

FMCS School Council Meeting - MINUTES

February 4, 2021

Call to order at 7:11pm

In Attendance: Crystal Genier, Stefanie Brown, Melanie Arcand, Marc Beland, Shane Lloyd

Principal's Report:

- Pre-K classes will be able to run this year but how to schedule them and ensure COVID regulations are followed is still to be determined.
- Schools will be able to have pictures taken this spring. Tentative dates for FMCS are April 15 (for Tuesday/Thursday individual and class pictures) and May 5 and 6 (for all other individual and class pictures, as well as Kindergarten grad photos).
- FMCS is one of three schools in Alberta that was invited to participate in a project with the University of Alberta and George Georgieu. It's a collaborative project that will examine the impact of COVID school closures on reading.

Trustees Report:

- School funding is now based on a three year enrollment average. The School Board is lobbying to have the 2020/2021 year removed from the average due to the low enrollment because of COVID. FVSD enrollment is down 447 students compared to last year.
- There has been a significant increase in expenditures on cleaning supplies, with an estimated cost of \$100 000.
- Blue Hills School building project will be going ahead
- St. Mary's insurance has been settled and is now waiting on government approval to build near Fort Vermilion Public School.
- Numbers will no longer be included in school division names (e.g. Fort Vermilion School Division #52 is now Fort Vermilion School Division).
- In the 2019/2020 school year, \$260 000 was fundraised, including the money from Bear Necessities. All but 23% was spent locally.
- Teacher recruitment has begun and is being done virtually.
- Two long time Central Office staff members retired but will not be replaced in an effort to save the school division money.
- The timeline for nomination of trustees has changed and is now open for nominations.
- There have been no suspensions or expulsions this year which is likely due to the cohorts.
- Anyone who would like more detailed reports can contact Marc Beland

Adjournment at 7:31pm