

Fort Saskatchewan Senior High School
Meeting Minutes
(Location: school library)
November 21, 2017

Attendance: Caroline Harkin, Jeff Spady, Christine Vibe, Kristy Carstairs, Jeannie Sinclair, Inge Culhane, Lisa Spray, Joanne Conklin, Andrew Pohlka, Jennifer Ferece, Lori Klebak, Heather Wall (Trustee)

Parent Association Meeting Called to Order: 5:59pm by Christine Vibe

Casino – Lisa Spray

- AGLC has given us a Casino date sometime in April/May/June 2021. We have the potential of moving up the date, as we have indicated we will take anytime.
- We have a gaming licence – we are now able to do raffles, 50/50 draws, etc. Money fundraised can be put towards accounting fees, awards, trophies, costumes, uniforms, travel within the province, donations within Canada up to \$5000. Staff are invited to approach Jeff for spending ideas; he will then forward ideas to the parent association. We would need a gaming account and a regular account before moving forward. There is a 3 year dormancy before gaming licence would expire.

Meeting adjourned: 6:09pm by Christine

SAC Meeting Called to Order: 6:10pm by Christine

Principal's Report – Jeff Spady

- Honours – Looking for feedback/input from parents regarding the future of Honour classes. Fort High is seeing a lot of split classes w/honour students. Indication from parents in attendance was to eliminate designated Honour classes.
- Diploma/Accountability Pillar Results (handout) – Highlights include 'Safe and Caring School' has an overall increase from 2015; Improvements in some diploma courses (Math 30-2, Chemistry 30 and Science 30); Bike-a-thon raised over \$37,000. Challenges include FNMI students' diploma exam results excellence level (6.3%) and high school to post-secondary transition rate (23.1%); STAR literacy assessments indicate some students would benefit from literacy interventions.
- 2018-2019 Fees – Looking for feedback. Parents seemed pleased with what students received for current fees, especially in sports. There has been no change in two years; anticipate an increase next year.
- BEE Block – 80% of students attend BEE Block. Feedback included the benefit of students completing exams during this time as opposed to giving up their lunch break; teachers making mandatory BEE Block classes once a week, example BIO 30; students trying new things ie, wrestling.
- Semester 2 starts January 31st.

Teacher's Report – Kristy Carstairs

- Diplomas/Final Exams- All students are entitled the full 6 hours to write exams if need be. All Diploma exams will begin in the morning to allow for the additional time. Students can request isolation to write exams; School administration does not need to apply for permission. Final exam schedule will be out in the next two weeks.
- Fort High Family Feast – With the hope of it becoming a tradition, students and staff will have a family style holiday dinner in the gym on December 21. Will start at BEE block and continue through lunch. Looking for community donations and volunteers. Please contact Kristy Carstairs or Mary Newman if you are able to help.
- S/T/P Interviews – Overall good attendance and everything went well. Will follow same format next semester.

- Awards Night – A lot of hours put in by staff; everything went very well. A very nice turnout.
- Remembrance Day Assembly – Planned by Mr. Montemurro. Was beautiful and students were extremely respectful.

Student Report – Andrew Pohlka

- Football – It was a great season! The Sting were undefeated and won the championship.
- Basketball – Girl's tryouts were just before November break; Boys are now in tryouts
- Musical Theatre (Matinee – Dec 6, Evening Shows Dec 6 & 7) – Les Miserables
- Fine Arts Night – December 13th @ DCC – Foods, Musical Theatre, Band, Arts, etc, will be represented.
- Spinning for Smiles kickoff assembly – December 19; having it early to allow more time to fundraise and prepare before the bike-a-thon on March 9/10.
- Bully Awareness Week – This week will see random acts of kindness, positive message board in the foyer, minute to win it games and healthy snack made with positive message.

Trustee's Report – Trustee Heather Wall

- Board Chair Elected - Trina Boymook
- Vice Chair Elected – Heather Wall

October Board Mtg

- The Board of Trustees approved recommendation that administration request four additional modular units at SouthPointe School to accommodate the growing student population.
 - Based on 16/17 school year utilization rates
- Approved Request for demolition of three modulars at former Ministik school site
 - Province has program to assist with cost associated with demolition
- Approved the allocation of reserves to either Unallocated or Allocated reserves.
- Received report for unaudited accumulated surplus
 - Operating Reserves - EIPS had operating reserves, excluding school generated funds, equating to 18.93 days of operations compared to 14.10 divisions with similar enrolment. For the year ended August 31, 2017 an equivalent calculation indicates EIPS operating reserves have increased to 19.32 days of operations.
 - Capital Reserves - EIPS had capital reserves of approximately \$85 per student compared to \$187 per student in divisions with similar enrolment. If EIPS maintained capital reserves at the average rate of divisions with similar enrolment, reserves would be \$3.154 million
 - Schools can carry forward each year small amount – average as of August 31, 2017 was 1.8% of their budgets or \$2.1 million
 - SGF reserve balance is \$1.8 million or \$85/student
- Enrollment for 17/18 school year 17, 147 students
 - Down 218 or 1.3% - affects budget as we are funded per student

November 23, 2017 Board Mtg – Items looking to be approved

- Audited financial statements
- Acting chair schedule, committee representatives and school liaison appointments
- Fall Budget
- Annual Education Results Review (AERR)
- Report on PATs/ Diplomas
- Transportation Fees

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 @ 6:00pm in the School Library
 Meeting Adjourned: 7:31pm by Christine