

FALUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

**Monday, January 16th, 2023
Held at Falun School at 7:00pm**

In Attendance:

**Frank Heinrichs – Principal
Celeste Magill – President
Sarah Sear – Secretary
Danielle Scott
Scott Wilson
Amber Anctil
Lindsey George**

**Megan Tabler
Tara Schnell
Katherine Pike
Kyla Coady
Julie Gainford
Brad Robins
Jillayne Bolton**

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Celeste Magill**
- 2. Meeting Agenda Adopted:** Motion to approve the agenda by Megan Tabler. 2nd by Amber Anctil. Motion Carried.
- 3. November 21st, 2022 Council Minutes Adopted:** Motion to approve the minutes by Megan Tabler. 2nd by Tara Schnell. Motion Carried.
- 4. Board of Trustee Report presented by Kyle Dorchester**

This week we have budget consult meetings – Wednesday, January 18th from 6pm-8pm. The Superintendent Wade will be there and will talk about items in the budget that are written in stone with staff, maintenance and they would like the parents input regarding the budget.

85% of the budget is staff, administration and maintenance.

After the budget meetings for those parents that were not able to attend we will send out a link ask for their input as well regarding which top 5 programs they would like to see in our division. One program we are looking into is CTS Experience - Trades -Getting a welding truck to come out for a week and teach students how to weld.

One New program for next year is the Drone pilot program – students will be able to get license to fly a drone and partnership to get aviation for their pilot licence.

For those staff members that volunteer outside of the school hours as in coaching or training will get compensation for their extra time. (day in Lieu)

Another item in the budget that will benefit students and parents in Including a late bus from the high school next year. This will help some students who don't have the ride for sports and other activities after school.

The teaching of the seasons - First nations perspective is an activity we are presenting to the school board but it has not been approved yet. We will have more information on this at a later date.

Friendship society - Hosting 40 students from Japan. From a Thursday - Tuesday.

Board has approved - Provincials - Basketball, we have incorporated a camera system to follow action. A portable camera that can be used to video tape the Christmas Concert as well. This will need to be trained by someone at the school to use.

Upcoming - Full day kindergarten - Looking to get more programs in our smaller schools.

5. Principals Report presented by Frank Heinrichs:

A. Respiratory Illness Outbreak Status Dec. 7-21st

- a. Mandated to report to AHS when we have greater than 10% of absent students with respiratory illness. On December 6th we had approx 23% of students and some staff sick.
- b. School had between 15%-24% during the 2 week outbreak.
- c. Follow AHS Guide for Outbreak Prevention and Control in Schools:
 - i. Disseminate the attached letter to Parents/Guardians.
 - ii. Review your outbreak measures with your staff
 - iii. Report daily: An electronic submission through the online portal is required.
 - iv. Parents/Guardians should assess their children daily for new symptoms of illness.
 - v. Students and staff should not attend school if they are ill.
 - vi. Encourage hand hygiene for students and staff
 - vii. Encourage staff and students to practice respiratory etiquette.
 - viii. Ill students or staff should be sent home, where possible by private transportation.
 - ix. It is recommended that symptomatic individuals stay at home until they are feeling better.

B. Flex Room 120 Reno

- a. Nearing completion: New Wainscoting, paint, cupboard installation and new carpet.

C. Rabbit Hill Skiing for Grades 4-6

- a. January 23rd and February 28th, 2023. We have 5 passes to give to parent helpers each day. Helpers will need to submit a Crim. Rec. Check.

D. Earth Rangers Virtual presentation: Rescheduled to Jan. 17th, 2023

- a. The presentation will focus on amazing animals and their superpowers – thus explaining the importance of biodiversity and how animals unique adaptations allow them to thrive in their specific ecosystems. The presentation will provide students with tangible ways they can help protect these ecosystems and show the big collective impact small, everyday actions can have.

E. Term 2 Reporting

- a. Marks will be posted after January 30th, 2023

F. Christmas Concert

- a. As a staff we reviewed our alternatives and discuss what other schools were planning on doing. We felt that recording the concert was our best option and so we recorded the dress rehearsal.
- b. AHS suggested that we reconsider hosting our concerts should absence continue due to illness.

G. Skiing and Skating are happening!

- a. We have two planned dates for Skiing. One in January and one in February. Forms are on powerschool.
- b. Skating permission forms are on power school as well.

H. F & P Mid year reading assessments taking place.

I. Volunteers Needed

- a. We still are in need of volunteer readers to come into the school, we have had 5 responses to this request. Please let the school know if you would like to come in.

J. Public Budget Consultation

- a. WRPS will be hosting a Public Budget Consultation on January 18th, 2023 from 6pm-8pm in our Gym. Parents are invited to attend.

5. Ongoing Business – NONE

6. New Business

- a. Virtual meetings – We will be looking at going through Google meets to allow for anyone that can't come in. We just need to get a computer set up in the meeting room and have someone host it. More details on this will be at the next meeting.
- b. NEXT MEETING: February 27th , 2023 at 7pm at the Falun School.

7. Adjourn Meeting at 7:33pm