



SouthPointe School Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

1) Call the Meeting to Order – Ariane Brzoza

- Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm

Additions and Acceptance of Agenda – Ariane Brzoza

- Carol Brown added agenda item to introduce “Warm Hands, Warm Hearts”

2) Principal Updates – Carol Brown

- Winter Celebration
 - o Letter will be sent home early next week.
 - o Kindergarten celebration is Monday, December 3, 2018 at 12:30 pm. Kindergarten students will receive tickets to ensure adequate seating is available.
 - o Grades 1-6 performance is Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Each family will receive 2 tickets to the performance to ensure adequate seating is available. Any extra tickets will be returned to the office. Families requesting additional tickets may put their names on a waitlist.
- Results Review
 - o Monday, November 26, 2018 at 1:00 pm in Learning Commons.
 - o Review School Education Plan and Provincial Achievement Test results.
 - o James Mowat, Fort Christian, SCA Elementary, School Trustees, and Trina Boymook will attend. Parents are welcome.
- Athletic Wear
 - o October order will be arriving soon.
 - o Orders are accepted every month. Monthly orders close at the end of each month, and take approximately four weeks to arrive.

“Warm Hands, Warm Hearts” – Carole Bossert

- Carole Bossert applied for a grant from United Way, and was given \$1000 to contribute to educating Fort Saskatchewan on poverty issues.
- “Warm Hands, Warm Hearts” is an initiative aiming to fill eight bins with new mittens to support every elementary school in Fort Saskatchewan (EIPS and EICS). The initiative will raise awareness and provide mittens as a gift for families who cannot afford outdoor clothing.
- Led by a group of 17 grades 3 and 4 students who wrote essays to apply to be part of the initiative. Teachers Carole Bossert, Danielle Booker, and Lisa Jefferis will be the teacher liaisons.
- Students Austin and Ella shared their motivation for being part of the initiative.
- There will be a lot of media coverage surrounding the initiative, including the Fort Record coming to the school to speak with the group on Friday, November 23, 2018.
- “Warm Hands, Warm Hearts” will be the school’s Christmas campaign and will be advertised at the Christmas concert.
- The initiative will conclude with a celebration in April.



3) Elk Island Trustee Updates – Heather Wall

- Heather Wall arrived at 7:00 pm, after the meeting had adjourned, and provided her report. The following is the written summary provided by Heather Wall:
- *October 2018 Board mtg:*
 - *Modular request has gone in – however valid concerns that we may not receive any due to awards of zero last year.*
 - *Unaudited financial reviewed*
 - *Enrollment 2018/19 school year : 17,170*
- *November Board Mtg:*
 - *Andrew consultation has begun to review the community’s needs for high school programming*
 - *This is a conversation only to discover what the community wants for their children*
 - *Numbers at the high school have been very low and we are trying to find out what is in the best interest of the students, their parents and the community as a whole*
 - *This has NOTHING to do with finances and everything to do with quality of education*
 - *Proposed boundary change for Glen Allen students to attend high school at Sal to stay with their cohort*
 - *This has to do with changes made for Junior High decisions in past that don’t follow the feeder school framework*
 - *Budget season is upon us:*
 - *Operating deficit of 3.97 million*
 - *ACCUMULATED SURPLUS IS PROJECTED TO BE \$16.65 MILLION AT AUGUST 31, 2019 AND IS COMPRISED OF:*
 - *\$8.41 million in operating reserves;*
 - *Schools and Central Services (\$2.92 million)*
 - *Division Allocated (\$1.23 million)*
 - *Division Unallocated (\$4.26 million or 2.1% of operating expenses)*
 - *Note: Minimum level is 2% of the EIPS budget, or approximately \$4 million.*
 - *\$0.73 million in capital reserves;*
 - *\$7.51 million investment in Board-funded tangible capital assets*
 - *Budget assumptions as per the Board package*
 - *AERR presented*
- *Results review on going – schools present their school education plan and results – discuss challenges and successes*
- *ASBA FGM yesterday*
- *Attended the Remembrance Day event at FSC/FSE – 700 kids were fantastic. Lovely ceremony*
- *Attended the Fort Sask Legion’s Remembrance Day ceremony – escorted by a Grade 9 student from Fort Christian School*



4) School Council Updates – Ariane Brzoza

- **Update on Parent Survey**
 - o Ariane Brzoza posted a survey on Facebook to find out which school events families would prefer. 35 responses have been received to date. The survey options were: Valentine’s Day Dance, Movie Night, Oil Kings Night, Spring Picnic, Family Paint Night, Yoga evening.
 - o Further results of parent survey will be discussed at next meeting.
 - o Ariane Brzoza will send parent survey link to Carol Brown.

- **Vote on Next Event**
 - o Discussion regarding whether having a Movie Night in January and a Valentine’s Day Dance would be too close together, and what the first event should be.
 - o Questions asked regarding whether admission to the movie could be charged. Corey Kropp will look into copyright for movie.
 - o Decision was made to move forward with a Valentine’s Day Dance on Friday, February 22, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm.

- **Create Committee for Upcoming Family Event**
 - o Valentine’s Day Dance Committee will include Ariane Brzoza, Candace Dealy, Amanda Epp, Vanessa Gabert, and Steph Vandermeulen.
 - o Tickets will be sold at the grades 1-6 Winter Celebrations on Thursday, December 6, 2018 and at Parent/Teacher Interviews on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 and Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Tickets will cost \$5/person or \$20/family.
 - o Steph Vandermeulen will look into getting tickets printed.
 - o Popcorn will be donated by the school.

5) Meeting Wrap up and Adjournment – Ariane Brzoza

- **Future Agenda Items**
 - o Carol Brown added a discussion of school fees to either January or February meeting. This discussion will be an opportunity for parents to hear about fees and provide feedback.

- **Next Parent Council Meeting**
 - o No meeting in December.
 - o Next meeting on January 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

- **Final Comments**
 - o Carol Brown will follow up with parent Jocelyn Soontiens regarding the healthy snack program to discuss Freson Bros. donations.
 - o Some of the school floors were damaged by a worker wearing ice spikes in the school. The floors are being replaced and the cost is covered by insurance.

- **Adjournment**
 - o Ariane Brzoza adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm