



FFCA North Middle School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2015

1. Round table introduction - not needed  
(followed campus parent council meeting where introductions were done)
2. Approval of June 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes  
Minor change made by Erica re: Mr Freezie prizes  
Motioned by: Ida  
Seconded by: Erica
3. Teacher presentation – Rod Pittman and Danny Williamson
  - shared their Life Skills/Economics program with council
  - well received by council members impressed with the skills taught and practiced within the program
  
  - Kara wanted to make sure that we took advantage of the opportunity we have to connect with teachers through Candace. Candace will let council know if teachers are interested/willing to share some of their school highlights with us. Suggestions were for teachers to share about Google Apps, We Day (service learning), SRC (Student Representative Council)
4. Report from Board Member (Cindy)
  - 5 new members and 2 returning members to the Board
  - Pamela Wilson is stepping down as Chair for personal reasons. A new chair will be elected at the next Board Meeting.
  - Kara has ordered flowers for Pamela from Council to express our sympathy for her loss. A motion was put forth and passed to recover the cost from Council.(Please see invoice for total)  
Motioned: Erica Seconded: Ida
  - Focus has been on building relationships with our new government. Board has put a lot of energy into educating the new government about Charter Schools.

Government has been open to listening but still has not been clear about their position.

- Next board meeting is on September 16th at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino – dinner for exiting and new board members at 6:00. Public portion of board meeting at 7:00 at Deerfoot Inn and Casino
- ABC event at 7:00 on Oct. 6th. Cindy thanked NMS for hosting.

#### 5. Administrators Update - Kurtis

- Playground build is set to go!
- Registration is complete for students for the 2015/16 school year.
- Almost fully staffed...waiting on the return of an Art teacher who is attending to a family situation. Spanish teachers have been hired and are creating a positive buzz with students. Erin Cochrane will be heading up a Cheerleading Club for students. Response overwhelming for club which can only accommodate gr 7 and 8 students at this time.

#### 6. Chair / Vice Chair's report

ASC update's – Erica

- New spirit wear coming out for FFCA
- Bylaws are being reviewed with a deadline of December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Next meeting is Sept 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – opportunities for networking with other members of council from different campuses
- Food Drive will be held again this year: Kurtis suggested that ASC theme the drive to build excitement and community eg. all students bring in Mac and Cheese: create a group activity such as building a structure with food brought in
- AB website closed on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – concern was raised that the government does not make these opportunities well known to the public or even to those in the education world so we can make our voices heard.

Next ASC meeting September 24, 2015 @ 6:00pm.

- Receipts for community fund due Sept 24<sup>th</sup>...Kara will ask for an extension to allow for receipts to be brought in for events that have not yet taken place.

Next council meeting October 5 @ 7:00

Council meetings are as scheduled for 2015/2016 school year...

Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 1, Mar 7, Apr 11, May 2, June 6.

Motions passed over summer....

Motion for a deposit in the amount of \$1300 for 2 Atco Gas BBQ's and 4 10X20 Atco Tents for build day on September 19. Cheque will be mailed back if BBQ's and tents are returned clean and in good working order. (Please refer to email's)

Motion to spend up to \$350 on pancake breakfast supplies. (please refer to email's)

Motion to spend up to \$100 on Playground Donation Wall (please refer to email's)

## 7. Committee Reports

### a. **Treasurer** - Ida

- Our funds are very tight. \$1200 will be in the account after taking into account the costs of the Pancake Breakfast.

- After the playground is completed, council will determine if the funds raised from the SUTP sales will go towards the playground or council account.

Motion to approve Financials

Motioned by Sukhmeet

Seconded by Erica

Danny and Rod's Life skills class – Motion to support life skills

Natalie put forward a motion to provide each teacher with \$200 to begin with to help fund the Life Skills project. This dollar amount will be reviewed in the new year and may be increased if funds allow for it. Seconded:

iii. Legion Donation – Ida has not yet heard from the Legion. Will contact.

### b. **Fundraising** - Mandeep

SUTP 2015

Currently about \$3400 has been raised.

Any other fundraising ideas:

Council suggested to host some sort of "a-thon". Well received by parents and teachers for its alignment to our focus on academic excellence. Does not need to be spelling – other options are math, science, social studies. To be discussed at a later date.

### d. **Partnership Coordinator** – Sukhmeet

- Focus has been on the playground

**e. Hot Lunch Coordinator – Alka and Raj**

Welcome to Raj who joined council in the summer

- Using Healthy Hunger again this year. Good feedback from council re: meal choices. Extra funds may be generated from the first few hot lunches. If so, the funds may be used to purchase a snack for the Dec. and Jan. lunches.
- 252 orders were placed for Sept.
- Sukhmeet will help organize a team of Hot lunch volunteers – commitment is from about 10:45 to 12:00 to sort and deliver lunches to classrooms

**f. Community Liaison – Samantha and Natalie**

i. Pancake Breakfast September 23/Terry Fox run

ii.) Motion #1 – To spend up to \$35 on munchies for Sept 14, 2015 meeting.

iii.) Motion #2 – To spend up to \$50 in Welcome back teacher gifts.

Motion #1 & 2 motioned and passed through email on Sept 10, 2015.

- Teacher welcome back gifts ready to be delivered. Sam will contact Brenda Wong for staff list.

- My favourite things sheet will be generated using an online form for staff.

Natalie to forward questions to Kurtis.

- Staff Snacks – Natalie and Sam will organize to provide a monthly snack for teachers. Snack will be left in the common room and will be provided by parents/families. Details to be determined.

- Pancake Breakfast – will serve pancakes, a piece of fruit and a juice box. Coffee will be provided for adults. It was agreed that we would try to provide this breakfast for the community using staff and council members.

- Motion was put forth by Erica and seconded by Ida for \$500 to be budgeted so that council can provide dinner for teachers and staff on the night of October 8<sup>th</sup> during the Learning Conferences. Motion was seconded and passed. Sam and Natalie will take care of planning for the supper.

**8. Playground update - Kara**

20 more volunteers needed for Prep Day on Thursday Sept. 17th

**9. Group Discussion** - goals and accomplishments you would like to see this coming year for council. - tabled till Oct. meeting

10. Meeting Adjournment at 9:01