

FE Osborne Jr. High Parent Council Meeting

Date Sept 25, 2025

Location: F.E.O school

Attendees: Michael Cutler (Principal), Scott Willougby (Assistant Principal), Tawni Belliveau (Chair), Leanne Morrow (Casino Coordinator), Marla Richardson (Health Hunger Coordinator), Melanie G (Healthy Hunger Coordinator) Tatiana Dunfield, Emma C., Hanae O., Peirre-Henry A., Sonia A., Yi L., Virginia F., Mike M., Shannon M-F., Sasha B., Jenny H., Jodi Schiimann., Lisa Haines (Special Event Coordinator), Aleta A., Leah K., Kathryn L-W.

Agenda

Administration

1. Welcome
2. Introduction
3. Approval of Agenda (1 minute)
 - a. Motion – Marla
 - b. Second – Jenny H
4. Approval of previous minutes (June 3, 2025), (1 minute)
 - a. Motion – Lisa H
 - b. Second – Leanne M
5. Discussions and reports
 - a. Why School Councils? [School Council - F. E. Osborne School](#) and [School Council Handbook](#)
 - b. We Need You – open positions for Council
 - i. Discussion to Chair and Co-chair as read from the school Council Handbook
 - ii. Co-Chair – request for support with Chair itself of need for co-chair if unable to commit to Chair
 1. Leanne M nominated Shannon Fleck for chair - she voiced to be Co-chair
 2. Motion by Leanne M
 3. Second – Marla
 4. Unsure what bylaw said regarding quorum needs, put pin in for vote to same at AGM in October meeting and allow Shannon to decide.
 - a. Plan for AGM and vote in October

c. Principal/Assistant Principal update

- i. Thank you for being present and being in person after Meet the Teacher night
- ii. Elephant in room – potential job action with strike, Staff if having a hard time with it, discussed that he cannot speak about politics but noted restraints currently such as class sizes; all decisions as school/council are with lens of student come first
- iii. Large class sizes and resources are thin – Council purchases of chrome books from Casino fund – supported with PATs as would need to have borrowed from Marion Carson or petition to writer another day with AB Education
- iv. Amazing update from parent council – school dances and year end farewell at Heritage Park
- v. Response is usually – how can we make this happen and affect positive change in school – Principal noted will rarely say no
- vi. Washroom doors removal (Exterior door) – vandalism and vaping from daily occurrence to near zero occurrence by the end of the year
- vii. Large number of 8/9 students did not put in option requests – Assistance principal did magic ball predications for which they want with the kids and completed 287 option change requests completed and sadly 60 rejected due to space
- viii. Possible future discussion with parent council - Home room time, intensive social, emotional, character citizenship building time all came from parent council meetings in the past
- ix. Metrics – incidents and office referrals – all down; Attendance rates are up – all data looked at so far is showing very good start to year and continue it through the year
- x. Noted Principal/ Vice-Principal have no inside information, and everyone will find out when they themselves find out.
- xi. Question – teacher appreciation due to low morale and struggling – more uplifting days moving forward → fund the parent teacher interview both semester meals – agree to find opportunities to find time to have support
 1. Tuscany Latte cart with unlimited lattes

6. Business

a. Old Business

- i. Outdoor learning and field trips – concerns from last year

1. Marion Carson – put in circle learning, plan for central courtyard to be tidied up and turn into a legacy project and usable space
2. Field trips – Sailing and Disney trips
 - a. Grade 6 – Camp Chief Hector in Spring – typically 5 days, booked for 3 days / 2 nights to be safe
 - i. Hasn't officially been updated
 - ii. Downpayment that is non-refundable
 - iii. Announced in classroom
 - iv. Parent meetings down the road with how to manage it – 1st sleepover tips and organization
 - b. Fall – trips, drama productions all up in the air but now may be cancelled due to strike action
 - i. A – in city
 - ii. B – within province
 - iii. C – in Canada – CBE in talks with AB Education about same, plan for Quebec / Ottawa trip for all grade 8 and 9's – now on hold -need to encompass both French and English, paperwork stated with director approval but have been put a hold given talks of strike. Will just need to submit request if can be resumed later
 - iv. D – international – we were last one for CBE with Disney – nothing moving forward with various reasons
 - c. Goal is every grade to have an overnight trip this year, but this will be dependent on the teacher's vote this week
 - d. Sailing trip – not inclusive for everyone and quite expensive for 30 kids – looking for something that is easier for access to all grades: looking to replace it within something else
 - i. Principal plans for the next 3 year out and then sends it to the director approval pending job action – cant provide more details till later
 - ii. One issue from last year – fell on same week as French LA PATs with no room to wiggle

1. When it was booked – not dates for PATs were announced but can confirm at least no sailing trip for the next 2 years
- ii. CASA program – Mental health program – “work hardening” – get them prepared to go back to home school on 3rd floor
 1. Lot of success and plans to expand it in program
 2. Working on refining program – intake from CBE and Calgary Catholic
 3. Obstacle – no transportation – if live in deep south – family will need to provide transport up to school daily
 4. Short term – 1 semester program, intensive social and emotional support with goal to get into regular class within 4-5 months
 5. All integrated into 1 class or full core class and as get closer to return to home school - will be able to be close to 100% integration
 6. Dedicated teacher and through CASA (outside organization with partnership with CBE) there is a councilor and a clinical psychologist.
 7. How does it benefit the school – financial not out of FEO budget – paid by CASA program and CBE head office, impacts the whole school for psychologist and therapist to work with the teachers’ workshops and work with students who have IPPS for struggles with dysregulation and easily access to brainstorm as psychologist in same building
 8. Parent question – with Branton “opening up” where the numbers affected – answer: no – we gained students from Branton with families moving not boundary changes
 9. Biggest cohort of Grade 6 French immersion in the past 5 years – 3 current classes with roughly 28 students and will help to balance resources moving forward and potential for 4 grade 6’s in French immersion next year
- iii. Principal / Assistant Principal – please send email and will respond within a few days
- iv. AGM – plan for Oct 14 as it was not done last year
- b. New Business
 - i. Special Events Coordinator – Lisa H.

1. Hoping for Halloween dance – insurance needs to be submitted and apply to gym within 30 days of plan – unable to do it with the current time frame
2. Hopefully one fall dance due to décor and then turn into fundraiser to grade 9 farewell
- ii. Grad 9 Farewell – Tatiana D.
 1. Initiative to start a legacy event
 2. Decision up to parents this year – make decision quickly
 - a. Better than imagined and kids really looked forward to it
 - b. Council did provide money to same
 - c. Cost to attend but with fundraising can keep future costs low
 - d. Dinner, dance with DJ, rides
 - i. “that was the best night of my life”, “I didn’t want it to end”
 - e. Very quick turnaround to plan – plan to discuss same October meeting
 - f. Heritage Park if want to book time – will need to finalize as soon as possible to pay the deposit and find a date - date of Tuesday last year worked out well as no PATs
 - g. Tatiana is willing to support if families and grade 9’s want to go ahead with it
7. Next Meeting Date – Traditional 1st Tuesday of month and online like Teams so can remote into the same
 - a. Question – does principal have to be present – will depend on this weekend’s plan
 - b. Why the 2nd Tuesday – feeder schools and plan around parents who have kids in multiple schools – talk about 3rd Tuesday; if move to Mon/Wed – where are parents’ priorities
 - i. Mondays and Fridays are bad days
 - c. If push it from casino fund – have application to extend spending the money
 - i. Teachers gearing up for next meeting with “asks”
 - d. **October 14, 2025** (Monday the 13 is Thanksgiving) – dependent on how the teachers vote – if on stroke, no meeting to occur
 - i. teachers would have “asks” in in time for AGM for spending casino/general accounts
 - ii. hopeful for AGM currently for this date
 - iii. Plan for proper vote for co-chair

- e. **Nov 18, 2025** as fall break is Nov 10 to 13 → plan to decide Jan/Feb dates
 - f. **No December meeting** – will resume in new year – skip due to short month
- 8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion – Melanie G