

School Council - Northwest Elementary, FFCA, Calgary, Alberta

Date: Monday, December 17th, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Mission: Through parental partnerships, support school administration and staff in their delivery of quality education and to instill a sense of community within all FFCA campuses.

MINUTES

1. Call To Order 6:08 pm

Bola Badejoko (Chair) or Terri (Vice-Chair)

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Voting School Council Members Bola Badejoko (Chair), Terri Sartori (Vice Chair), Jing Lin (Fundraising Coordinator), Clara Ip (Fun Lunch Coordinator), Salina Bhimji (Communication Coordinator), Janine Rudolph (Parental Partnership Coordinator), Jas Gill (Parental Partnership Coordinator)
 - Non-Voting Ex-Officio School Council Members Shawna Drummond (Principal), Michelle Newell (Associate Principal), Christa Delmar (Teacher Representative)
 - Attendees Hari Shrestha
- Establish Quorum
 - The attendance of a majority of voting members constitutes a quorum (7/12)
 - Quorum was not established.

2. Approval of Agenda

Bola Badejoko (Chair) or Terri S (Vice-Chair)

N/A

3. Vacancies

Bola (Chair) or Terri S (Vice-Chair)

- School Council Bylaw Article 6: School Council may appoint persons (as stipulated in ARTICLE 5 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP) to fill vacancies until the next School Council AGM.
 - 1. Secretary (still open)
 - 2. Appointment of Jas Gill pending results of email motion

4. Secretary Report

Terri S (Acting Secretary)

N/A

5. Special Items

Terri S (Vice-Chair)

No update to pro forma.

6. Treasurer Report

Rita Shen (Treasurer)

- Bank account balance is \$1,290.17 and school account balance it \$6,903.06. Total is \$8,193.23.
- No transactions except for IONOS fee.

7. Teacher Representative Report

Christa Delmar (Teacher Representative)

- Thank you for organizing secret senior community project. The online sign-up was appreciated.
- Thank you for paying for skiing.

8. Principal Educator Report

Shawna Drummond (Principal Educator)

- Assurance survey results presented. This survey was answered by all staff and parents and students in grade 4, 7 and 10. All schools participate in this process, and results include PAT results.
 - In all areas but 1 had excellent or very high results. In every measure FFCA was higher than the provincial average. PAT results are at an all-time high. Post-secondary transition rate was 96.2% with Rutherford scholarship rate at 96.8%.
 - Staff satisfaction with overall education was 93.1% and parent satisfaction was 95.9%.
 - Area of decline was in supports and services, largely based on results of teachers. The SLS
 inclusion has resulted in growing pains. Support programs continue to evolve.
 - FFCA-NWE results have been high, and this was maintained. Students reported enjoying math more than LA. Will be digging into this further.
- Items requiring quorum will be emailed out:
 - Grade 4 doing 12 days of giving and hoped council could help with costs (crafts, surprises, etc.).
 Requesting \$150 at most.
 - Grade 4 can attend TELUS Be Brave day. Cost is \$15 for game and get a Hitmen pink shirt.
 Would request council pay for the bus. Bus cost would be \$295.
 - Request for dinner for Learning Conferences in January and April (typically around \$400).
- Suggestions from Pat would be Amazon gift card as can be difficult to get out to get supplies. We could also look at a restaurant gift card to allow them a night out.
- Mrs. Teatrau is back from leave.
- Grade 1 did a great job at responsibility assembly.
- PD day focus was on math and assessment.

 Alberta Education renewal visit happened. Results aren't available yet but they did share that they are having a hard time coming up with suggestions for improvement.

9. Community Services Coordinator Report

Min Yan (Community Services Coordinator)

No Updates

10. Health and Wellness Report

Deanna Zhao (Health and Wellness Coordinator)

No updates

Fun Lunch Coordinator Report

Clara Ip (Fun Lunch Coordinator)

- Going forward, the fun lunches should be better than the last time. She is trying to send the Healthy Hunger link out 1 month in advance.
- Pizza/Coco Brooks is always a hit. Subway is also a favorite.

11. Kindergarten Representative and ECS Special Snack Coordinator Report

Chanelle Pat (Kindergarten Representative)

No updates

12. Fundraising Coordinator Report

Jing Lin (Fundraising Coordinator)

- Valentine's day will have a Purdy's fundraiser.
- Looking at plant sale for Mothers' Day.
- Skip the Bottles is ongoing with some parents waiting for driver to pick up bottles.

13. Parental Partnership Report

Jas Gill and Janine Rudolph (Parental Partnership Coordinator)

- Jas Gill Proposed Co-Parental Partnership Coordinator, motion to follow.
- Fun lunch volunteers have been requested for the 22nd of December.
- We have not requested the hours report since last meeting as the function to add hours on the new platform is still not working. We will revisit in the new year.
 - Will be focusing communication on missed logging opportunities in the future.

14. Communication Coordinator Report

Salina Bhimji (Communication Coordinator)

No update

15. Chair Report

Bola B (Chair) or Terri S (Vice-Chair)

- ASC Report
 - o Confirmation of scholarships amounts and requirements (society).
 - Bus driver spots are filled except 1 spot. Coverage will still be difficult as they don't have any spare drivers.
 - Charter evaluation review official report will be presented to the board in February.
 - December 18 completion date for new high school. Grand opening will be March/April with students moving over semester break.
 - o Hoping to have the volunteer hour tracking ready before winter break.

- If we are interested in a screening of Screenagers, let SMS/SHS know. Topics covered include Growing Up in the Digital Age, Mental Health and Vaping. They request that all campuses be invited if we do hold our own screening.
- Food drive in spring.
- o Campus Reports:

Southwest Elementary

- Created by Kids art fundraiser was a big success. They were able to purchase art projects.
- Organized a silent fundraiser for memorial bench for Ms. Hunt.

Southeast Elementary

- Monster Mash dance in October.
- Focusing on big goals and utilizing funds effectively. They are keeping things simple so they can focus on replacing their playground. Also looking at beautification in a smart way.
- Fundraising with fun lunch by purchasing chips and juice. The last fun lunch made \$188 with minimal effort.
- Trying to coordinate some fun days like skating and bowling on PD days.
- Winter Carnival will be on the 20th.

South Middle

- Halloween dance on October 27.
- Screenagers screening on November 21 with over 100 attendees.
- SMS was donated 2 vending machines and bringing in \$750 every 3 weeks. They want to have vending machines and fun lunch as their only funding, so they don't have to run fundraisers.
- During skating in phys. ed the kids without skates are forced to sit out. They found KidSport will bring trailer of skates. The cost is a \$300 (can get this back but they will be donating).
- Bought chair racks to help with bringing chairs into gym.

South High

- Meat fundraiser.
- Library is looking really nice. Have put a lot of work into making the school look nice.

Northeast Elementary

- Toonie treats and movie night was well received.
- Casino just finished.
- North Middle
 - November had Purdy's fundraiser.
 - In January will be doing Texas donut fundraiser. Texas donuts are ordered through Glenmorgan Bakery.
- North High
 - Still trying to get meetings with quorum.
 - Teacher appreciation last Friday.
 - Discussing welcome to new building, spring carnival and gifts for graduating students.

16. Advocacy Committee Rprt

William Akoto (Advocacy Committee Chair)

No update

17. Heritage Celebration Committee Report

Nabila Siddiqui (Heritage Celebration Committee Chair)

Will be selecting a date at January meeting.

18. Other Items

Bola (Chair) or Terri (Vice-Chair)

- 1. Review of Action Items
 - Standing Items

2. Meeting Schedule

- o Monday, January 15
- Monday, February 12
- Monday, March 19
- o Monday, April 15
- o AGM: Monday, May 27
- Monday, June 17 (tentative)
- 3. Action Items for Next Meeting
 - Create WhatsApp group (Bola)
 - Investigate after school care options (William)
 Send out motions via email (Bola)
- 4. Closing Comments

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.