

## **Minutes of the Featherston Drive Public School Council February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **In attendance:**

- Brittany Smith
- Cindy Loehr
- Guido Ronci
- Reg Lavergne (OCDSB superintendent)
- Lisa-Bishop Spencer
- Laura Campbell
- Marlisa Tiedermann
- Morad Benyoucef
- Nicola Powadiuk
- Nicole Morley
- Gillian Cooper
- Heather Mace
- Zaineb Ali (partial attendance)

### **Call to order and welcome by Lisa**

### **Discussion and Q&A with OCDSB Superintendent Mr. Reg Lavergne**

Council met with OCDSB Superintendent Mr. Reg Lavergne to discuss concerns with administrator absences.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of October 2022 minutes, moved by Morad, seconded by Laura

Approval of November 2022 minutes, moved by Marlisa, seconded by Morad

### **Principal/Vice-Principal Report**

Nicola distributed the report by e-mail to all school council members; to review next meeting

### **Financial Update:**

Presently, the school council doesn't have a treasurer; Madeline Graham has filled in the position at the beginning of the 2022/2023 school year, but she left the council soon after  
Principal Guido Ronci notified the school council that financial statements could be processed by the FDPS school administration. The school council welcomes the school administrative support in this matter.

Gillian Cooper will need a financial report for Community Environmental Program Grant (CEPG), with the expenses that have occurred in 2022 (tree planting, mulch, and watering resources).

Gillian mentioned that the school might use a call out for community volunteers using the "network of volunteers" website

### **PRO Grant:**

PRO grant (parents reaching out) - is an opportunity to get funding up to \$750, for parent engagement in educational activities.

Nicola will apply on behalf of the school council, as she already has previous experience with the grant application.

Implementations ideas for PRO grant, if the grant application is successful: artistic activities (MASC program), school entrance window painting with art work, sustainability and regenerative agriculture (garden boxes and more tree planting).

### **Teacher Wish List:**

Cindy to request all FDPS teachers and EA, to fill in the teacher wish list form, and have them ready to be discussed at the next school council meeting, March 9th, 2023

### **Fundraising events:**

Laura updates on Pizza Day: Domino pizza could sale pizza slices for \$1.50 and are flexible with their delivery schedule for pizza school days.

Council plans to start the pizza days event in May and June, as to be mindful of the multicultural holidays coming up (Ramadan, Easter).

Brittany Smith- "jump rope for heart event" happening soon at the school, a fundraising event for heart and stroke foundation,

Discussion regarding the opportunity for the school sponsor, Laura's Independent Grocery Store, to contribute with lemonade donation to this event or to future ones.

### **Action item:**

- Principal Guido to ask Diana Beattie, about the procedure to have accounting help from the school for the school council.
- Marlisa to get in touch with John Holgate (former treasurer) to obtain the financial statements files from him.
- Laura C to get in touch with Laura D, regarding participation to future fundraising events

**Next Meeting:** proposed date is March 9th, 2023, at 6.30 pm

**Adjournment at 8 pm.**