

Senator Joyce Fairbairn School Council Meeting

October 18, 2022 – 7:00 pm (At SJF)

Attendance: Craig DeJong, Jennifer Giles, Terrance Hagel (online), Shannon Pratt, Leah Heidinger, Kaylee Low, Anna Seright, Shannon Francis, Christina Walton, Fiona Kirkby, Stephanie Beekman, April Banack

1. **Welcome:**

- Meeting called to order by Craig @7:10 pm (book club went late).
- Introductions

2. **2022/23 School Council Executive**

- Discussion about each position and responsibilities
- New positions
- Chair- Kaylee Low
- Vice Chair- Leah Heidinger
- Secretary- Anna Seright
- Division Council Rep- Shannon Pratt
- All in favor, no one opposed

3. **Reports:**

a) Division Report (Shannon P):

- Elections
- Hot lunch presentation
- 'Stand for Education' -Oct. 22 at Edmonton Legislature (speeches from 1:00 -2:00 pm). Rep from the local Teachers association going to ensure that education has a voice in upcoming elections. Anyone can join the bus ride up if they are interested in attending.

b) Government Grant:

- \$500 Engagement grant being used for 'Save The Kids' presentation Nov. 4th
- SJF has worked the assembly into their 'health day.' Kids will attend mini sessions then head to the gym for Nate Webb's presentation.
- [Craig & Jenn](#) will find a Gr. 8 student to introduce Nate (and thank sponsors).
- [Kaylee](#) will write and send an introduction to Craig.
- Parents will do research on potential items to give away at the assembly:
[Shannon F.](#) to look up sayings
Fiona's neighbor does shirts
Anna has cups, tote bags, and t-shirts that could possibly be use.

c) Admin Report:

- Craig:
 - school size stayed the same about 630, just over 20 online. They will eventually move to in-person. Once past grade 9, online learning is out of the division.
 - Classes spending lots of time outside.
 - Options- day trips to the Pass with outdoor ed program. Using the bike park.
 - Amanda and Katie (started August), new in the office. Communication process will be more robust, they are taking over the website and Wednesday memo.
 - Division wide troubles with power school, still updating all the contacts. Should be up to speed now.

- Now having more 'door open time,' starts at 8:00 am (parents can come in). Open again at lunch and at the end of the day. They are keeping bearings on who is coming into the school, most often just high school kids coming back to school to visit.
- Joy Fox back in the concession, planning a pancake breakfast again, they like to give back to the school. And a few hot dog days.
- Revising admin schedule and structure.
- Double garage is going to be built and will allow for more storage space.
- A lot of unannounced students coming and registering. Coming to Lethbridge for the services. -Then staff working to get services in place.

Terry:

- Athletics -cross country just ended- successful season. 3 meets at NS this year. Wayne and Brittany were great coaches.
- In the Middle of volleyball, there is a home tournament this weekend, "flock festival." Inviting 5 other schools. Admission \$3/day. City championships at Wilson.
- Basketball starts right after Remembrance Day weekend until the middle of February. Then badminton then track & field. We have a great student body and staff have stepped up and lead in coaching.
- There is a Referee shortage for basketball in the city, and in the south zone. If you know of anyone, let him know. Paid \$45 per game. 4:15-7:00 pm.

Bussing- has been on time this year. Improvement from last year. Curious what it will look like with winter conditions.

Jenn:

- The school website has been revamped. More accessible for parents. Let Jenn know if you have any feedback.
- Calendar will be shifting, the government will now determine when the PATs will be. So the calendar will be changing. This is a reaction to some dishonesty on diploma exams, and use of phones in the exams (happening in Calgary).
- Picture retakes next week. Book fair this week.
- Pt interviews happening in person at the school (or on teams if they would like outside the regular blocks). There will be some refreshments available in the atrium (some prepared by the students in foods classes).
- Inclusive Ed. Benchmarking students, creating support plans.
- "Universal Design for Learning"- focus on meeting students where they are at. Three levels. Made changes to literacy time and who their teacher is. Building connections between the teacher and students. Tagged an interventionist, available teachers at their literacy time to help work with teachers, for tier 2 with smaller groups and help with the goals they have, fill in gaps in their learning. Final tier is for an individual learner. - Compared to last year, students are miles ahead, seeing big growth (feedback from teachers and comparing results). -Also purchased some resources to help with intervention pieces. Doing some professional learning.
- Academic Support put in place- 3 teachers assigned. It is extra time to help students get caught up, they can attend if they would like, it can be used across the school for all grade levels. Built into the schedule.
- Craig Whitehead trustee this year, Morag Asquith our executive. They will attend when they can.

4. New Business:

- a) Question about dress code- rolled out the same as the fall. Doing their best to keep things comfortable for everyone. During the summer someone searched old documents from 5 years ago and it was circulated. Dress code is the same as it was in the spring.
- b) Question about school dances- One on Oct. 28th DJ their own. Sounds Unlimited booked for Feb. 13th, and one will happen closer to summer for a wrap up.
- c) Halloween- dress up day on Friday the 28th. Dress code will be emailed out soon. On the 31st there will be no festivities.
- d) nut awareness- going to roll out some communication about nuts. Try to help with more nut free.

5. Next Mtg Date:

Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

(Glow Kids parent book club covering chapters 2 & 3 @ 6:30 pm

6. Adjournment @8:05 pm