning and coordinating events otherwise they won't be possible. Deanna mentioned that we need more elected council members in order to pass motions.

Report from Executives

- **Chairperson:** Nothing new to report. Thanked all parents and staff for attending tonight.
- **Vice Chairperson:** Position Vacant.
- **Treasurer:** Nothing to report at this point in the meeting.
- **Secretary:** Meeting minutes are posted on the school website usually within a week of the meeting. There was a request for the minutes to be emailed out to attendees; Carrie to follow through with same.
- **School Events Coordinator:** Lindsay discussed the 3 big events that parent council plans and puts together: Shrove Tuesday, Spring Dance and Sports Day. All events require many parent volunteers.
- **Communications Coordinator:** Position vacant.

Principal's/Staff Report

Greg Kostiuk:

- Thank you to parents for attending this meeting. An active school council is important for a healthy school. Greg appreciates the “wisdom of the room” and is looking forward to working with the group.
- Greg introduced Travis.

Travis Magierowski: Distributed school calendar for Sept/Oct and highlighted upcoming events: Welcome back BBQ next week (Sept 20); Father William to do blessing. Grade 9 retreat (Sept 27) and Parent Teacher Interviews (Oct 18). Question was asked if there will be a fall Junior High Dance; not planned as of present.

- Joel would like to speak about parent council at the welcome back BBQ next week
- Oct 2 was the date chosen for the next meeting. Subsequent meetings will follow on the first Tuesday of every month.
- Danny Ponjavic: no trustee report; open to questions about policy. He would like parents to see him as a “resource”.
- Luigi and Cathy are the FLVT staff that will attend meetings.
- Greg discussed the survey results from his summer message. He noted 3 main themes 1.) Parents are proud of the family and community feeling of the school, 2.) They are also proud of the staff and 3.) Proud of prayer and faith life. Areas of growth that were identified included, communication between teachers and home, student programming, and “time for change”. Staff survey was similar. Grade 9 and 6 students were asked what they liked and what they would do as principal; Greg is going through those answers at present.
- Staffing: numbers: projected 557 students for this year, and we have 567 students at present. This warrants another teacher. At present there is no physical space to accommodate another teacher/classroom. Mr. Smeaton is open to more portables. Room for 3 more portables. Mr. Smeaton has been asked for 3 part time EA's for grade 7.
- Grade 7 news: Edwin pilot starting. Every student will get a Chrome Book at no charge. They will use it in all classes and they will take it home every day. Letter coming out next week. Devices should be coming out next week. Questions rose about security on devices. They have no apps; use Holy Spirit ID, tracks use. IPADs can't be monitored as closely. Anything that accesses our Wi-Fi is monitored and secure. Students will get education on digital citizenship. Nelson is providing the resource and will replace damaged devices. Joel suggested that this creates a “level playing field” for students. Danny stated that Holy Spirit is moving towards supplying all grade 10 notebooks, with the goal of technologically advancing students. Greg stated that his pilot also frees up laptops for other students in our school.
- Fundraiser: card fundraiser going well. In the summer staff determined that there was a need to go ahead with the fundraiser to support and cover the cost of all planned activities. A mistake was made on the sheet, stating kids would receive \$40 if they sell so many cards. The school cannot distribute cash but will honor the \$40 with a gift card. Lindsay asked if it was possible to alternate years selling cards with the public system, as there are so many children selling them at present. Discussion ensued about looking at other fundraising options. Subcommittee within parent council required to look at ideas. Greg suggested that fundraising shouldn't consume parent council. Joel talked about the initiatives that parent council supports, including grade 6 camps, basketball nets, water fountains, comprehensive school health day, school play, etc. Danny suggested that this fundraising overlap could be taken to the joint committee with District 51; could put forward a motion at a joint meeting to alternate fundraising or coordinate
- Presenters need for awards night on Oct 25th.
- A parent brought up that it has been challenging to understand what volunteer roles exist and what exactly those roles entail. Deanna stated that the parent council board (by the water fountain) has a description of all positions. Greg will also disseminate same. Joel to address same at BBQ.
- Joel asked the question as to what prompted people to attend tonight's meeting? Greg stated that staff was encouraged to tell parents and tons of communication was sent out. Parents agreed that the yellow slips were effective. Discussion ensued on other ways to get parents out to meetings. Facebook was mention as

a venue for parent council. Carrie mentioned that this could fall under the role of communications coordinator, if that position was to be filled. The idea of childcare was also brought up and Greg mentioned that in his previous position the council would have a babysitter in the kindergarten room so parents could drop off their kids. Parents seemed to like this idea. No commitment made to arrange for same at present.

Unfinished Business

- New water fountain was installed over the summer.

New Business

- Parent Council Workshop Monday Oct 15, 2018. [www.albertascho](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/documents/42908) HYPERLINK
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- The topic is engagement
- Lindsay and Joel brought up the girls volleyball uniform; asking, does it fall under the dress code? Greg is currently looking at the school dress code. Lindsay feels all uniforms should be gender neutral uniforms. Greg will consider the uniforms as he continues to examine the dress code. Discussion ensued about girls' volleyball shorts. Danny unaware if sports uniforms are covered in the policy regarding dress code. Greg stated that it could potentially be discussed with staff on the Oct 9th PD day.

Next Meeting

Tuesday Oct 2, 2018, 7:00pm in school library

Joel adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Joel at 8:10pm. Joel explained the purpose of the meeting.

Treasurers Report

- Financial report distributed
- We are not supposed to carry a large balance forward; we have \$2410.88 at present in the account.
- Parent council receives 5 cheques a year from the school from the \$5 fee from every student.
- We have no outstanding invoices.
- Joel brought up the key chains that were purchased by parent council and given to grade 9 students last year as farewell gift. The idea was brought up that this could also be a potential fundraiser for parent council; however, it should still be a special gift for the grade 9's.

Joel adjourned meeting at 8:15pm.