

**ESFCHS/AHSFA School Council AGM Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 12, 2021**  
**5 pm via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Vince H, Principal; Ryan H, Vice Principal; Jackie H, Chairperson; Jody B, Secretary; Larry Albrecht, Trustee; Lisa P; Joanne M; Deanna S; Nadine W; Rayane S

**Meeting called to order** at 5:01 pm (Jackie)

1. **Welcome and Land Recognition** of the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 Region in Southern Alberta and the Metis Nation of Alberta Region 3 (Jackie)
2. **Correspondence** (Jackie)
  - Motion to accept Minutes - Nadine W
  - Motion to accept Agenda
3. **New Business:**
  - Potluck during interviews or welcome back potluck (Jackie)  
Parent Teacher Interviews are on Mon Nov 8 and Tues Nov. 9 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Zoom will be used as the meeting platform, even though FCHS is welcoming folks back into the building, as the high volume of people attending would pose challenges and risks with COVID. Although the council's thoughtfulness is appreciated by the staff, due to COVID concerns and safety it would be better to hold off on the potluck at this time. (Ryan)  
Parent council will hold off until spring interviews and maybe arrange a treat or something. (Jackie)

**Questions: None**

4. **Trustees Report - Larry Albrecht**
  - **Last meeting - 3 presentations**
    - Wanda Le Roux, Director of transportation - There is a shortage of bus drivers and therefore a few routes have been cancelled from the beginning of the year until now. Trying to actively recruit but it's been challenging to find people.  
Currently FSD is tendering to purchase a couple new or slightly used buses which will be used to replace buses not to add to the fleet.
    - Miriam Ramzy, Director of Student Learning K-6 - Minister of Education announced there would be funds to assist with closing the gaps in learning with respect to reading, writing, and math. FSD has finished the

pretesting of all elementary students where a limited number of testing tools could be used. All data has been collected and submitted but FSD has no idea of the timeline for receiving funds from the government nor how much will be received. Any students needing this funding for remediation may not have access to this funding until December or January.

- Lori Isberg, Innovation and Design Facilitator - One of the Board's goals from last year has been around putting a high emphasis and priority on CTS and continuing to develop some very successful programs. FSD is trying to tie this together so that students who enter elementary school can begin looking at careers they may want to continue to explore. Lori is working on doing this.
- **Provincial Government recently mandated COVID tracing was brought back**
  - School jurisdictions have taken on contact tracing since AHS stopped doing this in the summer and then brought it back without support of resources or funding. Since no funding went with this the Board passed a motion to move \$250 000 out of reserve to help hire the necessary staff to assist with this tracing. This is very time consuming.
- **Board Motion Passed** - You may recall a few weeks ago the Minister of Health and Minister of Education wrote a letter to school authorities encouraging mandatory proof of vaccination policies for adults in schools. Since this time Edmonton Public, Calgary Public, and Calgary Catholic boards passed a motion to mandate proof of vaccination. The Board wants to collect more information, although they are not against asking for proof of vaccination, before making this decision in order to do a risk assessment. The Board asked Senior Administration to go out and investigate completely all of the ramifications and do risk analysis in order to know what this might look like in FSD, so that when and if the Board decides to go in that direction it can be quickly implemented. Report will be ready for the Board's Nov. 10th meeting and at that time the new Board will make a decision.
- **The Board met with our 3 MLAs on Sept 29th** - Wanted to make sure they were aware of the significant concerns we have around dealing with COVID-19. For example, our superintendent, since the beginning of the school year, has had no support from AHS around what COVID-19 looks like in schools and what can be done in terms of moving a class online and declaring an outbreak. These are medical issues and not those of education. MLAs assured the Board that they will go back to the Minister of Education and AHS to see if more support can be provided.
- **Celebration in Larry's last report as a Board Trustee** - Last report to school by Larry - The Board completed their required annual self-evaluation last week and presented it and passed a motion. It was interesting to go back over the last 4 years and look at what the Board has been able to accomplish in order to provide quality education in the Foothills School Division. Firm believer that educators do not celebrate very well. The report is available on the FSD website. see what they have completed over the past 4 years.
- **Encourage everyone to vote in the municipal election** - Larry applauds everyone who put their names out for School Trustee positions and wishes them well. Not aware of any forum for School Trustee candidates for the three areas where elections are occurring. Thank you for putting up with me for the last 4 years. It has been such a pleasure to do the job I've been privileged to do and to work with the FCHS School Council members and school Administration.

- **Next board meeting:** Sept. 22/21 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

**Questions:**

Thank you very much Larry, it has been a pleasure working with you.  
(Jackie)

On behalf of the Administration team Vince thanked Larry for his service and dedication to the staff, students, and parents of FSD over the past 4 years. (Vince)

**5. School Leadership Report (Admin. Team)**

- **Parent Teacher Interviews** - Mon. Nov. 8 and Tues. Nov. 9 from 4:00 - 8:00 pm and zoom will be utilized as the meeting format. Instructions will be sent out in the coming weeks.
- **Mid-term Report Cards** - will be sent out on Nov. 5th. In a lot of cases, teachers have already reached out to families of students who may be struggling.
- **Student Matters Committee** - For several years the School Board has supported the Student Matters program and its purpose is to collect student voice. School staff will talk about school goals and parents are often a part of that process but not often will it be that student voice is recorded. Since COVID the Student Matters program has moved to an online platform. The group of 3 representatives have come up with some survey questions, such as what makes coming to school meaningful to you and what are your hopes for your experience at school, and this is something FCHS values greatly. The value of student voice, when they aren't shy to talk about their experience at FCHS, is high and a great way to find out what students think about our school and what can be done to improve it. FCHS is currently collecting that feedback right now.
- **Extras at FCHS** - Goal is to get every student to belong in our building. We want to be able to nurture students' passion areas which wasn't possible last year due to COVID.
  - **Athletics** - Football, volleyball, cross country, golf, soccer teams, and crossfit have all started or finished already. Participation was solid but we did have to rebuild some teams as last year the opportunity was not available. As an example, football has just under 60 students participating.
  - **Fine arts** is up and running this year as well. Hundreds of students are served by these programs and teachers volunteer their time to make them happen. Another example is Mr. Spangler has our student council up and running which organized the opening BBQ this year.
- **COVID protocols have increased and students have responded well.** Overwhelming majority of students and families are following these new protocols. A huge thanks to Larry and the Board, as they were very thoughtful in allowing FSD schools to open up a bit more for extra

curricular activities. It has made a huge difference at FCHS and the students. We are grateful to have parents still able to attend sporting events.

- **Community partnership** - The Doggs baseball, Raiders (Female AAA hockey), 2 Oilers hockey teams are all supported by strong community partnerships. These are significant. The school accommodates three hockey teams with 3 daytime ice times. The community gains extra evening ice time from our ability to build ice-time into timetable during the day to accommodate practices and our students gain from not having early morning or late night practices. This is great for students as they have extra time to get homework done outside of school and league games; some are even able to balance a job and receive PE credits for doing this. Teachers also volunteer lunch time to tutor these students to ensure their academic success. FCHS has students from all over AB in the building. These community partners are willing to help out in the building with financial and communication pieces, which is helpful. AB hockey is asking FCHS to present and share how they support these programs. For example, the girls used to have to spend \$4000 more a year than the boys in order to be a part of the hockey program. Now all players are treated as equals in these partnerships. We even have a number of students from Quebec in FCHS classrooms.
- **Professional Development for Staff** - Since COVID, the challenge has been to meet students where they are at, especially with learning being both in and out of the school building. We are accommodating student differences as an example at the grade 10 level by providing a year long math program which gives the students more time to master the learning and for teachers to build relationships. Teachers are working hard to personalize student learning. Students have a lot of fears, for example, about writing diploma exams, as they haven't had exams for a year. For high school teachers who haven't been exposed to this before, it has created more wonders and concerns as to how to support all learners at different levels. FCHS staff is rethinking how they are supporting learners which is a positive outcome of COVID. The pandemic has created a lot of new roads that will need to be navigated and staff have been very mindful of the change that is needed.
- **Budget priorities in the building** -
  - **Textbooks**
    1. become lost or damaged
    2. Significant growth has occurred in our student population
    3. When moved towards the system of math we have now, students are taking math in both semesters which reduces availability of texts.
  - **Hudl** - For example the cameras in the gym/on the football field.
    1. record events that happen in those spaces and can be used to monitor livestream capacity of spaces due to COVID restrictions.

- 2. Athlete recruiting can use Hudl.
- 3. Also good for involving Media programs.
- **Technology and Chromebooks.** The more devices FCHS has the better.
- **Additional Staffing** - The Board has been very supportive of this. FCHS School has a high enrollment and there is a need for a 1.0? The position is now posted. A couple new FSLCs are about to start, which will help meet the social/emotional needs of FCHS students.
- **Celebrations** - Ryan has been an excellent addition to the FCHS team. He has fit in great and the kids love him already. (Vince)

**Questions:**

At our last meeting one parent didn't want to ask a question in the group and therefore emailed the School Council after the meeting ended. Feel free to email questions to the School Council email or email Vince or Ryan directly if you have any questions. (Jackie)

6. **Open Discussion - Jackie**

- **School and Division Events (Jackie and Admin. Team)**

- 1. Election date Oct. 18th - FSD website info on Trustees who are running. Lisa P, from our School Council, is running for Trustee
- 2. The next Board meeting is on Oct. 27 at 3:00 pm. Anyone can join those meetings.
- 3. Thanks Lisa for putting your name in for trustee. The trustee role is huge and important. We encourage everyone to get involved and hear each candidate's ideologies around learning and education for our kids. Thank you Lisa

**Questions:**

**None**

**Next Meeting Date:** November 9, 2021 at 5:00 pm via Zoom

**Meeting Adjourned at pm**

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Jody Beagle