

## FRH PARENT COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes – October 23, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Attendance: Colleen Miller-Helwig, Andrea Moniz, Rita Lal, Erin Clark, Jessica Smith, Shelley Brewer-Semple, D'Arcy Vane, Stephanie Spilchak, Marlene Crippin, Aaron Tuckwood, Carol Knott, Don Irwin

Regrets: Jeff Hanrahan

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:05**

**2. Introductions and welcomes – Jessica S.**

**3. New Business**

a. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the September meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve minutes as read was made by
- Motion was seconded by
- Minutes were approved as read

**4. Principal's Report –**

- a. Athletics - We are currently finishing up Volleyball. We've had a successful season. Currently we are looking for coaches for Basketball.
- b. Interviews – Currently are happening, but you can stay up to date anytime with PowerSchool. We will send out information on the App to parents.
- c. Student Voice – Is happening in the library about once a month
  - i. Students are talking about what they would like to do in the school and voicing concerns
  - ii. 35 students attended approximately
  - iii. We served all student about what they loved, and would like to see in the school, and one of our classes categorized the data
- d. Hawk's Nest – Mrs. Ascasibar will be leaving on October 25, 2019. We are looking into options for the nest.
  - i. Currently we will be closed, expect for pizza day
  - ii. Looking at re-opening w=once things have settled
- e. Remembrance Day – This is coming up, and we are working on the program. As of right now we have a piper, and trumpeter from Bev Facey. We are waiting to hear on the speaker.
- f. Communication – Question was posed about relevance of the Hawk's View – Too Long, too little, or anything thing missing? Consensus was it was good as it currently is.
- g. Photographer – Some concerns were voiced to the office with regards to our current photographer. Specifically relating to the quality, ease of use of the website, and costs.
  - i. Surveying the schools in our feeder, most use Icon Photography.
  - ii. Packages from Smart, Studio, and Icon were presented
  - iii. A suggestion to investigate Country Nuts Photography was made

- iv. If Country Nuts could handle a school our size, they would like to see us switch to them.
- h. Fees – We will be talking about them twice this year. Lunch supervision fee will need to increase.

## 5. Trustees Report –

- a) September 30 Enrolment - There are now 17,400 students enrolled in EIPS. This is up from 17,150 last year. We are the 6th largest district in Alberta with 43 schools.
- b) Council of School Councils (COSC)
  - On Wednesday, October 2 we had the first COSC meeting of the year. parents from school councils are welcome to attend this meeting which provides information and resources to school councils and parents the meeting is held the first Wednesday of the month at the district office Wye Road and Clover bar at 7 PM. The link is [www.eips.ca/](http://www.eips.ca/) parents/committee of school councils.
- c) Provincial Achievement Testing Results
  - Students from EIPS have again performed very well - above Provincial Averages in almost all categories. I am forwarding a letter from our Board Chair Trina Boymook that gives the details and links to the data.
- d) Full Review of Each Schools Results
  - Each November, schools report their previous year's results including School plans, PAT results and much detailed school information.
  - Trustees and Administration spend many days compiling and reviewing the information and then schedule a half day when four schools present their results and learn from each other.
  - All parents from each Parent Council are invited to attend.
  - Friday November 22 - 9am - F. R. Haythorne at F.R. Haythorne

## 6. New Business

### A. Questions

- i. Are there any upcoming presentations for either the school or School Council?
  1. MADD Canada – Presentation for Grade 9 Students
  2. Black History Awareness Month – For all students
- ii. Is there any Peer Support Program?
  1. We have been running a session called Beyond the Hurt – It trains students to be peer mentors and leaders for Anti-bullying
- iii. Honors Program – We heard it may be canceled
  1. There has been talk within the district for years about whether it would stay. This is a district decision, and there is lots of talk about it.
  2. Currently we are holding status quo and we are running the program as it has been

### B. Future Meeting Suggestions

- i. Mental Health and Community Resources – Presentation from the county on what is available and how to access it. They have changed a lot lately.

- ii. Cannabis – New Regulations, Edibles and Vaping
  - 1. What the new regulation means
  - 2. How to identify products – Legal and Illegal
  - 3. Open it up to other schools.
  
- 7. **Next meeting date** is December 11, 2019. Time is to be announced.
  
- 8. **Meeting called to closure at 8:11**