



A.L. Fortune Secondary Parent Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes April 14, 2022  
A.L. Fortune Library

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:21pm.
- 2) **Attendance:** Mel Hamilton, Meagan Erickson, Kathy Nadeau, Nadine Golz, Scott Anderson, Chris Matheson
- 3) **Motion to approve March 2022 Minutes:** Kathy Nadeau, Seconded by Mel Hamilton.
- 4) **Business arising from the previous meeting.**
  - a) Fundraiser updates – Blueberries fundraiser has been a big success so far. The total sales are: \$2495.00 which would be a profit of \$1522.50.
  - b) Did the Foods class do the DPAC “Coldest Night of the Year” Challenge. They did not participate this year but are looking forward to joining next year.
  - c) We have \$176.00 that was sent to us for parent education. This is sent to us each year, the amount is based on a set amount per student. In years past we have sent this money along to the DPAC so we are able to pool our money and offer a district wide education course. Nadine has made a motion to continue this tradition, this was seconded by Mel and all are in favour.
  - d) An update on a question that was brought up at the March meeting regarding alternative graduation opportunities. Currently a large focus seems to be on trades and hair dressing however there is not a lot of knowledge or literature on other offerings which may be out there. Scott has done some digging to give us an update on other alternatives that are being taken advantage of stating that over 50 male and female students are enrolled in career exploration through work experiences. 11 Students (10 fem / 1 male) are in a dual credit program for cosmetology. 4 students (2 male, 2 female) are in the professional cook program. 2 (males) are in welding, 1 (male) plumbing, 1 (male) auto service technician, 3 (1 male, two female) auto collision. 4 (2 male, 2 female) construction foundations, 1 (male) electrical. There are 25 students in the Youth Work in Trades program (same amount as SAS which has twice as many students). The Industry Training Authority decides which programs to offer and approve. There are no offerings for social work order LPN which was inquired about however there are offerings for office assistant, healthcare assistant, administrative assistant etc.. Document on alternatives will be attached for further information. Currently more females are applying than males however this does vary year to year.
    - i) To inform students they have had two career/trades assemblies with informational handouts sent home and emailed to families.
    - ii) My Blueprint program is provided to all students which pertains to career-life education and career-life connections.
    - iii) Various presentations are given by organizations through out the year (universities etc..)

**6) New Business:**

- a) Last minute request from the Grad Class - they have asked for up to \$500.00 for lighting and decorations. In particular "edison lights". They have advised that these would be available for other groups such as musical theater and band. The question was asked about whether they have done their due diligence to raise the funds for these. We have not as yet heard of any fundraisers, and in the past the grad committee has been a separate entity. The PAC would be in support of possibly offering some funding but would request a more formal quote for what they would be purchasing.
- b) Scholarship - each year the PAC offers a \$500.00 scholarship, the recipient is determined by the administration/scholarship committee. Kathy made a motion to continue this year, Mel seconded this motion and all are in favour.

6) **Principal Report:** Leadership class ran a spirit theme the week prior to spring break. At the end of the break there was a tragic overdose death of a 15 year old boy who although he did not attend ALF was known by many students. The school is offering counseling as well as drug awareness and harm reduction education plus some naloxone refresher training was provided for staff. Dani Ellis worked last day and is off on maternity leave (congrats!). John Lindsay has been hired to replace her for the balance of the year. Indigenous ed worked Fawn Herrington was added to job shadow Dodie Jones who will be retiring at the end of the year. Cecile Gagnon has been hired as an academic helping teacher. Course Selection has been completed. Enrollment for the coming year is now up to 370. Grad checks are now being conducted to make sure gr 12 students are on track to graduate. Motivational Speaker Justin Brien presented to the Gr 7-8's on mental health and addiction. Gr 9-12 band students will be participating in the shuswap music festival. 75 trees will be planted on earth day as a memorial to the kamloops residential school victims.

7) **Financial Report: As of March 31/2022**

General Account:  
\$ 2951.21

Gaming Account:  
Balance: \$ 8034.23

8) **Next Meeting:** Ma 25, 2022 5:15pm, In person, in the School Library.

9) **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:27pm