

## School Council Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Scott Sherman

In attendance: Scott Sherman, Faye Holt, John Evans, Yvonne, Sarah, Carmen, Lana, Natalie, Amy

### Trustee Report – John

- Footnotes is on FSD website
  - o Contains annual education results report
    - Helps with budget and 5 year education plan
- Christmas concert was a blast, the kids had fun
- New FSD app is out
  - o Worth downloading
- ASCA awards accepting nominations now
  - o Parents of distinction
  - o Deadline February 1
- FSD in discussion for trailer that sits outside of the school for CTS/woodworking/shop
  - o Issues such as needing flat concrete pad, power plug/power draw issues
  - o Would rotate between rural schools
- What is a trustee?
  - o Governors of the budget
  - o Representatives of the community
  - o Don't have a say in school administration or what goes on in the school
  - o Full guide to what a trustee is on the website

### School Leadership Report – Faye

- Info on attendance data
  - o 42/119 have more than 10% days absent
  - o 12/119 have more than 20% days absent
  - o May need to have conversations with some families on how the school can assist in lowering numbers of days absent
    - Issues with kids falling behind
    - May be an indicator that the student is having other challenges
  - o Lates can have a similar impact but are not a part of this data
  - o What parents can do?
    - Establish routines
    - Reinforcing why school is important
    - Still keep kids home when they are sick
- Divisional and school-based learning
  - o Blackie's focus
    - Growing strong and competent readers in K-8
      - Decodables vs complex text
    - Science curriculum

- Calendar highlights
  - New learner profiles coming out February 16
  - Literacy Day activities January 26
  - JK and Kindergarten registration open house at 6:30pm
  - Band Camp Feb 14-16
  - Pink Shirt Day activities in the gym February 27
- Previous question about yearbooks (Why is the school no longer doing yearbooks?)
  - The school has been losing money on yearbooks over the last few years
    - 2020-2021 ordered 1 per student
      - charged parents through school fees
      - lost \$710 due to parents not paying
    - 2021-2022 only 36 yearbooks were ordered and paid for by parents
      - Lost \$65 due to minimum order requirements through Lifetouch
    - 2022-2023
      - Did not order yearbooks
    - Must buy the yearbooks through Lifetouch in order to use their photos due to copyright
  - Can order principal's book from Lifetouch with all class photos in it for anyone that requests it
- Parent Question: What was the situation with the post on Facebook about "weirdos asking questions about the school" through the Blackie Community Page?
  - Amy answered
    - Someone was asking what the school is like, even though they don't live in the area/country, was removed from the Facebook group
  - Faye added
    - There has been nothing at the school, no weird phone calls, etc

#### Lion's Quest – Scott

- Next meeting someone from the Lions will take 10 minutes to explain what it is
- May have resources of use to us

#### School Needs/School Council Projects

- Chromebook cart arrived, for grade ¾ class

#### Extracurriculars

- School has not enough interest/numbers for basketball this year
  - May have one fun afternoon of basketball with another school in similar situation
- Badminton will start in the spring
  - Unsure of grades participating
- CherylAnne to have meeting with Faye re: skating lessons
- In conversations with Okotoks and High River re: swimming lessons
  - Okotoks cheaper, can accommodate 40 kids at a time

- Okotoks more flexible with activities for older kids who do not need the lifesaving portion of lessons any more

#### CPS/First Aid courses – Scott

- Course for grade 7-8s or possibly 5-8s
  - Would need a parent participating with them
  - Company would only charge for parent, child free, both would receive certificate
    - Scott to pass contact info to Faye
- Faye also has contact, previous colleague if there is an interest for this

#### Calgary Jazz Orchestra – February 6

- Dylan has still not heard back from them regarding how much grant will cover and our cost for the program.

#### Science Olympics

- Kids registered (grade 5-8)
- In May, will receive challenges in March

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 27 at 6:30pm.