

Senator Joyce Fairbairn School Council Meeting

Held in the conference room at SJF

February 27, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Attendance: Sara Bond, Shannon Francis, Fiona Kirkby, Skye Curtis, Kristina Larken, Stephanie Beekman, Grayson Michel, Sharon Willms-Laing, Raj Mathur, Craig DeJong

1. School events: Sharon
 1. Kindness week- dance, cards for kids recognizing acts of kindness
 2. Teacher's convention- last week at U of L
 3. Pink shirt day tomorrow
 4. Kindness buttons- students making buttons with schools new custom button maker
 5. Poetry battle currently happening
 6. Grade 6s decorated coffee sleeves with kindness messages, coffee (with kindness sleeves) to be delivered to NICU nurses this week
2. PAT schedule: Sharon
 1. Last school day for grade 6 June 21, also last day for options and gym for all students.
 2. June 24 and 25 are ½ days for grade 7 and 8s- exam in AM and busses will take student home before lunch
 3. June 26 is for exam makeup: dates being finalized and will be emailed and added to calendar in the near future
3. Budget overview: Craig
 1. \$3.71 million for current school year based on enrollment. 84% for teacher and admin salary, 4% for support staff salary, 4% for contracted services including subs for meeting coverage. 4% for classroom and supplies, 2% other
4. School vision update: Raj
 1. New vision for SJF includes 4 pillars, "SOAR" Show empathy, Own your actions, Accept differences, Responsible for learning. The vision will be rolled out in the fall in graphics, communications, actions, teaching, interactions etc..
5. Athletics: Raj
 1. Badminton ID camps complete. Practices started. See calendar for practice and competition schedules.

6. Division Report: Christina Larken

1. Policy feedback form on division website and in SJF Wednesday midweek memo- for public feedback.
 2. Policy Consultant from Alberta School Board Association- will help identify which policies should be policy vs procedure, eliminate outdated policies, decrease redundancy, increase efficiency
 3. Town Hall- over 250 participants, summary document being compiled and will be put in the community engagement section of the division website.
 4. Feedback from townhall, assurance survey feedback and division report card will all be considered during upcoming board meetings to plan priorities for next year
 5. Assurance surveys for grade 7s are due tomorrow- parent completion rate increased by 4x this year
 6. Parent feedback regarding division emails- too cumbersome to get to important information with multiple links and downloading documents. Discussion around school and division communications. Parents preferring simpler messages without documents to download and fewer “clicks” to get to information
7. Adjournment at 7:45pm. Next meeting March 18. Book club at 6:30 prior to school council meeting at 7:00pm.