



A.L. Fortune Secondary Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes December 02, 2021
A.L. Fortune Library

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:37pm.
- 2) **Attendance:** Mel Hamilton, Meagan Erickson, Kathy Nadeau, Nadine Golz, Chris Matheson, Lisa Rands.
- 3) **Motion to approve October 2021 Minutes:** Mel Hamilton, Seconded by Kathy Nadeau.
- 4) **Business arising from the previous meeting.**
 - **Fundraising** - \$50 raised so far for Cheque writing campaign. The school cannot email out the form, a paper copy went home with Students. The PAC has asked if the School would be willing to put the info on the Facebook Page / Website.
 - Discussed the possibility of reaching out to one of the local blueberry farms such as Manella to see if they are interested or offer fundraising options.
 - Scholarship** - Scott is reaching out to the 2019 recipient, Erin Baker. He is not in attendance this month, we will discuss next.

5) Teacher Requests:

- Learning Resource Department: They have requested Lego sets and Kinetic Sand - total \$303.59 - The PAC recommended that the school reach out to parents/the community and ask for donations for the Lego and don't feel that the Kinetic sand would be a lasting purchase. They have also asked for two "Reader Pens". The cost for this is \$350.00 + Tax. This is designed to help students who have difficulty reading gain confidence as it helps to translate text to speech. The PAC is in support of this request and will contribute the funds to purchase one pen. If it is a success and they are finding the need to add more, please approach us in the New Year. Motion to approve made by Kathy, seconded by Nadine, all in favour.
- Music Department - We have allocated \$1000.00 from last years budget to carry over to this year. They are planning a Grade 9-12 trip to Vancouver in the Spring and will likely come to us with a request for more funding. The PAC will consider this with the understanding that this would be a one time contribution.
- Athletic Department - Requesting \$1000-1200 for extra curricular sporting equipment, mainly for the grade 7's and 8's. This would be for balls etc.. (Mr. Anderson will reach out to the teachers for a list of the purchase. The total will be approximately \$1600.00 - 600.00 will be spent by the PE fund, the pack will contribute up to \$1000.00, anything over and above that will be covered by the school. Motion made by Mel, Seconded by

Nadine, All are in favour.

5) **DPAC update:** No DPAC Update.

6) **Principal Report:** On October 25 a new teacher, Dylan Abbott was hired to teach a section of English 11/12, Core 7/8 and Career Connections & Life Skills.

Volleyball has come to an end after a fantastic season. The Gr. 8s finished 4th at the North Zones, Seniors also finished fourth, and the Juniors finished 2nd after a close final with Vernon Secondary. Intramural volleyball is still going, but school basketball, wrestling and karate are all starting up. Halloween celebrations took place on October 29, there were games, movies and contests for all grades and were organized by the Leadership Class

The lunch & breakfast program (Orange Kettle Club) received a very generous donation of \$2700 from the Rotary Club of the Shuswap (The program use has gone up about 20-25% this year)

The kids had a very cool presentation on backcountry safety from Avalanche Canada on Nov. 3
A Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly took place on Nov. 10.

First report cards were published Nov. 19 for grades 9-12 and goal setting meetings began this week for grades 7-8 (Including parent teacher interviews tonight)

Chris and Scott will be working with the district Operations Department on Nov. 30 in the annual site visit to discuss any maintenance or upgrades to the facility

Dec. 1 is Turkey Day. The school has received 10 large birds and 100lbs of potatoes for the annual school wide turkey dinner

The ski club will be visiting Silver Star on Dec. 8, 15 and Feb. 22. The number of participants has been reduced this year due to COVID, so first dibs go to the older grades

The pressure is winding up on all new staff members as there is less than a month to the annual last day of school, winter holiday Nobody's Perfect No Talent Talent Show.

Holiday Food Drive contest begins Dec. 6th. Organized by the Leaderships Class.

7) **Financial Report:** There has not been an update on the gaming grant. Kathy has sent away our plea to use the funds for the water stations. She will update us once she has heard back. Our gaming grant for 2021/2022 has come in. Kathy has received confirmation that we were double billed for the Jerseys. She would like to confirm that the school has gotten their money back, the PAC has received their money.

General Account:
\$ 2645.21

Gaming Account:
Balance: \$ 9882.31

8) **Next Meeting:** January 21, 2022 5:15pm, In person, Via Zoom

9) **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:41pm