

F.R. Haythorne (FRH) Junior High School

School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Attendance:

Lana Lastiwka - Principal	Mark Wever - Assistant Principal	Sivanthy Suntharalingam - Vice Chair, Parent (9)	Brian Vick- COSC Rep, Grandparent (7)
Brad Smilanich - Assistant Principal (Gr. 9 overseer)	Cynthia Cassidy - Chair, Parent (8)	Charmyn Thompson - Secretary, Parent (7 & 9)	Trina Boymook - Board Trustee
Kya Martin - Parent (7 & 9)	Aubrey Godfrey- Parent (7)	Melanie Kimmy - Support Staff	

- 1) Call to order/introductions - 6:04 p.m.
- 2) Land and People Acknowledgement & Introductions
- 3) Norms
- 4) Approve Minutes from last meeting (September 18, 2024):
 - a) Approved - Brian Vick
 - b) Seconded - Silvanthy Suntharalingam
- 5) Approve agenda - additions/deletions
 - a) Approved - Charmyn Thompson
 - b) Seconded - Cynthia Cassidy

6) Trustee Report

Trina Boymook, Trustee:

A calendar survey has been sent out to parents/caregivers and staff to gather thoughts on 2 options. Survey closes October 21. The Board will make a decision at our December meeting.

Today a survey opened for the naming of the Sherwood Park replacement school. The survey is open to current and future parents, staff, students and members of the community. Survey is open until October 31. The Board will approve the name at our December Board meeting.

Each September we review Trustee compensation and Trustees will not see any increase in its compensation.

The Board repealed Policy 24 Personal Communication Device after reviewing the amendment to Administrative Procedure to ensure that what was in policy has been properly captured in Administrative Procedure.

October 3 special Board meeting the board approved unallocated Capital Reserves in 2024-25 as follows:

- \$1,000,000 to the Salisbury Composite High Chiller project; and
- \$328,000 increase to the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) project, both of which are to be started and completed in the 2024-25 year.

Trustee Shotbolt, Trustee for Fort Saskatchewan, served notice of resignation on October 7, 2024. Her last day on the board will be October 3, 2024. The Board will consider whether to hold a by-election and if not how to cover off her duties leading into next year's election.

School Assurance Review is coming up in November, FR Haythorne will be held on November 20, 2024 at 1pm at Cloverbar school.

7) School Council Engagement Grant

FRH School Council has \$953.00 available to use for the current school year

8) Administration Report

Lana Lastiwka, Principal:

- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews held October 17 and 22nd.
If a time cannot be scheduled with a teacher, parents are encouraged to reach out via email in lieu.
- Picture retakes for the entire school are scheduled on October 11th to make up for the arbitrary decision of the photographer to do full body portraits of staff and students with no alternatives.
- “Smart Recovery” is a support group similar to AA but without the God component, who has reached out as a resource offering to speak to council and get the word out to those who could benefit from what they have to offer.

Mark Wever, Assistant Principal:

- October 4th’s Professional Development day, saw professional learning committees create a rough plan (for implementation March 2025) where learning objective activities in different classes could overlap with a common purpose - eg. a food truck
- Halloween preparation underway, with possible themed costumes among staff, music, and award for best costume

Brad Smilanich, Assistant Principal:

- Take our kids to work day, November 6, 2024
Permission click form to be filled out, with a few possible scenarios -
 - Taking your own child to work, or someone else’s
 - Doing research at school
- Terry Fox Fundraiser raised \$711.25
The students were very respectful, and the event was heartfelt and well attended.

9) Staff Reports

Melanie Jimmy, Family-School Liaison Worker

- Saffron came in for a Spin the Wheel knowledge builder, and Yukon the dog paid the school a visit during the lunch hour
- Boys & Girls Club going strong on Tuesdays

10) COSC Report

Brian Vick, on behalf of FRH, attended the first COSC meeting of the 2024-2025 school year on October 2nd. Conversation surrounding the additional funding provided by the Alberta Government, and highlighting spending on charter schools in the province was had. Candid conversation was continued in our meeting about complexity in the classroom and what that looks like.

Next COSC meeting will be held on November 6, 2024. Highlights of that meeting will be available in the minutes for November 20th, 2024.

11) Adjournment - 7:06 p.m.

**Next meeting, November 20, 2024 at 6 p.m. in the school library.
All parents and caregivers welcome!**