



**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary
Parent Council
MINUTES – October 12, 2021**

Attendance: Andrea Bohn (Teacher), Debbie Edwards, Pamela Erickson (Assistant Principal), Kristy Germaine, Shelby Labrecque (Principal), Ella Mikulecky (Teacher), Leanne Percy (Teacher), Lauren Taubenheim, Nicole Way, Caitlyn Zabrick

Call to Order at 5:31 pm – meeting chaired by Caitlyn Zabrick

1. Introductions
2. Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Nicole, seconded by Caitlyn carried
3. Motion to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2021 – moved by Lauren, seconded by Caitlyn, carried
4. Reports
 - a. School Trustee's Report – No report. We will look into and reach out to the newly appointed school trustee.
 - b. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report – No update as we have not attended. Caitlyn will try to sign in order to attend the next meeting.
 - c. Admin Report
 - Welcome. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving long weekend and had a chance to think about all the things you have to be grateful for
 - Kudos! Thank you to our Parent Society for planning and organizing the Dieleman fundraiser! We appreciate your efforts in creating an opportunity for our school community to help raise funds for the benefit of all our students.
 - Budget/Enrollment - Our support for student's department was able to add additional funds to our school for students who require additional supports. Therefore, we were able to hire two educational assistants. Amy Gervais will be working

with our grade one and three students and Robyn Atwood will be working with our ECS and grade 2 students.

- Our Fall Budget was submitted to our Finance Department for approval on September 30, 2021.
- Library - Students have been enjoying visiting the library and taking out books. Ms. Stathum, our librarian, has shared that she will be asking teachers for students' work to put on display in the library for all students to see. As well, we are in the process of cataloguing a new math resource from Pearson called Mathology so all classrooms will have a set. It is a wonderful resource that combines literacy, numeracy, and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit ways of being.
- Literacy - In September students in grade one completed the STAR Early Learning assessment and students in grade two through six completed the STAR 360 assessment. Staff have gone through the results to assist them in focusing their instructional practices to best support students. We are planning on providing an opportunity to explore this data further as a collaborative group on our October 18 professional learning day. The STAR will be completed twice more this year to identify student progress and guide instruction.
- Numeracy - As I mentioned earlier, we purchased the Mathology resource for use in all classrooms. The MIPI, which is a screening tool that assists teachers in learning about students' skill levels in the specific strands, was also administered to students in grade two through six. As a staff, we are also exploring this information on our October 18 professional learning day to assist with instructional planning. We have three numeracy leads in our school this year: Gillian Buhler, Mandie Frey, and Laura Simpson. The leads will be providing support to our team and will be presenting at our monthly staff meeting strategies that will assist in supporting all students.
- Our focus this year... every child, every day.
- Our admin team had an opportunity to meet with Kristi Wahl, Youth and Family Coordinator with Family and Community Support Services for the City of Fort Saskatchewan. Kristi shared that she is willing to come into the school and provide support in various forms such as lunch time clubs with

students to assist with building social skills, conflict resolution skills, etc. She also shared information about a community screening of a film by Noemi Weis titled Connecting the Dots which will be followed by a panel discussion. The film looks at youth mental health from a global perspective. This screening is on October 21, 2021 from 7 - 9 p.m. and will be done virtually. Here is the event poster for all the details.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fMZvl2b1aa4_oRSxd_ypE6TDAkeDBirjuQ5D0ytFev8/edit?usp=sharing

- COVID-19 Update ~ What we know so far...COVID-19 Revised Notification Protocol. Beginning Oct 12, 2021 Alberta Health Services (AHS) will notify schools of COVID-19 cases that were infectious while at school. (As always, please continue to stay home when sick and get tested if you are symptomatic as per the AHS COVID-19 Alberta Health Daily Checklist.) Once notified by AHS, a notification letter will be sent to staff, substitutes, custodians, central office employees, visitors and families of the classes that are determined to be close contacts. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), Facility Services, and Student Transportation will be notified for enhanced cleaning and bus messaging follow up.
- What is a COVID-19 outbreak at a school? A COVID-19 outbreak is when there are 10 or more cases in the last 14 days. What happens if AHS declares a COVID-19 outbreak at a school? Schools may be required to implement one or more of the following additional temporary measures: Only essential visitors and volunteers permitted at school. Suspension of sports events and school performances. Suspension of combined class programming. Suspension of volunteer run hot lunch programs. Notify substitutes when booking that there is a school outbreak. Post signage on the school entrance advising visitors and the public of the school's outbreak status. Follow any additional requirements communicated by AHS. Note: these measures will be determined on a school-by-school basis in discussion with the principal, Executive Team, and OHS specialist.

- What happens when a school has 10% or greater student absenteeism due to other respiratory or gastrointestinal illness? As has happened in the past, the school reports this directly to AHS and to our OHS specialist. AHS investigates and determines whether there is an illness outbreak and when the outbreak is lifted.
- Are we going to go to at-home learning? Students in kindergarten to grade six will shift to learning at home if there are three or more infectious cases in one class within a 5-day period. At home learning will last for 10 calendar days during which time students will be using the Division's online learning platform, Brightspace. Students are not required to quarantine. However, AHS recommends that they avoid public spaces, monitor for symptoms, and get tested if symptomatic.
- Rapid COVID-19 Testing - Starting later in October, the province plans to offer a targeted rapid-testing program for kindergarten to Grade 6 schools experiencing outbreaks. Testing is voluntary and administered at home by a family member. The initiative simply offers an added screening tool for students who are asymptomatic. As always, throughout the school year, the goal is to ensure transmission rates stay low and students continue to learn in a healthy and safe classroom setting.
- School Community Virtual Assembly - Starting in October we will be having monthly assemblies (with the exception of December and June as those months are extra busy) focusing on one of the seven grandfather teachings whereby each class will be given the opportunity to contribute in some way to show what the teaching means to them. This month is the teaching of respect. November - courage; December - we will skip because it is very busy; January - honesty; February - love; March - wisdom; April - humility; May - truth
- Conferences - Google Meet conferences will be occurring on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, Wednesday, October 20, 2021, Thursday, October 21, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is due to the additional cleaning that is happening in the school therefore staff is not able to stay after 5:30 p.m. Ms. Chaisson will not be available on Tuesday, October 19 and so, in place of this, will be having conferences on Friday,

October 22, 2021. Our part time staff will be adjusting their schedules to accommodate their status.

- Picture retake day for ECS-A is scheduled on Wednesday, October 27 and for ECS-B and grades one to six on Thursday, October 28.
- Halloween - Staff and students are encouraged to dress up in school appropriate costumes. We ask that any weapons that accompany the costume stay home. Classes will be having Halloween activities in the afternoon and we are planning a school wide virtual assembly. A huge thank you goes out to the Station Square Co-op for generously donating 11 pumpkins and carving kits to our classes for a pumpkin carving contest. We were hoping to get two pizza parties donated as prizes for our pumpkin carving contest.

d. Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program)
-bank balance -\$1355.32

e. Breakfast Program Report (fundraising) – No update

5. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

6. New Business - Signing authorities for the Breakfast Program bank account were confirmed:

For "F.S.E.S BREAKFAST PROGRAM 5840756" at Servus Credit Union, the account will remain 2 to sign.

Robyn Michaelchuk was deleted. Lauren Taubenheim was added.

The signors are:

1. CAITLYN ZABRICK – Chair
2. Vacant – Vice-Chair
3. NICOLE WAY - Secretary
4. LAUREN TAUBENHEIM – Treasurer

The NetBanking Adminstrator is Lauren Taubenheim

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 17 at 5:30

8. Meeting Adjourned at 5:54