



**Wednesday October 27, 2021**

**7-8pm**

**FSS Virtual PAC Minutes**

**1. Welcome/Call meeting to Order 7pm**

**2. IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Patty Villasenor
2. Anna Piney
3. Erin Hay
4. Anie Hepher
5. Nicole Heckendorf
6. Sheri Earl
7. Karla Germaine
8. Sophia Yang
9. Amanda Lavoie
10. Deb M
11. Frank Lento
12. Isabel Craig
13. Jacqueline Arling
14. Jodie Parker
15. Karen ?
16. Ute Hammer
17. Leah Weber
18. Matthew Sawatzky
19. Jane Johnson

3. Approval of Agenda
4. Adoption of minutes of last meeting
5. Reports

### **Aboriginal Education: Amanda LaVoie**

- 62 self-identified students
- Self-identification is a simple process where anyone who has indigenous family members can be included, no paperwork required.
- November and December, an elder in the Metis community will work with a small group of indigenous students from grade 7.
- In November with teacher, Danielle Gibson, pilot project to start learning the Metis language
- **Amanda Lavoie sent the spelling of the two words she shared with us, with a link to: First Voices**
- Yaqit ?a·knuqfi 'it (Tobacco Plains)
- ki?su?k kwa#kwayit (Good Evening)
- For any parents that would like to know where to learn or find spelling please use this link: [Search Results | FirstVoices](#)

### **Treasurer Report: Sheri Earl**

- Mr Cullens: \$1500.00: 12 welding helmets and two welding jackets for the Maker Space club.
- gaming grant (\$7540.00) will be reflected in report next month
- Accounts at TD bank will be moved so that we can access them online

### **President Report: Patty Villasenor**

Vice President Nicole Heckendorf

- Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory Fundraiser
- promoting it- November the 25th to December 5<sup>th</sup>
- delivered to school December the 14th

- online order form, will discuss e-transfers with Sheri

## **Principal Report: Erin Hay**

- staffing update: new teacher for Social Studies and English. One more staff teaching position to be filled for semester 2.
- two professional development days since last meeting:
  1. aboriginal perspectives in schools- online presentation and panel discussion with a mix of students, elders, educators, and leaders.
  2. October 22<sup>nd</sup>-provincial specialists association day
- administrative procedure #145 (previously cell phone policy): reviewed this with every grade and with teachers. Asked teachers to also communicate this again to their students and to their parent community.
- District Student Advisory Committee meeting this Friday (online) - opportunity for senior administration to hear directly from students and vice versa
- Cross country running zone championships today at the Fernie Nordic center. Very positive.
- Numeracy 10 assessments starting next week.
- UBC is using the literacy 12 graduation assessment as part of their entrance requirements
- From Staff Meeting: focus on two goals 1. Graduation assessments- improve student confidence and success with numeracy and literacy.  
2. Improve awareness and understanding of our local Ktunaxa language and culture. Provide more equitable opportunities for indigenous students to be recognized and supported in our school, including them in leadership opportunities and opportunities to represent our school in a meaningful way.
- Remembrance Day: Teams Event with EIDES -November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Open House -November 22<sup>nd</sup> (1:40 pm) and 23<sup>rd</sup> (4:00pm). Parent teacher meetings scheduled and early dismissal. 20 minute tour of school with Mrs

Hayes and Ms Romero. PAC members welcome to join and represent PAC.

### **DPAC Report: Ute Hammer**

- virtual science fair 2022
- more students in the district than expected so there's shuffling and hiring in all the schools
- recording available: BCC PAC (BC PAC umbrella), DPAC chairs, Provincial Health Officer and the Minister of Education.
- Monday November the 15th at 6:30 PM BCC PAC sponsoring an hour presentation about PACs. Highly recommend. Mrs. Hayes will send information out to parents and also put it on school Facebook page.

### **School Trustee: Frank Lento**

- Mandatory vaccines- complex and complicated, not going to put it before the board until all information is received.
- Fernie Middle School-still pursuing. Ministry is looking for design submissions with costs attached so that they could provide a funding envelope
- After powerful presentation from Debbie Jeffries on indigenous relationships, reviewing board policy manual to see if any policies could be interpreted as being racist.
- Teacher contract negotiations starting next month
- Meeting with the college president so that we can offer first year post-secondary transfer courses in Fernie.

## **6. New Business**

### **Sophia Yang: Homestay coordinator for Fernie and Sparwood-Rocky Mountain International Student Program (RMISP)**

- Due to popularity of Fernie as a destination and difficulty in finding homes for students, homestay fee increasing from \$800/month to \$1300/Month. Also offering \$500 referral fee for successful placement of student.
- Regarding your question about English support for our international students during PAC meeting last week, the students that we accept for the Elk Valley do not need ESL as a general rule. The program sets up tutoring if necessary.
- By the way, we are starting to accept international students' applications now for 2022 intakes. If you or you know anyone is interested in hosting international students next September 2022, please let me know.
- Most of our students that arrived this September have been fully COVID vaccinated. RMISP will only accept fully vaccinated international students for Sep 2022 intakes. Host families will receive \$1300/per student/per month **(Ferine only)** for the 2022-23 school year.

### **Mr Cullins: Fly Fishing Club funding request**

- Pac approved \$500 equipment cost. Reminder: purchases must be made in BC.

### **Jacque Arling: Boys Volleyball Provincial's fundraising**

- Permission requested to use PAC raffle license to raffle skis- approved
- Discussion on allocating money from the budget for provincial sporting events

### **Patty: MOTION : Allocate money in PAC budget for sports teams to travel to provincials. Motion tabled until next meeting.**

### **Anie Hepher**

- more support\promotion of the Arts in the school
- more equity between moneys allocated to sports and art
- support group available for LGBTQ parents through Fernie Pride Website.

### **7. Adjournment**

Next Meeting- November 24, 2021