

James Fowler High School Parent Council Minutes

Thursday October 3rd, 2024

Attendees:

School Staff:

Keith Johnson – Principal,

T. Kitchen - Assistant Principal

Simo Zarkovic – Assistant Principal

Andrew Brash – Assistant Principal

Parents Attending in person:

Monique Gibbs – President/Chair Joan Macdonald - Secretary

Jeff Schroeder – Casino Chair

Kelly Michaud- Vice Chair

Jennifer Beeler – Key Communicator

Jasmin J.

Mary

Parents attending via MS Teams:

Shiela R. Adeymi T. Bukky Adebayo O. Foster. Jenal Laiza M Liana P. Manasi B. Harpal A. Iza K. Harpal A. Manoj K, Mohamad, Mohammad W. Rahma, Rohit, Sana, Sarah O, Shorf A., Suman A, Ayub P E, Bernard K, Hamdi A., Sukwinder L,

Meeting called to order: 6:31 PM

Approval of Agenda:

Pre-approved by – Kelly M

Seconded by – Jeff S.

All in favour

Motion carried.

Approval of May 2nd, 2024, Meeting Minutes:

Approved by Jeff S

Seconded by Andrew Brash

All in favour

Motion carried

School Admin Reports

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Principals Report – Keith Johnson

Welcome to the new school year. 1625 students. projected number was 1435. Capacity of 1800.

77.5 FTE teachers. 21 support staff.

Simo is working on a furniture plan and an area to each lunch to accommodate number of students. Many new grad teachers, new to teaching.

Major focus for school will be building community and socializing as part of learning. Encouraging students to feel the school is their home. An anti-racism plan called FAIR – Fowler anti racism, is being developed.

Assistant Principal Report – Andrew Brash

Bussing has been a problem again. Transit has met with Fowler to discuss problems. A second bus has been added at 4pm but kids are not waiting for it. Some busses are full in the morning, so kids are being left at the stops. Parents are encouraged to contact Transit to ask them to try to solve the problem. Buses 751, 752, 755 busses are too full. Transit doesn't have enough busses.

Jeff suggests a pamphlet with directions on how to make a complaint.

Mary says busses in Livingston even outside of school hours are a problem. Full busses causing students and other people to be late.

Meet the Teacher night was good. Around 200 people attended. Hopefully we can encourage more people to come by publicizing it better.

Question about the casino chair from a parent online. Jeff encouraged attending a meeting to get better idea of how that position works.

Assistant Principal Report – Simo Zarkovic

New program for grade 12 students APOP – Alberta Post Secondary Options Program. One application to a post-secondary institution for free. There will be presenters in to talk to students at the school. My pass card will be needed. This will happen mid-November.

65 min classes this year. 14 min nutrition breaks. No long lunches. Reduced number of Teacher Advisor/ Home room or Teacher Advisor time periods.

Parent teacher interviews can be booked online on Power School and will be scheduled Oct 24th and Oct 25th in the evening.

Cross Country is ongoing.

Football is with Diefenbaker again and a game is scheduled for next Friday.

Volleyball teams have been formed.

Basketball expression of interest meeting has been held.

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Committee Reports

Council Chair: Monique Gibbs

Monique would like quotes for furniture from Teachers.

Vice Chair:

No official report

Secretary: Joan Macdonald

No official report

Treasurer: – not present

No official report

Casino Chair: Open

No official report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

None

Motion to adjourn – Kelly M

Seconded – Joan M

Adjourned: 7:24pm

Next Hybrid Meeting: November 7 2024