**Fultonvale School Council Minutes**

**March 10, 2021**

**7:00pm**

**Google Meet**

**In Attendance**: Michelle Uytterhagen, Jeff Spady, Mark Wever, Joanne Emter, Liz Busenius, Krista Scott, Angie Bittner, Becky Galbraith, Jim Seutter, Stacie Pederson, Megan Barnes, Michelle Stevenson

**1. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm**

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

**3. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement**

* Treaty 6 was Acknowledged

**4. Additions to and approval of agenda**

* Jim Seutter to leave at 8:00, ensure New Business Item is discussed prior to his leaving

**5**. **Approval of minutes from January 13, 2021**

Motion to Approve - Joanne Emter

Seconded - Krista Scott

**6. COSC Report – Michelle Uytterhagen**

* The March COSC meeting was held on March 3. Trina, the board chair, provided a brief update around the February 25 Provincial Budget. The board views the budget as a good news budget for education as the province held the boards harmless and funding will be similar to last year – roughly 8.2 billion allocated to education. At the April 22 board meeting, trustees will approve budget allocations for schools and transportation fees will be set. Budget allocations will be sent to schools on April 23.
* The province will be announcing capital project approvals mid-March and the board is hoping that the Sherwood Heights/Campbelltown and Rudolph Hennig/Fort High projects will be approved.
* The board approved the sponsorship of 15 registrants for the ASCA Conference and AGM, which will be held on April 23-25.
* Mark Liguori gave a presentation on the potential technology fee. Details on that presentation will be covered under Potential EIPS Technology Fee under New Business. Mark also gave a brief COVID update– as of March 3 there are only 4 active cases in the district and the district has seen only 15 since the return of school in January. The plan is to keep the currently health and safety protocols in place and will look at areas to loosen up restrictions where they can.
* COSC Sharing involved reviewing a few of the ASCA resolutions. COSC Chair, Lesley Bowman, surveyed the group prior to the meeting and brought forward the resolutions that parents wanted to discuss. We discussed the Resolution P21-01 - Continued Support and Advancement of Technology Funding to Support all Levels of Learning Throughout Alberta Schools and Resolutions P09 – P11 as they centred around public vs. charter schools. Mark answered/clarified a lot around the differences between Public, Charter and Private Schools. We will discuss this when we come to the ASCA resolutions.
* The March Caregiver Newsletter is available at https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca for anyone interested. There are a lot of good sessions open for parents and I will post the handouts to the Facebook Page. I will also share the Saffron Centre’s March Cybersecond newsletter.
* The next COSC meeting is on April 7, 2021 at 6:30 via Zoom. If anyone is interested, all meetings are open to attend, or minutes are available on EIPS website.

**7. Admin Report – Jeff Spady**

* School community has been relatively healthy. Staff are reporting being fatigued but happy to have students in the building.
* End of semester 1 brought new option classes for junior high students. Hats on for Mental Health took place on January 28, PJ Day on February 3, Random Acts of Kindness on February 17, Panago Pizza Night on February 22, Pink Shirt Day on February 24 and second term report cards were released on March 19. Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on March 23 and 24 from 4:30 to 7:30 and Spring Break from March 26 to April 5
* Returning Student Registration and High School Open Houses took place in February. ECS Registration is still open and Fultonvale currently has 28 registered for next year.
* The learning commons Re-opened to smaller groups of students
* 2021-2022 Budget Update
  + Generally a good news budget, waiting to see the details.
  + COVID Mitigation Fund will help us with the loss of students.
  + Schools receive their budget allocations on April 23.
  + Plan to get class lists/junior high schedules out in June
  + Scheduling/Timetable/Option Choosing Update - Mark
    - Students in grades 6 - 8 are being met with next week. Parents/students can go online from March 22 to 25 to choose their options.
  + Junior high communication went out in February, any feedback?
    - 2 business days is an expectation for teachers to respond to parents/guardians (phone calls/emails)
  + ECS and Jr. High Virtual Information Evenings
    - Jr. High - May 19 @ 7:00
    - ECS May 26 @ 7:00
  + Advertising for an EA to start March 22
  + Security Camera Update
    - Fultonvale will be getting security cameras. Not sure of timeline quite yet.
    - Hopefully aid in reducation of Vandalism, record 24/7 with stored data for approximately 90 days
* Fundraising
  + Feedback on Pizza Night - Very Busy, seemed to go over well.

**8. Trustee Report – Jim Seutter**

* Overall the same level of funding for education 8.3 Billion, No decrease in funding despite drop WMA enrolment, PUF funding renewed and busing grants remain the same, No 6.1M federal money and standard salary costs are up, “Funding Letter” from Ab .Ed. comes at the end of March, Allocations approved and sent to schools on April 22
* Budget submitted to Alberta Education by May 31
* Capital Projects at Sh. Hts. & Ft. Sask. waiting approval
* New K-4 Digital Curriculum still waiting for development
* COVID-19 cases in school are trending down but still no teams or field trips or changes to safety procedures

**9. Mental Health Capacity Building at FTV – Stacie Pederson**

* Digital Citizenship Sessions discussing healthy relationships and communication with technology, the benefits and dangers. Talking more about mindful media, your digital footprint, cyberbullying, redflags.

Curriculum from Common Sense Educator: [www.commonsense.org/education/](http://www.commonsense.org/education/)

Family resources and activities at: <https://www.commonsense.org/education/toolkit/family-engagement-resources>

**10. New Business**

**a. Potential EIPS Technology Fee**

* Technology Fees under discussion by trustees - discussions have started surrounding new Technology fees to hopefully offset bandwidth costs, chromebooks and computer labs. New curriculum could be heavily digital.

Parent concerns surrounding fair and evenness of fees. Should the fee be the same for Bring Your Own Device Parents?

Krista Scott suggested a parent Scoping document for parent engagement regarding new technology fees. The discussion surrounding these fees is in the very early preliminary stages.

**b. ASCA Update – Krista Scott**

* Due to the Grant cut, ASCA is promoting a donation drive, alongside the “Share a Story Campaign”

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/donate/rally-for-asca-donation-drive>

* AGM in April - will be held virtually
* Webinar Wednesday Mar 24, Chair of Charter Schools

**c. ASCA Resolutions – Michelle/Krista**

* Michelle Uytterhagen will be voting on Fultonvale’s behalf at the ASCA AGM.

P21-01 - Vote in favour for Adequate Tech

P21-04 - Vote in favour of maximum bus ride length

P21-05 - Vote in favour of delaying the implementation of pilot program of new curriculum

The remainder of the resolutions will be discussed at the April School Council Meeting.

**11. Old Business**

**a. 2021/2022 School Fees – Jeff Spady**

* Jeff reviewed the proposed fees. Last year Fultonvale had submitted to combine grade 7 and grade 8 foods and fashion to one combined fee. However, with the change to assessing fees four times throughout the year (due to possible covid closures) the dates did not align nicely with our mid semester breaks and it was decided to keep the fees separate. We plan on keeping the two fees separate going forward for 2021-2022.

Michelle will sign off on the proposed fees for Jeff to submit to Central.

**b. Community Event Update – Michelle/Jeff Spady**

* Mural is in the completion stages, should be completed May

**c. Gartner Memorial Update – Krista Scott**

* The group has 8 students involved and they have met 4 times. Introducing the Sarah Gartner Memorial Award, this will be a character award chosen of a student who represents positive characteristics. Students expresses that they wanted it to be representative of Sarah’s character. The award will feature a piece of Sarah’s artwork on it and a musical quote - to be chosen with the Family’s feedback. They would also like a member of the family to present it. The award will come from school budget, people could choose to donate if they feel so personally.

The memorial will take place on May 4 and will be streamed virtually for parents who wish to attend.

Still working on incorporating something for Lois - discussion about a Volunteer Tea. Details will be finalized in April

**d. Staff Appreciation – Michelle Uytterhagen**

* Staff appreciation was a success this year. Thank you to all parents who contributed by either dropping off items at school or financially to the Nitza’s Pizza Day. There are some takeaways for next year – staff liked the Pot Luck Style with all the different items. Michelle received feedback from Katie to send her the names of parents dropping off items, just so she knows who is coming to the school. Another takeaway for a Pizza Lunch – look into an easier way for parents to contribute. It was a little difficult for parents to drop into Nitza’s. Next year, if we decide to do an order in lunch again, I will look into an app that parents can contribute to online.

**12. Next Meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 12:30 via Google meet**

**13. Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 PM**