

FE Osborne Jr. High Parent Council Meeting

Oct. 3, 2023 (Online via Microsoft Teams and in Person Room 203) 6:30 pm

Attendees: Mike Van Wensem (co-chair), Carmen Lazorek (co-chair), Amit Saduera (treasurer), Marla Richardson (secretary), Lesley Scullion (principal), Scott Willoughby (vice-principal), Emma Stokes, Tina Bisson, Shruti Jauhri, Lisa Haines, Sara Turner, Linda Josue, Roseanna Redd, Melanie Graham

Minutes

1. Welcome
 - Call the meeting to order at 6:39pm
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve: Shruti
 - Second: Sara
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Sept. 11, 2023)
 - Motion to approve: Shruti
 - Second: Amit

Reports

1. Admin Report (L. Scullion and S. Willoughby)
 - Changes in staffing due to smaller school numbers (first year in decline). Actual 677. Projected 697. Last year 780. Mr. Trinh reduced hours from .8 to .5. Teachers were moved to accommodate this change. Families were contacted if they were impacted.
 - Grade 7 English class sizes are large (34-35 students) and grade 7 French Immersion classes are small.
 - School prioritized keeping the resource room. There is an increase in student complexity system wide. The school has 2 Education Assistants (1 English and 1 French) and a teaching assistant for English as an additional learner students.
 - Funding count day was Sept 28. Funding based on student enrollment that day.
 - Basketball started yesterday. Cross country is done. Soccer is mid-season. Play practices are ongoing for December showcase. Athletic calendar on website.
 - Clubs: debate club, dungeons and dragons, games club, yearbook club, weekly news group. Clubs are posted on the website. Sum it Up on Thursday – homework help.
 - Meet the teacher Sept 21, 2023 – New format with group presentations (Math, Science, Humanities and complimentary options).
 - Options changes are closed. This will open again the first week of the next trimester. French Immersion band students are getting a second option.
 - Hall passes are now being used. One student out of the class at a time. Colour coded by floor.

- Parent Question: What is the resource room? Had we taken it away what would the impact have been? Resource room is fully staffed all day (Mrs. Bisson and Mrs. McMahon). A wide variety of students use the space (quiet space to write exams, one on one support). All subjects covered. Students use the room during class time.
- Ms. Schnurr and Ms. Kerr providing math support in small groups (grade 7, 8 and 9).
- Parent questions: Are you going to do Model UN? Mr. Frehlich did it last year. Mr. Willoughby will ask staff.

2. Council Chair Report (Carmen Lazorek)

- Please let co-chairs know if you would like to help in any capacity.
- Bank transfer completed Sept 29 and files transferred to co-chairs. Facebook and gmail account access being sorted out.

3. Old Business

- 3.1. Tim Osztovits and Emma Stokes have volunteered to be casinos co-chairs.

4. New Business

4.1. Meeting format to continue as hybrid meeting.

- Will address again next meeting.

4.2. Bussing concerns from Rocky Ridge (Sara Turner). Challenges with transit connections from Tuscany (bus to train in Tuscany and train to bus at Dalhousie). Number 19 bus is often full even if they arrive to catch the bus. Complaints have been submitted with Calgary Transit.

Transportation is an ongoing concern with building the French Immersion program. It is on the radar of CBE. Not enough numbers for an express bus. Input from parents and school important for change.

- L. Scullion will email transportation.
- Sara Turner and Roseanna Redd will draft a family transportation survey and send to Carmen Lazorek. Carmen will send to L. Scullion.

5. Meeting Wrap Up at 736pm

- Motion to adjourn: Amit
- Second: Mike

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Minutes

1. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve: Amit
- Second: Emma

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Sept. 11, 2023)

- Motion to approve: Carmen
- Second: Amit

Reports

1. Treasurer (Amit)

- Bank signatures completed.
- Need to get access to bank statements
- General: \$9619 - Money in this account used for sport court maintenance (bylaws require \$2000.00 every year), grade 9 grad, staff suppers
- Casino: \$66 357 Cash: \$7462

2. Fundraising

- Shruti organizes the lunches 2 times per month. Leadership students deliver the meals.
- School makes \$1000.00 per month. 400-500 students order every month.
- School thinking about Scholastic Book Fair (school goal - building quality reading habits)

3. Casino Chair (Tim Osztovits)

- Ace Casino in Spring 2024
- Mike nominates Emma Stokes as casino co-chair.
- Second: Amit
- All in favour, yes. Motion passed.
- Thank you to Tim and Emma.

4. New Business – wish list presentation L. Scullion

- Total requests:\$74003. See attached list.
- Sara motions to approve \$2000.00 towards band students instrument clinics at Mount Royal University.
- Second: Marla
- All in favour, yes. Motion passed.

- School Administration inquired if there are any parents with construction background. They need help with physical education shed maintenance.

5. Old Business

- None

6. Meeting Wrap Up at 804pm

- Motion to adjourn: Shruti
- Second: Marla