

Fultonvale School Council Agenda

October 15, 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 September 17, 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. Engagement Grant – Michelle Uytterhagen/Kalyn Harrop
 - c. Junior High Awards – Jeff Spady
10. Old Business
 - a. Junior High French – Jeff Spady
11. Next meeting date November 19, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.
12. Meeting Adjournment

Fultonvale School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

7:00pm

Gathering Space

Attendees: Natasha Karas, Kalyn Harrop, Shawna Russell-Spady, Chantelle Hinz, Jeff Spady, Dustine Vivic, Maria Waltoft, Michelle Uytterhagen

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Treaty 6 Acknowledgements

Treaty 6 was acknowledged.

4. Additions to and Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda – Shawna Russell-Spady

Seconded – Chantelle Hinz

5. Approval meeting minutes from September 17, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes – Shawna Russell-Spady

Seconded – Chantelle Hinz

6. Admin Report – Jeff Spady

Happy Thanksgiving!

Staffing Update

- a. Welcome to
 - i. Jolene Seib - Kindergarten now that Janet is on maternity leave
 - ii. Candace Sargeant - Library
 - iii. Rosa Marinaccio - Educational Assistant
- b. Fees
 - i. Payment due October 25.
- c. EIPS Calendar Survey
 - i. EIPS Schedule/Calendar Survey – Kalyn going to push for parents to participate in the survey.
- d. Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair (October 21 - 24)
 - i. October 23 - 3:30 - 6:30 -- In-Person - Grades 1 to 9
 - ii. October 24 - 3:30 - 6:30 -- In Person - Grades 1 to 6
 - iii. Virtual - Jr. High
 - iv. Grades 1 to 6 can request virtual directly with teacher
- e. Div. 1 Christmas Concert
 - i. Moved to from December 10 to 17
- f. Athletics

- i. Jr. High
 1. Congrats to the Cross Country team for winning EIAA Small Schools!
 2. Volleyball teams are all doing great in league and tournament play.
- ii. Elementary
 1. Grade 4 - 6 Track Team Tryouts coming up soon
- g. Pictures
 - i. Feedback on new company

Previous and Upcoming Events

- a. October Assembly - Regulation strategies and digital citizenship
- b. Read-In Week Last Week
- c. October 18 - Freddie Firebird and Zombie Fun Run
- d. October 31 - Halloween!
 - ii. No weapons or items that could be perceived as weapons
 - iii. Grade 1 - 6 Costume Parade - 12:45
 - iv. Grade 7 - 9 Dance - 1:40 - 2:30
- e. November 1 - Grade 9 - Take Your Kids to Work Day
- f. November 8 - Remembrance Day Assembly - 10:30
- g. November 11 - 15 - November Break

7. Student Voice – Dustine Vivic

Theme Days:

- November- Backwards Day
- December- Festive PJ and Stuffy Day
- January- Dress like a Teacher Day
- February- Wear red, pink or white Day
- March- Crazy Hat and Hair Day
- April- Jersey/Sports Day
- May- Beach Day
- June- Sharpie and White Shirt Day

Student Voice:

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

- Terry Fox Run was great. We love going in the forest. So much fun!
- We are excited for Zombie Run. It is going to be scary.
- Tim Hortons as an option for Hot Lunch. We really like doughnuts.
- We liked Read in Week- we liked reading with younger and the older kids this time. So fun.
- In the gym, we really like dodgeball, especially Kings court and Doctor dodgeball. We also love belly ball- I absolutely love that game.
- Grade 6s have a Volleyball team which is super exciting.

- We really like Ms. Walker being our counselor- when I feel down or nervous, she is there for us.
- All students said that there is an adult to go to for help. Almost all have another student to go to help.
- We want to continue with grade 1-6 concession Fridays
- An after-school dance and a special family movie night would be a good option
- Our new librarian is really nice and makes it comfortable

What would we like to see happen or change?

- Movie afternoon maybe related to Christmas theme
- Some supervisors have different rules during lunch eating, and we think that they should all be the same: 1- sit or stand to eat but not move around the class 2- Talk quietly with someone next to you 3- only leave class to go to the washroom or water bottles 4- Have choice on movie or no movie
- Afternoon bus can be really noisy. It can be a lot.
- BGC is really loud and busy this year

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

- Staff and students being helpful and kind
- People watch out for us
- Mr. Spady and Mrs. Vicic take it seriously when someone isn't kind

8. Trustee Report – Kalyn Harrop

1. On September 11, Trustees attended a provincial funding announcement at Bev Facey Community High. At the event, the province celebrated the opening of nine new CASA Mental Health (Child and Adolescent Services for All) classrooms across Alberta, including one at Bev Facey. Another 60 CASA classrooms are expected to open throughout the province over the next three years.

Each CASA classroom provides tailored mental health supports and services for students experiencing persistent mental health symptoms. Staffed by teams that include psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, mental health therapists, social workers, occupational therapists, childcare counsellors, teachers, and administrative support staff.

2. On September 12, the Board hosted a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction on the Sherwood Park replacement school, a new kindergarten to Grade 9 school replacing École Campbelltown and Sherwood Heights Junior High. Chair Allen thanked Communication Services for organizing the event and Trustee Trina Boymook for the extensive work that went into securing funding for the new build.

3. On September 17, the province announced new capital funding to address the province's enrolment pressures within schools. The province will use the added money to construct more new schools, modular classroom units and modernizations—over a three-year period.
4. On September 18, trustees attended a town hall related to the provincial capital funding announcement— facilitated by Premier Danielle Smith and Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaidis. The meeting gave Alberta-based trustees, school administrators and educators the chance to ask questions and learn more about the new funding.
5. The Board approved piloting a new committee for the 2024-25 school year—the Governance and Evaluation Committee. Throughout the year, the committee will review the *Board Handbook*, develop the Board retreat agenda, work on the Superintendent evaluation, Board self-evaluation and Board work plan, and prepare for the upcoming trustee election and related onboarding. After the year, trustees will determine whether or not to make Governance and Evaluation a standing committee going forward.
6. The Board reviewed extensive research on the impact collaboration and professional learning have on student achievement. The research clearly demonstrates teacher collaboration enhances collective efficacy, pedagogical practices and student outcomes. Given a key EIPS priority is “enhancing growth and success for all students,” the Board wants to explore alternative Division calendars that embed formal collaboration time.

As such, the Board directed administration to:

- Develop alternate Division calendar options, 2025-26 and 2026-27, for the Board's consideration—with collaborative teacher-learning opportunities and a November break embedded within each option.
- Survey EIPS stakeholders to collect feedback about the possible calendar options.
- If an alternative calendar is approved, create a new draft administrative procedure, entitled Collaboration and Professional time outlining expectations related to professional collaborative learning time.

The calendar survey for all staff and parents will be available until October 20th. Accompanying the survey will be a video narrated by Superintendent Stoddard explaining the purpose for the collaboration time and how it may be used.

7. The Board received for information an update on two literacy and numeracy intervention pilot projects: the Reading Enrichment and Development (READ) pilot project and a junior high pilot project funded through Leveraging Student Achievement.

In 2023, EIPS launched the READ pilot project, a program aimed at improving student reading achievement through targeted intervention based on the science of reading. Seven schools took part in the program—five in Fort Saskatchewan and two rural schools. Each school received two rounds of intervention for a seven-week period, which included pre- and post-intervention assessments. In total, 50 students took part in READ, receiving intervention in four small-group

sessions a week, with each session lasting 40 minutes. Post-intervention testing showed significant improvements for learners—specifically in the areas of letter identification, sounds and phoneme manipulation.

EIPS also used Board-allocated Leveraging Student Achievement funding to address learning gaps seen at the junior high level. In 2023-24, four schools were selected for literacy intervention and four schools for numeracy intervention—based on Star Reading, Star Math and Provincial Achievement Test scores. Schools received six weeks of intervention programming, totaling 12 hours of targeted instruction per student. In total, 55 students received literacy support, and 57 received numeracy support. Similar to the READ program, post-intervention testing demonstrated improved outcomes for students.

Thanks to the success of the READ pilot project, the Division has expanded the program to include all elementary schools across the Division. It's also reviewing next steps for the junior high pilot.

8. GREAT NEWS:

Jasper's schools are to reopened Sept. 17, mere weeks later than scheduled, due to everyone's drive to get buildings ready ASAP for the approximately 470 students from K-12, said Carolyn Lewis-Shillington, chief superintendent of the Grande Yellowhead Public School Division (GYPSD).

9. **New Business**

a. COSC Update – Michelle Uytterhagen

- a. Our first COSC meeting of year took place on October 2, 2024. There was networking event before the official meeting took place where we got to chat with administrators and other parents attending the COSC Meeting. The first item of business was to elect the 2024/2025 executive. This years executive are:

- i. *Chair:* Stephanie Stoddard, Fort Saskatchewan Elementary
- ii. *Vice-Chair:* Michelle Uytterhagen, Fultonvale Elementary Junior High
- iii. *Secretary:* Andrea Brown, École Campbelltown

- b. They will be offering a Hybrid Option to attend meetings this year. Meeting times and format:

- i. *Meeting times:* 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- ii. *Meeting format:* Hybrid—both in person and virtual. During bad weather, meetings may take place entirely virtual.

- c. The first half of the meeting was a presentation from ASCA on The Work of School Council. Board Chair Allen provided a report on the budget. She provided an update about the District not receiving any Accelerated Building Funding but they are still moving ahead with their Capital plan regarding the enrollment pressures in Fort Saskatchewan. She also spoke about the School Calendar Survey and briefly on what the proposed new calendar will look like and why. The District is also seeking feedback via a survey to name the replacement school for Sherwood Heights and Campbelltown.

- d. The ATA Rep, Deneen Zielke presented her ATA report and how their focus is advocating to the province to increase funding to public education and not to Charter and Private Schools. It is encouraged to reach out to your MLA to express concerns about public education funding.
- e. The next meeting will be on November 6, 2024.
- b. Engagement Grant – Michelle Uytterhagen/Kayln Harrop
 - a. Grant of \$1060.77
 - b. Collaborate with other schools would be preferred, waiting on approval.
 - c. Application deadline is December 31, 2024
 - d. Send out survey to parents to get ideas
- c. Junior High Awards – Jeff Spady
 - a. Mr. Spady shared that many junior high students seemed to stop working due to students receiving their academic awards at the beginning of June. As a result, staff felt we needed a change, and we wanted feedback from the parents.
 - b. Feedback made was maybe run a fall awards night or send out certificate when test results are in
 - c. Mr. Spady will take that back to the staff for further discussion.

10. Old Business

- a. Junior High French – Jeff Spady
 - i. Proposing – will offer French with adequate registration; however may phase out.

11. Next Meeting will be November 19, 2024, at 7:00pm.

12. Meeting Adjourned

Kalyn Harrop adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm.