

Senator Joyce Fairbairn School Council Meeting

May 29, 2023 – 7:00 pm (At Firestone)

Mtg Discussion 7:20 - 7:50 pm

Attendance: Criag Whitehead, Skye Curtis, Leah Heidinger, Shannon Francis, Stephanie Beekman, Shannon Pratt, Craig DeJong, Kaylee Low

1. **Welcome:**

2. **Reports:**

a. **Admin- (Craig Dejong)**

i.) Changes to our VPs

→ Terry Hagel is retiring (there will be a retirement ceremony), and Jenn Giles is going to Fleetwood-Bawden.

→ New VPs:

Raj Mathur- has been an educator for 21 yrs in our Division. Taught at Paterson and Nicholas Sheran. Was a VP at Lakie and he's coming from Fleetwood-Bawden.

Sharon Willms-Laing has been a VP at Probe and is coming from Park Meadows.

ii.) Other Staffing

→ Lots of maternity leaves to fill for next school year, currently working on replacements.

→ Mr. Kubik is going to work in the area of ELL, as lot of those students coming in.

→ The Shop program is open and looking for a replacement.

→ Mr. Ponech is retiring. Kyle Harmon (coming from St. Francis) has been hired for the music program. He's been doing fine arts for about a decade. He is a percussionist so there will be different drumming options for the next school year. This will allow students a music option that doesn't commit to the entire year.

b. **Division-**

i.) Feedback for policies: due June 7th (Kaylee emailed them out)

→ 404.6 Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Honoraria

→ 607.3 Instructional Resources and Materials

→ 501.3 School Attendance Areas

→ 501.1 Attendance at School

→ 504.8 Involvement with Authorized Agencies

=NO Feedback from parents

ii.) Craig Whitehead (Trustee)

→ New Superintendent, Mike Nightingale was announced on May 23rd. He has worked as a teacher, associate principal, principal and central office administrator for three school divisions over the past 23 years. He has been serving in the Lethbridge School Division since August of 2020 as Associate Superintendent of Human Resources.

→ City has decided to unify the school zone speed limit, they will always be 'playground zones.'

→ Kaylee's presentation to the school board helped the board to agree on starting as Ad Hoc committee on technology use. Students, parenting, and teachers would like cell phones in the lockers. This fall they will begin surveys and finding volunteers for the committee.

→ 32 people retiring out of the Division, 17 support and 15 teachers.

→ No date yet for the community conversation in June.

→ Our Division has 160 policies and the majority of other Divisions have about 30. They are hoping to clean up policies and instead have more procedures. (Procedures should support the policies).

→ On June 28th Craig W. will be at SJF to handout the 'Years of Experience' certificates.

→ The assurance plan was passed today.

→ Craig attending band concerts, plays, and sports games at SJF and was very impressed with the staff and the kids' abilities compared from December to March. He could tell that the teachers really care about the students.

iii.) District Council Meeting (Shannon Pratt)

→ On June 12 @7:00 pm- they will be reviewing SOGI guidelines

-parents may attend but they will not allow feedback at the meeting, however parents can email feedback.

→ To join for the food portion (at 6:30 pm) RSVP to Krista by tomorrow.

→ Parent learning session from new digital wellness team at 6:30.

→ School council report will need to be completed by Kaylee

3. Old Business:

a. **2023 ASCA AGM Resolutions Results:**

i. Shelly Roest registered and submitted our votes virtually for our school council. Kaylee shared the results (carried the same way we had voted).

b. **Spring Speaker:**

-Kaylee's presentation (Intentional Living in a Digital World) had about 45 people out.

-Also did four, 20 minute sessions on health day with grade 7 students (Intentional With Tech).

-Both were well received.

c. **Parent Book Club Wrap Up: (Glow Kids)**

-Any feedback, changes if it were done again?

→ SKye Curtis would be willing to run a book club.

→ Gives an awareness even if parents fizzle out coming during the school year.

→ The format of involving more than one school was a good idea!

d. **Fall Speaker:**

Caroline Buzanko (From Calgary, Registered Psychologist)

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

-Booked for Tuesday, October 17 for 1.5 hours online (no cap on how many can join in). Originally the price was \$500 for two hours in person (that's a discounted rate for schools + \$250 for travel).

Or \$250 for 1 hour virtual. Not sure what our total cost will be now??

*New chair will need to follow up in the fall.

4. New Business:

Thank you to all of the parents who joined in on our meetings this year!

Have a great summer!

Next Meeting: Fall 2023

Adjournment: @7:50 pm