Monday April 12, 2021
6:30 PM Virtual

**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** – Randy Footz, Rod Leatherdale, Holly Warawa, Sabrina Komarniski, Adrienne Mills (absent), Laurel Driedger (absent), Dawn Ionetz, Deniene Zaseybida, Jody Weleschuk, Kalyna Palsitt (student absent)

**Parents**: Dawn, Deniene, Sabrina, Jody

**Staff**: Rod, Sabrina, Holly

**Trustee:** Randy Footz

**Others**: Minute taker is Deniene Zaseybida

1. **Call to Order**

No formal call to order was conducted as this meeting is not a regular PAC meeting, but rather a consultation meeting regarding school fees.

Vice Chair: Dawn Ionetz opened the meeting at 6:31 pm.

1. **Review of the Agenda**

 No formal motion made to accept as presented. Tabled until next meeting in May.

1. **Approval of the Minutes**

Approval of March 2021 meeting minutes will be tabled until next meeting in May.

4. **Old Business**

Tabled until next meeting in May.

5. **Student Council Report**

 Tabled until next meeting in May.

 6. **Teacher Update**

 Tabled until next meeting in May.

 **7. Principal Report** – Rod Leatherdale

Reminder that this is not a full meeting. Just going over fees, as some changes have been made.

* Great response on survey; 40 responses with a mixed bag of comments
* some parents wanted more field trips to increase opportunities for them; not add extra fees
* a significant cost was/is the band field trip cost at $3000 approximately and will be readdressed next year. This number will not come down much, if anything transportation costs might be going up
* primary parent concern was the cost of athletics
* extra circular fees-we looked at last 2 years of fees going out; includes registration fees and tournament costs of referees, which is a large cost
* all expenses were reviewed to maximize savings; KidSport Canada can be used to supplement cost for families in need
* Highlights include but are not limited to:junior boys and girls basketball was flagged at ceiling cost; brought it down to $325 and seniors boys and girls went to $400; down $100
* went through list of sport costs as an overview and savings were made in various areas
* field trips can't be supplemented as it must be listed and approved by the board; they are not interchangeable
* band field trips tend to be expensive and the Vegreville Music Parent Association supplements costs as much as they can
* instrument rental fees include maintenance, transportation and cleaning and replacement
* yearbook comes up every year--can not be paid for by instructional dollars and must be pre ordered and paid for at cost. Can not be ordered late in the year as we can not afford to risk ordering a surplus that doesn’t sell. Some archived yearbooks were found and we will be reaching out to the community in case they can be sold.
* they plan on continuing yearbook sales and again,fee is set at cost recovery only
* Please note: all fees are cost recovery only. If there is a surplus of fees at year end; they will be refunded (very slow process) eventually. Working on them as they come up
* Fees are grappled with every year and will continue to be reviewed annually. We know that families struggle to pay fees each year, as there is always an amount that remains unpaid by parents.
* Opening for questions:None at this time.

 **8. Trustee report:** Randy Footz

 Tabled until next meeting in May.

1. **New Business:**

Tabled until next meeting in May.

1. **Next Meeting(s):**

May 17th, due to May long weekend on the 24th.

1. **Adjourn:** Meeting closed 6:54 pm.

*No formal motion made to adjourn meeting. Dawn Ionetz called the meeting to a close.*