

FRH Parent Council Meeting – Nov 21, 2018 6:00 pm

Attendance:

Principle Lonnie Hicks

Aaron Tuckwood

Andrea Clark

Rita Lal

Steve Mousseau

Amanda Heinnah

Andrea Moniz

Colleen Miller - Helwig

Lori Reich-Smith

Robin Butterworth

Jeff Hanrahan

Regrets: None

1. Call to Order

6: 04pm

2. Minutes

Lori Reich-Smith made a motion to accept minutes. Jeff Hanrahan seconded the motion. All in favor- motion passed.

3. Review Agenda

Andrea Moniz moved to accept the Agenda, seconded by Jeff Hanrahan. All in favor, motion passed.

4. Old Business

a. Honor Roll update - Tabled from October meeting – Lonnie Hicks

Lonnie talked about the three models that currently exist, explained that there is interest in reconfiguring the local honors program to improve consistency. Lonnie will continue to provide updates on the review as information comes available.

b. Treatment of teachers by students becoming an issue, update – Tabled from October meeting - Lonnie Hicks to follow up with Trustee Don Irwin.

No update from the Trustee at this time, but Lonnie shared that this concern isn't trending and doesn't seem to be an area of concern or growing concern. He will continue to provide updates should anything change.

c. RCMP presentation on local drug use, signs and symptoms – Discussion and identify new possible dates.

- Lonnie will be coordinating a presentation to provide information on Cannabis usage, with Lori Kaiser, RN for 2019.
- Council discussed the importance of parents having information on Cannabis usage and what to look for. Also discussed the role that the school takes on such as locker checks and looking for unusual behavior. Some discussion on the Opioid crisis and that Naloxone Kits, used when there is an overdose are not to be in schools.
- Lonnie will be sending out information from Boyle Street.

d. Bullying, prevention, school process and schoolboard process – Confirm possible dates (January) and presenters.

- Lonnie reviewed Student Code of Conduct with the Parent Council and highlighted the areas that deal with bullying. Discussion that 80% of bullying is done outside of school, a large amount of bullying occurs on personal devices such as phones and on social media. If it impacts the climate of the school, students can be disciplined. The school investigates all bullying concerns that are brought to attention of the staff. Parents talked about how difficult it is for kids that are being bullied to speak up, and students are encouraged to advocate for each other. Use Empathy, and for parents to regularly talk to their kids. Lonnie shared that the schoolboard is currently considering taking phones away from students when they are in school, however the

challenge would be how to enforce this. This option is currently being considered.

- Parent resources – **Alberta education website** **** social media lingo
- Discussion about presentations for Jan and Feb. Because there are several community resources and online that people can access on their own, and given history of poor attendance for presentation, it was decided not to do any large presentations this year.
- Mr. Tuckwood suggested, and council agreed that alternatively, the school will do “Cyber Friday” where he can a post on in Hawks Nest, and on the FRH Facebook Page, every Friday. The information posted will provide information to parents on trends such as vaping, drug use, bullying, trending apps etc. Discussion that this may be a better way to provide valuable information to parents rather than trying to get parents out to a presentation that may be poorly attended. The school administration will be able to track how many people opened the links to determine interest.
- Mr. Tuckwood talked about a New App called Photo Vault that looks like but is not a calculator. Like Snap Chat, the app allows the user to hide information. If parents, see two calculator apps on kid’s phone – it’s a sign that they may be using Photo Vault.
- “Common Sense Media” – a website that helps parents to know what media is appropriate for their children based on age and provides resource information.

5. **New Business**

No New Business.

6. **Principal’s Report**

Tryouts for sports

Community RN – intoxication

Rita Lal presented information about an initiative at lunch hours to get students involved in providing information about what they think about the school, and helping them to identify and problem solve how they, the students can make the school better. There have been two meetings and a third one planned. Some of the items that have come up are:

What is working

Flow of stairs

Options choices – fitness

GSA
DPA
Bell Schedule
Double option periods
Staff morale
Positive posters
Leadership
Hawks nest
Classrooms
Flow of the building

New ideas/Opportunities for Change

Noise level at lunch
Talent Show – showcase
School spirit days (twin day, Jersey day)
Slushees
Music Fridays
Consequences are harsh
Employment concerns
Debate Club
Religious club
What makes being late?
Staff perception of being young
Places without cameras and teachers

This initiative shows students that the staff is listening to their concerns and wants to follow through with the requests made.

Ms. Lal also spoke about STUDENT VOICE which provides the opportunity for youth to speak in front of a room/face to face – not just video or email. It encourages students to critically think and problem solve and supports them in articulating their concerns and dealing with conflict in a positive and healthy way. Student Voice is held in ROOM 171 usually on Tuesdays.

Please encourage kids to come!!

7. **Confirm next meeting date January 9, 2018 6pm**

8. **Meeting Adjournment** – Jeff Hanrahan moved to adjourn meeting at 8:05pm, motion seconded by Colleen Miller-Helwig, all in favor – motion passed.