

Senator Joyce Fairbairn School Council Meeting

January 24, 2023 – 7:00 pm (At SJF)

Attendance: Craig DeJong, Leah Heidinger, Kaylee Low, Fiona Kirkby, Stephanie Beekman, Skye Curtis

1. **Welcome:** Meeting started by 7:05 pm (following book club)

2. **Reports:**

a. **Admin-**

Budget For 2022-23

85% Teacher Salary & Benefits

-covers the total cost of 31 full-time teachers and school administration.

5% Support Salary & Benefits

-Covers our learning commons facilitator and front office staff

4% Contracted Services

-Covers substitute teachers costs for meetings courage and other consultants

6% Supplies

-Classroom and school supplies

Total Overall Budget - \$3.6 million for current school year based on enrollment

(over a three 3 span)

-We currently have 630 students

Bell Times

2023/24 school year will have the SAME bell times as this year.

b. **Division-**

-Division rep absent.

3. **Old Business:**

a. **Town Hall Mtg**→ Tuesday, Feb. 7th 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Questions to be considered:

In what ways are we successfully supporting students to help them grow as learners?

Where do you see room for improvement in supporting students as learners?

Six parents attending:

1. Kaylee Low
2. Shannon Pratt
3. Shannon Francis
4. Fiona Kirkby
- 5.
- 6.

*Jenn will reach out to the parent body to see if anyone else would be willing to attend.

Please let Kristin Solowoniuk know by Thursday, **January 26, 2023 who your representatives will be **including email addresses**

4. **New Business:**

a. **Account Balance**

As of Nov. 29th, 2022

Balance \$1231.22

-500.00 STK

\$731.22 remaining

-Discussed the possibility of another speaker, possibility focusing on anxiety (but also tie in

how screen use can increase anxiety).

- "My School" survey, next one in February, stats on anxiety are high.

- Possibly plan for April, we would invite the division again.

- Possible speaker from Calgary.

→ **Caroline Buzanko** -From Calgary

Registered Psychologist

Willing to do in person or virtual.

<https://drcarolinebuzanko.com/speaking/>

Reduces her rate for schools to \$250/hour (that was the price when Kaylee emailed her last May)

b. Cellphones - what are the exceptions? (when it doesn't have to be put away?)

-Rule school wide is that cellphones are to be in their lockers during class time. -

There is no exception to this. Some kids with high anxiety will contact parents during the day. There is also the wellness room as an option for some kids.

-Enforcing the phone rules falls a lot on each teacher. Some enforce more than others. -

Difficult to enforce when parents are contacting kids. Criag asked for ideas as to how to deal with that.

-Chapter 5 in Glow Kids (book club just finished), discusses the effects of phones in the classroom. Keep trying to find ways to educate parents.

–Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28th @ 7:00 pm

Adjournment @ 7:51 pm