



Fairview Elementary
School Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
6:30pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Walker, Greg Joslin, Fiona Martel, Erica Thompson, Rae McMullen, Sandra Schmidt, Lisa MacDonald

1. Call to Order

Fiona; Erica seconds

2. Land Acknowledgement

Erica

3. Introductions/Celebrations/Successes

Fiona celebrates how well Noah has adjusted to this new type of school year, even wearing a mask!

4. Approval of Minutes (attachment)

Fiona approves; Lisa seconds

5. New Business - virtual meeting link <https://meet.google.com/htc-wjfv-qnw>

A. Welcome Executive Members

Chair - Fiona Martel

Vice Chair/Treasurer - Erica Thompson

Secretary - Lori Fowler

B. Teacher Report - Mrs McMullen, ESL Program Teacher

ELL classes generally begin with discussing the students families and at-home languages. Typically, they make books at the beginning of the year during free reading time, but due to covid restrictions they are unable to do so this year. Mrs. McMullen has devised a way to put all of the students' hard work onto a slideshow instead, it was fantastic! Home addresses and phone numbers are a current focus for learning.

C. Treasurer Report - Erica Thompson

No changes during the period of September 1 - 30, 2020.

D. City Wide Meeting Report

Many thanks to Fiona for attending the most recent citywide meeting, held at Escuela Vista Grande, Red Deer's only Spanish Immersion School. They have 228 students between grades K-8 and have 17 separate nations represented within their school. Federal money received by the district has been allocated for many purposes. PPE, at-home-learning teaching staff, technology needs, sub costs, transportation cleaning costs, enhanced cleaning costs are just a few. At the first re-entry date, 88 at-home students returned to the classroom. The ASBA has asked to have all diploma exams suspended for this year, due to requirements surrounding self isolation, close contact isolation, etc. We have not heard an update to this as of yet. The next City Wide meeting is at LTCHS on November 17 at 7pm.

E. Fundraising Schedule for 2020-2021

Proposal for School Funds: Ms. Hampton would like to put forward a proposal to support the replacement of school gym mats. (attached information for your consideration)

Costs for each gym mat is ~\$300 per. Fiona motions to table this to next month to allow time for other ideas to come forward. Erica seconds.

We will be participating in a Happy Hippo fundraiser before Christmas break. More info will be shared very soon with staff and parents.

Fiona is looking into having a bottle drive shortly into the new year. Sundays would be the best choice, ensuring a strict amount of time and constant supervision of the Cosmos trailer. Possibly have a raffle type prize for everyone who donates bottles? We should also consider a second date further into the spring and/or summer.

F. Memorial Card for Mrs. Shauna Cingel

Council was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Shauna Cingel. She was a treasured member of the Fairview staff and will be dearly missed. Her family has requested that any monetary donations be forwarded directly to Aspire Special Needs. Kim is going to contact the district office in regards to placing a permanent memorial somewhere on school grounds. There is a keypoint person in contact with Shauna's family in case they have additional needs during this time.

6. Terry Fox Run

Celebrations to the HART (Healthy Active Relationships Student Team) who raised \$106.50 for their Toonies for Terry Campaign

7. Remembrance Day Assembly - will be a district created event this year; students across district will contribute

Typically, each school hosts their own Remembrance Day assembly. Due to covid restrictions, a committee has been put together who determined a division wide, virtual assembly, would be the best. All schools were asked to participate. One of Fairview's grade 1 student was filmed reading In Flanders Field. Other students were involved in a wreath laying ceremony. Students will view this Remembrance Day virtual assembly on November 5.

8. Fall Break - November 9th and 10th - Returning November 12th

Staff will have a half day on November 6 and neither staff or students return until November 12th.

9. Kids for Kids Leadership Update - Mr. Joslin will share the exciting things happening in terms of school leadership opportunities for students!

While this year is proving more difficult due to the cohorting model currently used throughout the district, Mr. Joslin is busy trying to determine best ways to provide leadership opportunities for students, without crossing cohorts. This may end up with each grade level having individual leadership opportunities. The AMA School Patrol program will be continuing this year, while keeping cohorts separate.

10. Nutrition Program - Welcome to our new coordinator for 2020-2021,

Mrs. Michelle Peyrow

Our nutrition program began on October 13 by Erica, and will be continued by Mrs. Michelle Peyrow, one of Fairview's fantastic Educational Assistants! In the mornings, snacks are offered as a give'n'go. During the lunch hour, a variety of fruits and/or vegetables will be offered to all students. This has been a difficult

task as we must keep the total amount of touch points low. The Mustard Seed is still providing sandwiches to our students who are in-need. Between those options, it appears that students' nutrition needs are being met. The Mustard Seed also provided turkeys to some of our families over the Thanksgiving season. Additionally, The Boys and Girls Club have set up their own type of backpack program, similar to the one provided by Salvation Army, and chosen Fairview School as a recipient for those in need. They are also hoping to provide additional funding to our ELL families due to the typical household sizes and essential halal food requirements.

11. Administrator's Report

- Updates for classrooms Re-Entry with Health Measures

Re-entry plans change frequently across the district.

- Halloween at Fairview this year

We are not yet permitted to have family members or volunteers into classrooms. Snacks/Treats are also not able to be sent in. Students will take part in active assembly activities during their designated gym times. The school will be giving each student a grab bag with halloween style items. Students are still able to participate in a dress-up afternoon, but must be able to put their costumes over top of their clothing independently. Kindergarten classes will come to school in their costumes already if they choose.

- Weekly recognition of the Fairview ROCKS and connection to the district Values for Learning and Life (see image below)

Fairview ROCKS are now being collaborated with the district values for learning. Assemblies, terrific kid awards, art awards, etc., are being done individually in each classroom.

- Staff Professional Development: Learning Sprints Model

- Focus on Numeracy

We are excited to share that financial literacy is being infused into the daily routines of each classroom.

- Continuation of Guided Reading and Writing Pilot

Fairview will continue using the Lucy Culkins "Writer's Workshop." The improvement in students' writing abilities is remarkable!

- FreshGrade Online Portfolios

All classroom teachers have implemented freshgrade into their days. Parents are enjoying being able to see more of what their children are doing while at school! Teachers are also taking part in PD sessions to increase their FreshGrade skills.

- FNMI Sessions Upcoming: Resource Selections & Guest Speaker C3 Journey

Fairview is excited to host this PD session; Westpark will be attending as well.

****ADDITION** School Council Survey on the way Thursday in an e-mail blast.**

12. Prizes

Congratulations to Erica and Rae!

13. Next Meeting - Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 @ 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.