

## **Fultonvale School Council Agenda**

November 19, 2024; 7:00 P.M.

Gathering Space

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Treaty Acknowledgement
4. Additions to and approval of the agenda
5. Approval of minutes from October 15, 2024
6. Admin Report – Jeff Spady
7. Student Voice – Dustine Vicic
8. Trustee Report – Susan Miller
9. New Business
  - a. COSC Update – Michelle Uytterhagen
  - b. Christmas Plan for Staff – Open Conversation
  - c. Staff Appreciation – Kalyn Harrop
10. Old Business
  - a. Engagement Grant – Kalyn Harrop
  - b. Junior High Awards – Jeff Spady
11. Next meeting date January 21, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.
12. Meeting Adjournment

## Fultonvale School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

7:00pm

### Gathering Space

**Attendees:** Natasha Karas, Kalyn Harrop, Shawna Russell-Spady, Chantelle Hinz, Jeff Spady, Dustine Vivic, Maria Waltoft, Megan Barnes, Susan Miller

#### 1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

#### 2. Welcome and Introductions

#### 3. Treaty 6 Acknowledgements

Treaty 6 was acknowledged.

#### 4. Additions to and Approval of Agenda

a. Changed next meeting date to: Jan 21, 2025

Motion to approve the agenda: Shawna Russell-Spady

Seconded: Chantelle Hinz

#### 5. Approval meeting minutes from October 15, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes: Shawna Russell-Spady

Seconded: Chantelle Hinz

#### 6. Admin Report – Jeff Spady

- a. Reviewed Assurance Review Document/Data – Assurance Review Nov 20
- b. Staff Update – Principal – will know early next week – will communicate when information is received.
- c. Had a cougar sighting near the school before November Break, which was communicated to parents. Trail walks will commence next week, but students must stay in a group.
- d. Athletics - Jr. High
  - i. Volleyball teams are all doing great in league and tournament play.

#### Previous and Upcoming Events

- November 6
  - Grade 9 - Take Your Kids to Work Day
  - Backwards Day
- November 8 - Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:30
- November 11 - 15 - November Break
- November 25 - Strathcona County Foodbank Drive Begins
- November 29 - First Report Card Available Online - 3:00
- December 1 and every Friday in December - Best/Worst Holiday Sweater
- December 1 - Report Cards Available Online at 3:00
- December 4 - Festive PJ and Stuff Day
- December 6 and all Fridays in December - Best/Worst Holiday Sweater
- December 12 - Grade 4 to 6 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - 1:00

- December 12 - Grade 4 to 6 Christmas Concert Performance - 6:30
- December 13 - Student/Staff Pancake Breakfast
- December 17 - ECS - Grade 3 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - 1:00
- December 17 - ECS - Grade 3 Christmas Concert Performance - 6:30
- December 20 - Carolling
- December 23 - Christmas Break Begins

## 7. Student Voice – Dustine Vicic

Grade 1-3 – Division 1

### **What do I love about FTV and this year? Think we are doing well.**

- I love gym- we do a lot of fun things and play good games with our friends- plus great exercise
- I think that everybody is really kind- no bullies in this school. Most people say hi and good morning when we get here
- All the staff members are really nice and take good care of us
- Music- we like it a lot. Mrs. Driedger is the best and so fun. We love the Christmas concert this year. We actually get to play the instruments. They don't just sit there.
- We love getting out for trail walks- you see a lot of bugs and so now we warn each other that there are red ants. Hopefully we can go back in the forest soon when that cougar is caught.
- Lots of new things to play with in our classes- and all the subjects are great

### **What would we like to see happen or change?**

- Can we put a fence around the forest trail so that we don't get lost and are safer.
- A spot to play in the forest- a tree fort kinda park in the forest area.
- We really need to have more PJ days- it is so much easier than getting dressed
- More fun celebration days- board games and activities to go into other classes and some fun stuff outside. Maybe the last day of every month would be awesome.
- McDonalds for hot lunch with adult and kids meals and upgrade the Subway menu (bacon needs to be on there and more meat- and different sauces) Edo Wendys, and Opa for hot lunch
- We want to raise caterpillars, tadpoles, and chicks
- Can we have chip day where we buy chips as a treat only and then have a movie for grad 1-3, grade 4-6 and JH
- Pokémon cards need to come back
- Wants more equipment in the playground like zipline, more swings and spinny bar things because we have to wait a long time
- Pottery classes as an option for JH
- A day a month where div 1 and div 2 change parks for the day and a day that we can play with our siblings in the parks
- fill up our outside bins with balls and skipping ropes- maybe shovels- we love them too.
- more field trips like Launch Pad and Laser City and Activate like the JH
- A massive nerf fight- vs your buddy class
- Class pet because it helps us feel better and happy or bring your pet to school day

- Desk pets in all of Div 1- they are the best!!

**What makes us feel safe and cared for? Can we do more to help?**

- Mrs. Vicic- you do
- Help for all the staff and teachers and the adults in this school
- We are a bit worried about the new principal being mean because Mr. Spady is so nice
- We all have an adult that we know would help and another student that would help if we needed it - either hurt our bodies or our feelings

**8. Trustee Report – Susan Miller**

- a. The Board accepted the resignation of Trustee Jacqueline Shotbolt, effective Oct. 31, 2024. As of that date, Shotbolt will no longer reside within the ward in which she was elected, disqualifying her as an EIPS trustee. As outlined in the Education Act, section 81 (2), a by-election isn't required during the fourth year following a general election as long as the number of Board vacancies is less than the quorum, plus one. As such, EIPS will not hold a by-election. Instead, the remaining trustees will assume Shotbolt's duties.
- b. As of September 2024, EIPS is the 6th largest school division in Alberta, employs 1540 staff, oversees 42 schools and has 17,750 registered students. Our schools are located in Sherwood Park, Strathcona County, Lamont County, City of Fort Saskatchewan and Vegreville, County of Minburn.

**Assurance Reviews:**

- c. The Board of Trustees is elected to represent the public and is responsible and accountable to that public and to the Provincial Government for the expenditure of the Divisions \$200 million annual budget. For us, Assurance Review meetings and discussions around department and school education plans, provides us with a wealth of information to fulfill our fiduciary responsibilities to ensure our division is spending its resources appropriately and has plans in place to support achievement of the goals and outcomes identified in our 4 year Strategic plan.

Every year, Alberta Education requires school divisions to submit an Annual Education Results Report. The document serves as the key planning and accountability tool for sharing information about the Division with stakeholders. Annually submitting the report ensures the Division education plan and results align with Alberta Education's vision, mission, goals, outcomes and performance measures for public education.

Trustees had the opportunity to participate in assurance reviews for the Central Office Departments. Next week, Trustees will be going to schools to hear and celebrate the great and exciting work that is happening all over the Division. We will also hear some of the challenges schools are facing and what strategies will be implemented to overcome those challenges.

- d. The Calendar Survey closed October 2!51. There were 5,815 respondents. Administration will bring forth a recommendation to the Board. The recommendation will be discussed and voted on at the November Board Meeting.

- e. On October 315\ Bill 27, Education Amendment Act, 2024, was introduced in the Legislative Assembly. Amendments are focused on improving transparency, resulting in greater consistency for students, parents and teachers.

If passed, for students under 16 years of age, schools must obtain parental consent before a new gender-related preferred name or pronouns can be used by school authorities. For students aged 16 years or older, parents must be notified, but consent is not required. If parental notification is reasonably expected to result in psychological or emotional harm to the student, or if the student requests assistance, the principal shall ensure the student receives assistance, prior to parental notification.

For subject matter dealing primarily or explicitly with human sexuality, gender identity or sexual orientation, school authorities must notify parents and provide parents the option to opt-in their child for this instruction. The proposed amendments would come into effect upon September 1, 2025.

- f. Bill 27 would also introduce changes to support information sharing with families and establish clear expectations for continuity of education during emergencies.
- g. Bill 29 would require organizations, including schools, to maintain policies that would ensure female leagues and divisions are limited to only female-born athletes. The Bill would also identify reporting requirements, including the establishment of new co-ed leagues, if required.

## 9. New Business

- a. COSC Update – Kalya Harrop
  - a. Discussion around the EIPS calendar, voting on it December 19, board received over 600 pages of feedback for review.
  - b. EIPS School Transition Planning Survey
  - c. School Engagement Grant – group from Bev Facey that want to pool their funds
  - d. Possible approaches to a new funding model-the Board sent a letter to Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides, asking him to consider funding in relation to inflation and based on classroom complexity. There will be a presentation on the weighted moving average at the January COSC Meeting.
  - e. Upcoming Trustee election October 2025
  - f. Proposed legislation surrounding an Education Amendment Act and a Fairness and Safety in Sport Act
  - g. Discussed Assurance Review
- b. Christmas Plan for Staff – Open Conversation
  - a. Have an event for Staff, have an event for bus drivers
    - i. Ideas: Gift bags for bus drivers, potluck for staff (Dec 19)
    - ii. Donation based.
    - iii. Posting on FB for donations
- c. Staff Appreciation
  - a. Jeff Spady Appreciation Acknowledgments

**10. Old Business**

- a. Engagement Grant – Kalyn Harrop
  - i. Total of \$1060.77 -- \$500 for 2024/2025 and \$560.77 rolled over from 2023/2024.
  - ii. Opportunity to pool funds with Bev Facey for a David Irvine speaking engagement
  - iii. Voted and agreed to pool funds with Bev Facey
- b. Junior High Awards – Jeff Spady
  - i. Discussed with staff – shift academic awards to the fall. Grade 9 farewell and non-academic awards will still occur in June.
  - ii. Starting this school year.
- c. Jr. High French – If the number of students who want to take FSL 7, 8 or 9 are strong, we will run FSL 7, 8 and 9 in the years to come. However, if the number of students who want to take FSL 7, 8 or 9 continue to be low, we will run FSL 8 and 9 in 2025/2026 and FSL 9 in 2026/2027. After that, if the numbers continue to be low, FSL will not run in grades 7, 8 or 9.

**11. Next Meeting will be January 21, 2025, at 7:00pm.**

**12. Meeting Adjourned**

Kalyn Harrop adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.