



**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary  
Parent Society Meeting  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
Following Parent Council Meeting**

Attendance: Teri Pearn (virtual), Kristen Lynds, Veronica Barton, Dallas Kirtz, Ralph Sorochan, Kim Zapesocki, Stephanie Stoddard, Nichole Mitchell, Kristy (Family and Community Support Services – City of Ft Sk)

- 1) Call to Order at \_\_5:57 pm\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Land Acknowledgement – Kim Zapesocki
- 3) Agenda – Dallas, Kristen
- 4) Minutes – Dallas, Veronica
- 5) Reports
  - a) Kristy – Family support services, youth and family coordinator, runs programming, Natasha does youth outreach and works more outside of the school, supports caregivers. Lucas, Seniors coordinator (55+) supporting families in the next step of life. Home Support for those who want to stay in their house longer, household duties, also can be utilized during surgeries for younger people. Community development coordinator – how to get society status, block party program.
    - i) Schools are doing some work in the transition between elementary and junior high. Series to touch on supporting kids to be more independent learners, anxiety, ADHD, conflict resolution, bullying (what is it). Primary Care Network (PCN) give a seminar on healthy routines.
    - ii) Some sessions are for free, Dr Caroline (month of April) pamphlet, can come for 45 minutes and will do a Q&A on anxiety.
    - iii) Institute of Child Psychology for ADHD lunch & learn.
    - iv) Looking for support (financial or otherwise) to promote or host. A few local sessions
    - v) Saffron – cyberworld (\$199) – information about what is going on digitally, how to set guidelines
    - vi) Healthy relationship development – consent.
    - vii) Total for what it all costs – above \$3000.00 with GST. Some schools are putting
    - viii) Win Ferguson, James Mowat, RHJ, Southpointe, Ecole Park, Fort High.

- ix) Open for all especially caregivers, some schools have been using the wellness. Grant money can go towards this.
- b) Admin report –
  - i) Mx. Zap has accepted a position with the ATA, last day is April 4. Alberta Teachers Association, working with bargaining agreements and with the government to make decisions.
  - ii) Kristen Rosato will be coming in for supports as acting Assistant Principal. She already works in the school
  - iii) Div 1 literacy and numeracy interventions, extra grant funding, Ms Parent applied and were chosen for additional funds. Additional interventions for K Gr 1 GR 3 literacy Mon – Thurs, K, Gr 1 , G 2 numeracy
  - iv) Read intervention for Gr 4
  - v) Writing Pilot update – assess the term 2 writing tasks, working on setting up a writing continuum
  - vi) Develop writing plans
  - vii) Fort sask elementary were invited to take part in candle day. FR haythorne, Elder Bearhead talked about residential students and not being allowed to celebrate birthdays, candle day is to honor those unable to celebrate birthdays.
  - viii) Black History Month, 2 guests, Tululwah Milal, Musician Stenny Knowl
  - ix) Returning Student registrations are down for next year– 25 K, 1 – 43, 2-51, 3-42, 4-37, 5-40, 6-31, CASA (applications due end of April), LINKS – 9
  - x) Fees – only change from \$49 to \$50 for field trips across ECS
  - xi) Next parent meetings - April 16, May 28. Virtual meetings links
- c) Board Report – Ralph Sorochan
  - i) Thank you to Kim!!!
  - ii) Change in student eligibility for transportation – update & information
    - (1) Will be a 2.32% transportation grant increase (doesn't cover the difference)
    - (2) Should allow some of the enhanced transportation
  - iii) Feb 27<sup>th</sup> budget announcements (61 boards, divided between schools) have not received the funding envelope or the funding manual yet. Finance will work on the numbers to get to the administrators.
  - iv) EIPS annual survey closes on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Data is really important for the division to make plans. Grade 9 & 12 are doing it in class
  - v) ASCA conference sponsorship – board did approve \$5000 for the virtual conference
  - vi) Week of inspirational Math last week – did something called career snapshots, various professions explaining how they use math in their everyday work.
  - vii) Last week we celebrated substitutes. Can't do what we do without them.
  - viii) Board roles is advocacy, attached to the report are some items with advocacy that the board has done recently. If there are things you want to have advocated, reach out to Ralph
  - ix) Trustee elections – FS will have 2 trustees, if anyone is interested can look at the EIPS website, Ralph can provide details.
  - x) March board meeting tomorrow.
  - xi) Spring break coming up – enjoy your week

- 6) Parent Council Reports
  - a) Financial - breakfast \$1331.87

- 7) New Business:
  - 2) Operating Procedures – review and re-do is still in process. ASCA used to offer support for this, can enquire. Team to meet to review
  - 3) Operation Plan – to review at next meeting.

Update from Kal Tire- not yet

- Next Meeting: \_\_April 16 @ 6:00 pm\_\_\_\_\_
- Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_6:30 pm\_\_\_\_\_



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- 1) Call to Order at 6:30 pm
- 2) Motion to Approve the Agenda – First Dallas; Second Kristen
- 3) Motion to Approve the Minutes of February 12, 2025 – First Dallas ; Second Veronica
- 4) Treasurers Report–
  - a) Op – \$5875.51
  - b) Casino \$15673.79, still need to pay for work in the gym yet.
  - c) AGLC due March 28 to be submitted
  - d) Check for 2 teachers
  - e) Have 4 more hot lunches and should be over the expected amount for the year.
- 5) Wish List
  - i) Decodable books – depends on fundraisers
- 6) Fundraising
  - a) Little Caesar's – didn't happen didn't get package
  - b) Cotton Candy – Sheet is ready, can send out, forward to Cheri to print and disperse, orders due by April 9. Jarret (Veronica's husband) will check every day with Cheri to see if there are funds. Delivery for the day before pickup. (April 15/16) Any orders above 5 tubs will need to be picked up at the school.
  - c) 50/50 – May 1 – May 15. Cash out before May long weekend.

- d) Year End Movie/Dance? June 13<sup>th</sup> for dance night. Theme “summer time” Insurance. No vendor list for DJs. Make use of the projection screen if possible.
  - e) Summer basket silent auction. What it was going towards – decodable books (looking for a cost for this, last time was \$2,700)
- 7) Spending Priorities
- a) Decodable books
  - b) Mats
  - c) Logo on the wall – quote is right around \$2,000
- 8) Round Table
- a) Anxiety Session – held on the north side of Sherwood Park at Lakeland Ridge. How to help with anxiety in kids. 20 mins about what is being taught in schools, 3 stages and how they are teaching kids to talk about their brains. How to use the knowledge they’re using at school at home. Might be something to look into hosting here as well. Good advice. School sponsored.
  - b) Parent Learning night ideas
  - c) January 20<sup>th</sup> email RE: Megan Tippler’s invoice

Adjourn 6:59 pm

Next Meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30