Wednesday March 16, 2022
5:30PM

VCHS library

**People & Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. These are the meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Nakota Sioux, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, and Métis. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

**Attendance**

**Parents**: Jody Weleschuk, Erin Robert, Shayla Dube, Sabrina Komarniski, Laurel Driedger

**Staff**: Rod Leatherdale, Kelly Sawatzky

**Students**: Kalyna Palsitt

**Trustee**: Randy Footz

**Others**:

1. **Call to order**: Laurel 5:35pm
2. **Review of the Agenda:** Add Foundation report to 5. b
3. **Approval of the Minutes:** Laurel motioned to approve previous minutes. Jody 2nd.
4. **Old Business:** none
5. **a) Student Council report:** Sold candy grams for Valentine’s Day, made $156.95. Making green jello for St. Patrick’s Day tomorrow. Twin Day was last week and a Wacky Socks day is coming up next week. Teacher appreciation also coming up. All students were sent a Kindness Form saying something nice about someone/nominating them; handed out lunch coupons and posted pictures on social media. Jr. High members helping out.

 **b) Foundation Report:** Casino account: $13, 683.14 General account: $2,368.97 Chromebook cart has arrived, chromebooks are ordered. Little Caesar’s Fundraiser – sold 228 kits, profit of $1368.00. Running a Widynowski’s Sausage House Fundraiser – forms went out March 11, due back before Spring Break on March 23rd and pick up is right before Easter on April 13. We signed up to provide volunteers for the Vegreville Ag Society Fair Beer Gardens on Saturday, Aug 6. We’ll find out in May when the fall Casino date is between Oct-Dec.

1. **COSC report:** see attached. Resolution discussion. Laurel to draft a letter to parents and we’ll send out a survey asking parents opinions on if Diploma exams should remain as 10% weight.
2. **Trustee Update**:

**January Board Meeting**

The Board approved the Division calendar for the 2022-23 school year.

The Board approved a budget reallocation because of an unanticipated surplus of $1.5 million. The Division will use the funds to:

* hire two family school liaison workers, a consultant for the Specialized System programs and two occupational therapists;
* assist with implementing the new curriculum;
* support French Immersion and French-language programming;
* cover human resources costs related to staff and substitute compensation;
* develop a Division communication platform for staff and families;
* purchase Enterprise Level Division Form Solution Software;
* develop a new report card before September 2022; and
* replace more than 1,500 Chromebook reaching end of life.

 The Board approved the school fee parameters for the 2022-23 school year. The parameters are based on the guidelines laid out within the new *Education Act* and the Board’s mandate for affordable school fees.  An increase of 5% or cost recovery are deemed acceptable for most courses.

 **February** **Board Meeting**

The Board approved sponsoring the registration fee for school council members to take part in the 2022 Alberta School Councils’ Association (ASCA) School Council Conference and Annual General Meeting. The conference takes place April 22-24. The Board will fund the cost of one registration fee per EIPS school—up to a maximum of $5,000.

**New School Announcement**

The Board received the news that the Planning and Design phase of a new school slated for the current Sherwood Heights Junior High School to replace the existing structure.

The new school will have capacity for up to 1,200 students in a dual-track French and English immersion school made up of students from Sherwood Heights and École Campbelltown.

The cost of replacing Sherwood Heights Junior High School is expected to be around $40.8 million.

1. **Principal’s Report:** Kelly said there’s been an increase in mental health needs, students coming in dysregulated, struggling, affecting attendance. Hired FSLW – Shelane Williams 3 days/week. She is working one on one with students and also with families. Kirstin McSween is our MHCB success coach who does more promotional work like after school programming.

Rod presented the fee consultation, not huge response on the survey. Cost of foods class has increased, some concerns with athletic fees. Seeing what other school offer for options. Unpaid fees are a concern every year. Parent Teacher Interviews coming up next week, hybrid style with 1 day in person and 1 phone interviews. Alberta Education Parent Assurance Survey coming out for grade 7 and 10 parents. Also the Elk Island Parent Engagement Survey. Athletics report; 5 basketball teams, Sr. girls ended up with Silver at Zones and Jr. B girls Bronze. Badminton and Track & Field coming up. Facilities update: 1 IMR project which is the office workspace. Enrolment for next year looks stable, same number of Grade 12s leaving as there are Grade 6s coming up, approx. 344 students. Lots of no bus days this winter. In house school busses are expensive to run, cost of maintenance going up. Just replaced tires on one bus for approx. $3,000. They get inspected every 6 months. Fundraising: following admin procedures ie: regarding food restrictions. Foundation will fundraise, as well as Band Parent Group and then school fundraisers will go into general pot. Spring Registration Night tomorrow in town. Covid update: still sanitizing and keeping grade entrances.

1. **Review of proposed Fees**: as presented by Rod.
2. **Teacher report:** included in Principal’s Report.
3. **New Business:** none.
4. **Next Meeting:** Monday, May 16 @ 5:30pm
5. **Adjourn:** Laurel motion to adjourn 7:47pm, Sabrina 2nd.