

Fort Frances High School School Council Minutes

January 7, 2020: Fort Frances High School Library



Meeting called to order at 6:05pm

In attendance: Helena Guertin, Christie Cousineau, Jennifer Leishman, Joelle Paull, Rebecca Webb, Tiffany Dolyny, Alexis Norris, Elizabeth Leishman-Fortes

Regrets: Bridgett McGinnis, Jen Antonick, Shannon King, Pam Edwards, Lonna Oster

Approval of minutes by Helena, seconded by Christie. All in favour.

Declaration of conflict of interest: none

Approval of agenda by Alexis, seconded by Joelle.

Old business

- 1. Cafeteria: Jenn reported that implementation is going well. There has been events such pancake day to make the cafe involved in the school community, and more days may come. In addition, there is also a free soup offered to all students on Thursdays.
The school has met with the Northwestern Health Unit to ensure the healthy food guidelines are being met.
Some students are working in the cafe to help and earn Muskie money. If parents want to help volunteer, parents are welcome to contact Heather. A background check may be required. Jenn will send a special events list of days to Rebecca.*
- 2. Vaping: The possibility of having a focus of vaping information for students and parents this year was discussed. Information was brought from Stanford Medicine Tobacco Prevention, with signage and information for educators. Discussion was had regarding the possibility for an information session for parents, or perhaps a peer focussed information session for students.*

News and reports

PIC: Lonna went to the last meeting, and she can report next meeting she attends. If any other parent wants to attend as well, they are to contact Lonna.

Community rep report: students will be here next meeting to share.

Emails to chairs: they were informed as to policies under review by the board. They may forward them to the council for information purposes. Next meeting, council will review special requirements for this school regarding VP, Principal.

Principals report

Jen: Exams are coming up. Extra curricula are shut down during exam week. There is an assembly for 9/10s regarding AAP to explain what AAP is and parents are being contacted this year for those grades 9/10 students having difficulty.

Christi brought posters from CMHA to promote mental health for those students feeling stressed. Support animals' availability was discussed.

Edsby is still a work in progress.

The Pathways Planning brochure was shown as an information booklet for students in 7-12 gives students information and helps guide them in their career choices.

Shane:

Toronto trip: Shane has already planned it for June 5-11. People can pay online. There will be a government grant and the cost should be about \$1000 per student. We have our chaperones and staff assigned. Discussion was had as to if the Toronto trip will continue in the future.

An author visit by Sigmund Brouwer is happening at the school.

He has posters going up regarding vaping and screen time.

In the future, musical instruments will probably have to have a deposit for cleaning, maintenance, etc.

Grad for 7/8: graduation will have to be moved to the arena due. A date will be set in June. More information to come.

Parent school climate survey is still available for parents to complete.

New business

Mental health issues: Mental health is addressed at the school through various agencies/supports that are available to students. There is also a peer run resource at Big White Wall.ca. Bell Let's Talk Day is January 29. The message is "Mental health: Every action helps."

Next meeting: Feb 4th at 6pm, then April 7, and June 2

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 motioned by Helene, second by Joelle.