

Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
AGM Meeting – October 19, 2022

Start at 6:30pm

In Attendance

Scott Sherman, Chase Ellis, John Evans, Lana, Natalie, Eran, Carmen, 2-3 other parents

Executive Committee Elections:

- Scott Sherman remains Chairperson
- Lana remains Co-chairperson
- Natalie is Secretary

School Trustee Report – John Evans

- Blackie School Grand Opening was successful
  - o Unfortunate Minister couldn't attend
- Policy 16 review and public input to happen
  - o Welcoming, Safe, Caring, Inclusive, Respectful, Learning Environments
- If there are division-wide concerns from school councils he can take them back to the board
- Mental health grants
  - o Did not get Telus grant
  - o Got RBC grant
- Emergency services option program at Highwood High
  - o Fire department and EMS currently
  - o RCMP want to be on board next year
  - o 2 year, 10 credit program
  - o firehall tour and experience
- Wiring for cameras in schools in FSD
  - o Blackie school done as part of modernization (wiring, no cameras)
  - o Camera systems cost an average of \$50,000 per school in FSD
  - o Don't know where money will come from yet
- Town Halls
  - o Emails coming out about them
  - o Can happen if requested from a school council to address questions outside of a regular council meeting format
- SLP and Occupational Therapy changes
  - o FSD used to contract this out – were often driving and billing from Calgary
  - o Hired own therapists this year
  - o Gain 2 hrs of student time per day
- Advocacy – what parents can do
  - o Education is underfunded in the province
  - o How to contact MLAs and draft letters (letter templates) are on FSD website

### Principal Report – Chase Ellis

- Grades 6, 7, 8 flag football wrapped up
  - o Jamboree at McMahon stadium
  - o Kids did really well
- Halloween October 31
  - o Monday afternoon carnival
  - o Haunted house planned/run by grade 7 and 8s
- Open house on October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - o Thank You to Scott Sherman for pushing to get this modernization done
- County open house at the school on Tuesday, October 25 from 4-7pm
- Photo Retake Day on October 26
- Book Fair this week with Family Fun Night tomorrow, October 20
- Parent Teacher interviews November 14-18 in evenings
  - o Teachers found 2 nights done previous years was too short and limited the time slots for parents
  - o Communication will come out from classroom teachers with details
- 2 educational assistants added to school staff
- MIPI (standardized math exam) preliminary results back for grades 4-8
  - o General trends for all grade levels
  - o Strength shown in: patterns and relations, shape and space, stats and probability
  - o Deficit in number sense
  - o Need to figure out root cause of deficit
- Policy 16 review
- School Code of Conduct being redeveloped with student input (old from about 2014)
- Student Matters Meeting
  - o Did not attend due to illness
- Skills Exploration – Skills Canada
  - o Pick up equipment November 3
  - o Date program will run TBD
  - o May need volunteers

### Parent Council Bylaw Review - Scott

- Fixed spelling/typing errors – no opposition
- Agreed to fix/add mission statement at a future meeting this year

### Electives/Extracurricular Activities – Chase

- Grades 5-8
- Started last week
- Cooking/Baking – rice krispie squares made
- Ms. Brauner took some kids skating at rink
- Woodworking/constructing
  - o Safety considerations – slow going with kids
  - o Safety modules are being done
- Suggestions from Carmen

- Student construction project for playground
  - Gaga ball pit
- Younger kids activities
  - Happy to provide funding for field trips, etc
  - Parents should ask kid's teachers and help organize
  - Chase – needs to tie into curriculum
  - Eran – she has received comments from parents about wanting to start swimming lessons with younger kids
- Scott asking about starting up STEM again
  - In evenings
  - All grades welcome
- First Aid course suggestion – Scott
  - Company Flatline has new CPR dolls instrumented with feedback on technique
  - AED training with kids
  - Have done training with schools before in the evenings
  - Parents need to be there as well with their child
  - Charge \$134 for each parent/kid pair (kid free)
  - Max 10 pairs at each lesson
  - Can open up to school community
  - Question about minimum age
    - Maybe grade 7 and up?
- Bulldogs Hockey question – Carmen
  - Are there enough kids to run program?
  - Holy Spirit school said 'no' to sending their kids to help get program numbers up
  - Possibility of power skating lessons instead of hockey?
  - Discussion for future with students
  - Chase comment
    - Timing issues potentially
    - Working around band on Tuesdays and Thursdays
    - Being considerate of instructional time
    - Can approach Ms. Brauner for her interest
    - Can survey kids for interest
  - Carmen can help organize if needed

#### Community School Bookings – Chase

- School is available for bookings and use
- Administrative procedure already in place AP547
  - Agreement/fee schedule very inexpensive for non-profit groups
- Commercial kitchen space rental agreement to be drafted
  - Cover 1-time events
- Joint use agreement with Blackie Lions is being ironed out
- If someone would like to rent
  - Very easy for community members to book
  - Contact school or book online

- online calendar system in place to check date and book
  - on Blackie school website
- Lana - suggestion
  - Open gym nights in winter for kids
- Chase - Building access outside hours
  - Custodians leave at 7pm
  - Will issue one member of the group a key card for access only between the hours of rental
  - This person is responsible for securing entry/exit when the leave
- John comment
  - School events will trump outside events for bookings
- Chase comment
  - Would like to see regular use from community
  - Community hub
  - Flexibility for community bookings

Hot Lunch – Eran

- Hot lunch is up and running

Next meeting November 16 at 6:30pm

- Potential to organize childcare with older kids in gym

Meeting Adjourned 8pm