**Fultonvale School Council Minutes**

**March 16, 2022**

**7:00PM**

**Google Meet/Gathering Space**

**Attendees:** Krista Scott, Joanne Emter, Megan Barnes, Liz Buzenus, Carrie Eckersley, Mark Wever, Jeff Spady, Jim Seutter, Michelle Stevenson, Angie Bittner

1. **Call to order**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Treaty 6 Acknowledgement**
3. **Additions to and Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as is – Joanne Emter

Seconded - Angie

1. **Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2022**

Tabled until April.

1. **Student Voice – Mark Wever**

* Div. 1 – more dodgeballs were purchased with candygram profits. Looking at finding some anti-bullying posters for them to relate to.
* Question for parents – Would you be ok with more theme days in addition to the first Wednesday, they missed crazy hair day. Parents said yes.
* To date, since starting student voice, they have implemented Hats, moved firebird fun day to be a whole school activity, added concession day for div 2 classes. Parks and Recreation has been added as a community partner, and the students will be sending a Thank you for the playground swing chains.
* Members of Student Voice are excited and supportive of the meetings. Mr. Wever has shared this with other schools, and they may also implement this version of student voice to make positive changes in their school.

1. **Admin Report – Jeff Spady**

* We have been seeing and experiencing an impact with current world events, including what is happening in Ukraine and Covid. We are continuing to focus on what we can control, with patience and kindness, while acknowledging unseen pressures that students may not be showing.
* Current covid related illness between 4-8% for students.
* Basketball has finished with Jr Boys winning Silver, Jr Girls winning Silver, Sr Boys fourth in tournament, Sr Girls winning Gold.
* In February we had Random acts of kindness day, pink shirt day, 100 days of learning, visiting the canteen for purchase for div 1, professional learning day, and Pi Day, Emails have been sent home to schedule virtual parent student teacher interviews.
* Badminton starts, St. Patrick’s Day wear Green, Report Cards March 18. Staff vs Student basketball game March 24 – everyone is excited. Jr Highs who want to watch can go, and we will live stream the game for the elementary kids and parents. Spring Break March 25 – classes resume April 4, crazy sock day April 6. Grade 5,6,7 will participate in a Blanket Exercise, Drama production (Trial of the Big Bad Wolf) May 12/13 at 6:30 in the gathering space.
* There are 11 Grade 9 students who will be working this summer have signed up to earn high school credits prior to the start of the Fall year. Students age 15 and up are eligible for the program to get them started with work experience.
* Curriculum update- EIPS sent a message to parents in regard to curriculum, LA and Math K-3, Wellness k-6. Mostly welcome news, division is creating resources for the curriculum. School divisions who are piloting the new curriculum have expressed a lack of resources in support of the new curriculum – we anticipate the resources to be scarce hence the reason for the division deciding to develop their own resources.
* Microwaves are back. Staff commented that the students without microwaves were quicker to get lunch done and out to recess.
* Still waiting on information from Alberta Education on the grade 1 literacy and numeracy financial supports.
* After School Care Update – County has said no to using SOC for after school care (Due to Insurance and Ice Liability). We are hopeful that we may have one portable available that we could utilize as a dedicated space for on an external contractor to provide after school care.
* April 18th we will receive our 2022-2023 budget, at this time we are planning to have one combined class, we may be looking at a division 2 split class this time.

458 students approximately coming back. Kindergarten registration is slow to start.

* Open house will be held for Kindergarten and Grade 7.
* Parent survey due by March 27, Grade 9 students also fill out a survey. They are used to look at education plan, creating of goals and needed improvements.
* Assurance Survey sent to Grade 4 and 7 parents by March 25, emails were also sent out to remind of the mailed survey. EIPS survey typically has a much higher completion than the assurance survey.
* In Person Events – Staff had mixed feelings in regard to opening the school to all in person events.
* What events do we feel have been missed – possibly the BBQ to be moved to an end of the year round up, people who are registered but those who don’t attend could come. Giving the choice to be virtual or in person, parents can still be involved.
* Mr. Wever is meeting with grades 6, 7, and 8 to talk about jr high options. Parents will be sent communication home to choose them.

1. **Trustee Report – Jim Seutter**

* We changed the Operating Procedures for Covid 19 to give more liberty to students, parents and staff as per AB Ed requirements. Check the EIPS Website for details.
* Big news item- We received notice that funding is approved to proceed with design work for a replacement K-9 school at the Sherwood Heights school site.
* The New K -6 Curriculum received our encouragement to be delayed. Now K-3 for ELA and Numeracy and K-6 for Physical Education starting in September 2022.
* It is time to start Budget 2022-23 deliberations for EIPS submission to Ab Ed at the end of May (about $200 million). The Funding Manual with details arrives at the end of March.
* Work on the EIPS Four Year Education Plan: 2022-26 continues with some notable changes like a shorter Mission statement and Caregiver rather than Parent.
* The Board Room is now open for normal in-person operations.

1. **COSC Report – Krista Scott**

* COSC received the EIPS report on the changes to the board priorities, and they were amenable to the changes.
* COSC meets virtually across the district, with representatives from central office, and many trustees, ATA president, and Chair Report, or special presentations.
* The last COSC meeting included an ASCA update from Jacquie Surgenor. This year it is virtual and will include keynote speakers, Compassion is the focus of the conference and how your council can build compassion in the community. 18 different break out sessions, where you can pay per session as opposed to the whole meeting.
* Proposed Advocacy resolutions, this year there are 4. Diploma exam weighting, AASCA Funding, High risk bus stops revision.
* School Council Grant ($500) received for specific uses; the school district proposed pooling money to attract speakers. Dr. Von Heyking spoke on curriculum, the second speaker is Jody Carrington on Mental Health (March 22 6-7), third is a presentation by the ASCA on the assurance framework and how school councils fit in the framework, April 6.
* COSC is moving to in person meetings and will also be following a hybrid model for meetings.

1. **New Business**

**a. 2022/2023 School Fees**

EIPS has consolidated the names of the options to be the same across the division.

* Personal Image/Design Studies now has a $15.00 fee where it was previously $0
* Food and Fashion up 5% and 7%. Sewing and Foods have cost recovery fees.
* Cross Country increase 33% for cost recovery.
* Basketball proposed up to $325. Officials were more costly than expected, tournaments also will cost more due to officiating fees.
* Fun Day galaxy land increase due to ticket increase.
* Swimming up 5%.
* Noon Supervision up 5% possibly

**b. Book Drive**

To be included on the FireWire, and the pdf will be sent out.

1. **Old Business**

**a. School Council Grant**

* Jodi Carrington March 22, 6:00-7:00
* ASCA School Councils and the Assurance Framework April 6, time tbd

**b. Executive position open fall 2022 – Vice Chair**

This is Krista Scott’s last term as Vice Chair, her position is open for the Fall.

**c. Staff Recognition update**

The Staff Recognition initiative was launched on random acts of kindness day and acknowledging things that teachers are doing in the community for encouragement, well utilized.

29 messages have since been sent to our staff members. The staff have greatly appreciated it.

1. **Next Meeting Wednesday April 13 at 7:00pm** - Hybrid

**13. Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm