

# WIN FERGUSON SCHOOL COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Meeting Date:** November 25, 2024

**Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM

**Attendees:**

Tami Richert	Keri Busenius	Liz Ream	Lainie Gratrix	Trish Kuhn	Jen Shea
Leah Kenchington Superintendent)	Mandy Spiess Shawna Gray	Shelley R Lori	Ralph Sorochan Ali	Ryan Marshall (Associate	

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order</b>
	Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm Introduction of attendees Shelley did the reading of the Treaty Acknowledgement
<b>2</b>	<b>Review of Agenda</b>
	Motioned by Trish, seconded by Jen-carried
<b>3</b>	<b>Approval of minutes from last meeting</b>
	Approval of previous minutes motioned by Lainie seconded by Trish -carried
<b>4</b>	<b>Administration Report</b>
	<p>See attached report provided by Keri Busenius.</p> <p>Additional notes on the report points:</p> <p>Student Leadership Approved 3 more clubs to join cookie leaders</p> <p>Athletics Basketball coming for grades 5-6, will run January to March. Tryouts happening soon.</p> <p>Teaching &amp; Learning EYE-TA kindergarten assessments are complete and will be shared with parents Learner supports – READ program for grade 2, round 1 is done and will start up again in Feb. Ms. Vibe is continuing work with reading intervention Speech and language pathologists are working with the school on what supports can help the classrooms and students.</p> <p>November staff meeting –on First Nations, Metis and Inuit consultant highlighted talking/community circles for problem solving and connection.</p> <p>First Nations/Metis &amp; Inuit Rock your Mocs was Wednesday Sacred Teaching focus for Nov/Dec – each student will be asked to look for and complete and act of love.</p> <p>Families and Engagement Christmas concert pricing will be increasing next year.</p> <p>Operations School Photos – answers from the photographer -If you did not receive a sheet for photos you can reach out to them -pricing was competitive when reviewed in comparison</p> <p>Christmas concert -December 2 – ticket request link opens -December 11- ticket request link closes -Last call for extra tickets on Dec 19<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Kindergarten concert at school correction – Dates are December 10/11</p> <p>Teacher Representative – Ms. Gray Focusing on the eagles teaching of love, Ms. Grays class came up with Smile cards, to participate in 3 random acts of kindness, and handout the smile card to pass on.</p>

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5	<b>Trustee Report</b>
	See the attached report provided by Ralph Sorochan. Ralph is available to answer questions or concerns and can be reached via email at <a href="mailto:Ralph.Sorochan@eips.ca">Ralph.Sorochan@eips.ca</a> or 780-417-8107
6	<b>Standing Business</b>
	<b>Teacher's Wishlist</b> -Ozobots – additional options cards (approx. \$150-200) Investigating additional headsets for gym sounds system use
7	<b>Old Business</b>
	N/A
6	<b>New Business</b>
	-FCSS would like to come to a meeting and chat about what FCSS does and what opportunities they have that we can be interested in.  -Parents reached out via Facebook to ask if it was a possibility to bring in something like the Alberta Musical Theatre company. \$950 per performance <a href="https://albertamusicaltheatre.ca/2024-25-school-tour#book-now">https://albertamusicaltheatre.ca/2024-25-school-tour#book-now</a> Shelley asked the school to see if there was a date that they would recommend for this and the PTA will look into funding.  Christmas concert Information coming out this week about the Christmas concert.  COSC meeting Nov 6 2024 -Topics COSC is going to look into covering for the 2024/2025 school year: -Advocacy surrounding Public Education -AI in schools -Parent Engagement -School Council three year plan -Next meeting Jan 8 6:30pm ASCA Engagement Grant – this year Win will have \$740 to spend this year. There is no guarantee this will continue to roll over.
7	<b>Adjournment</b>
	Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm. Next Meeting to be held January 27, 2025

**WIN FERGUSON PTA  
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Leah Kenchington	Mandy Spiess	Shelley R	Ryan Marshall (Associate Superintendent)	Shawna	
Gray	Lori	Ali			

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1	<b>Call to Order</b>
	Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM
2	<b>Review of Agenda</b>
	Agenda was motioned by Jen, seconded by Shelley-carried
3	<b>Approval of minutes from last meeting</b>
	Previous minutes were motioned by Liz, seconded by Trish- carried
4	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>

ITEM	DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION
	<p>Current online banking administrator is Liz Ream.</p> <p>Liz presented the report.  Month end Financials as of November 25, 2024  General Account: \$34,884.81  Casino Account: \$26,503.26</p> <p>Our available balance as of today is:  General Account: \$3,719.81 after standing motions and expenses.</p> <p>Casino Account: \$21,503.26 after the \$1500.00 standing motion for expected casino expenses and \$3,500.00 for the Christmas concert.</p> <p>Additional Notes:  Combined Available funds \$61,348.07  Halloween Dance Profits \$1,634.27 (will there be a cleaning bill to deduct from this total? Keri will look into this.)  Invoice for the Ipads is \$2,293.28 – to come from the Read-a-thon funds?  Teacher Top Up Fund – to come from the General fund.  Raffle Box Motion for \$100 to do a Christmas 50/50  Cash component to run from Dec 1 to Dec 20<sup>th</sup>  Random draw for reserved seating at the Christmas Concert – choose dates (when do tickets get sent home with kids?)</p>
5	<b>Old Business</b>
	<p><b>5.1 Membership Forms/Signed release forms</b>  Required for attendance at meetings. Membership Forms can be found under “Forms” on the parents tab of the school website. (<a href="https://www.winferguson.ca/parent-council">https://www.winferguson.ca/parent-council</a>)  - This needs to be filled out annually (for new and returning members).  - Forms can be submitted to <a href="mailto:winfergusonpta@outlook.com">winfergusonpta@outlook.com</a></p>
6	<b>New Business</b>
	<p><b>6.1 Christmas Concert</b>  Proposed dates December 1-20<sup>th</sup> 50/50 raffle – Liz to confirm after follow up with Rafflebox  25% of the proceeds will be donated to Families First, 25% to the School and the remaining 50% to the winner.  - Liz motioned for \$100.00 to set up the Rafflebox, Leah seconded- carried</p> <p>What are the best seats in the house? How many will be applicable? Liz will reach out to Rafflebox to confirm if they can also facilitate a draw for the best seats in the house based on people who are participating in the raffle.</p> <p>No PTA involvement required at the concert.</p> <p>Early bird draw for best seats in the house – to Dec 11<sup>th</sup> cutoff.</p> <p><b>6.2 Family Bingo</b>  Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 6-8pm, Trish will be looking for volunteers to support  Trish motioned for \$500 for prize budget and \$600 for concession., Leah seconded – carried.  Food Bank donation for entry  Tami will book the facility for the event.  Trish will talk to Krystal Hudson about being the Bingo caller</p> <p><b>Teacher Wishlist</b>  10 add ons for Ozobots (\$150-200 in total)  Trish made a motion for \$200 for Qty 10 Add ons for Ozobots, Leah seconded- carried  Michelle will order these  (to come out of the casino account)</p> <p>Shelley motioned for \$1100 to cover AMTC musical (Rapunzel), Trish seconded -carried  (to come out of the casino account)</p>
7	<b>Committee Reports</b>

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	<p><b>7.1 Hot Lunch</b> – Paige – Next hot lunch is December 13, 2024 Ken's Catering</p> <p><b>7.2 Fundraising</b> – Jared/Lainie – Lainie did a poll and the feedback was to not do a fundraiser before Christmas.</p> <p><b>7.3 Milk program</b> – Lacey- no update.</p> <p><b>7.4 Treat Sales</b> – Heather- Next Treat Sale is January 10<sup>th</sup> (13<sup>th</sup> for the other Kindergarten class). Will stay with chips as the treat going forward, a limit of 2 treats per child will be implemented going forward.</p> <p><b>7.5 Recycling program</b> – Shelley – \$531.10 to date from Recycling program.</p> <p><b>7.6 Casino</b> – Discussion to be had in 2025/2026 school year Shelley noted that we could investigate filling in with other organizations casinos for the potential for a donation from them for assisting. This could supplement in between our schools casinos.</p> <p><b>7.7 Family Bingo</b> – Trish – see new business</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Date for Next meeting</b>
	Next meeting to be held January 27, 2025
<b>9</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	Meeting was adjourned at 7:42PM

## WFG Trustee Report – November 25, 2024

Ralph Sorochan

- 1) **APPRECIATION** – Much appreciation for all your efforts to make each students' school experience a successful one.
- 2) **FUTURE EIPS CALENDARS REMINDER** – A calendar recommendation by the Superintendent is expected to come to the Board at their December 19th meeting.
  - a. The survey sent earlier was for stakeholder feedback, and your opinions matter! I have been reading over 500 pages of feedback.
  - b. Status quo calendars remain an option.
  - c. Instructional minutes will not change – the distribution of minutes, however, changes in the suggested options.
  - d. *If you have any additional comments, feel free to contact me.*
  - e. **The Board has made no decisions** about what the calendar will be.
- 3) **ASSURANCE REVIEWS REMINDER-** Assurance Reviews are a forum for schools and departments to share their individual results, annual plans, successes, and challenges. The review informs the Division's Annual Education Results Report and allows trustees to gain a holistic understanding of what's happening throughout the Division. All School Reviews are scheduled for November, while Central Department Reviews have been completed in October.
- 4) **THE PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE** - These awards honour outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines for their remarkable educational achievements and for their commitment to preparing youth for a digital and innovation-based economy. **Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching** – deadline January 15.
- 5) **ALBERTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION FALL GENERAL MEETING** – I attended this conference on November 17,18 and 19. Trustees from across the province came together to discuss educational issues, set provincial advocacy direction, and receive professional development.
- 6) **BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK** – was celebrated November 18-22 throughout EIPS. It promoted awareness and understanding of bullying and its impacts. Schools throughout the Division were engaged in different activities to take part in this important initiative. Remember, school staff address this topic regularly and not just during this week in November that is legislated by the Alberta government.
- 7) **CAREGIVER SERIES: NOV./DEC. SESSIONS** - Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. The list of **Nov/Dec 2024 sessions** is now available.
- 8) **NEXT BOARD MEETING** – The next regular Board meeting takes place on November 28, 2024, at 10 AM. Board meetings are held in the Elk Island Public School boardroom. EIPS also livestreams public Board meetings on its **YouTube channel**.
- 9) **INQUIRIES?** - If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at **ralph.sorochan@eips.ca** or 780 417 8107.
- 10) Have a wonderful Christmas Break!



Principal's Report to School Council  
November 25, 2024

1. Events & Celebrations

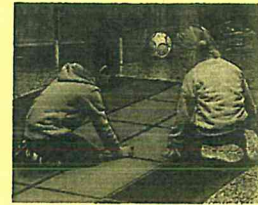
• STUDENT LEADERSHIP

- Choir meets Mondays at noon (Gr 2-3) and Thursdays (Gr 4-6).
- The grade 5-6 handbell choir is practicing afterschool a couple times a week.
- Cookie Leaders have a coding, sculpture club, and a football club starting up this week. Another 10 clubs have already been approved and have been led by students along with staff liaisons.
- Gratitude to the many student assembly crews for set up, take down, and for special set ups for division staff workshops in the gym.



• COMMUNITY

- Grade one students have started their Roots of Empathy program. They'll be observing an infant's development and learning empathy, social/emotional skills, and caring.
- Many of our students continue to be well-served by the Fort Saskatchewan Boys and Girls Club, both before and after school.



• ATHLETICS

- Basketball for grades 5-6 will run January to March. Tryouts happening soon.

• DIVISION OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

- The Young Authors Conference for grades 4-6 is on hiatus this year as the event is re-envisioned.

• TEACHING & LEARNING

- Teacher rep sharing – Ms. Gray
- EYE-TA Kindergarten assessments are complete and will be shared with parents/caregivers.
- Learner supports ongoing:
  - READ Program for Gr 2 (division) round one complete and will start up again in February
  - reading intervention grades 1-2 (school) with Ms. Vibe, targeting phonemic awareness and phonics



- SLP division team surveying teachers about supporting classrooms and students
    - Student Support Team (SST) continues to meet weekly to collaborate on meeting students' needs. Areas in focus include regulation, emotional/mental health, striving readers/writers/mathematicians, social skills, problem solving/communication/friendship skills
    - Zen Den visits – about 10-20 daily
    - Sunshine/sensory room visits – 1-3 students at a time, about 20-25 per day
  - November staff meeting – First Nations, Métis, and Inuit consultant highlighted talking/community circles for belonging, connection, and problem solving in classes
  - Educational assistants have their first Community of Practice workshop this week – UFLI phonics and phonemic awareness for K-2 students and Gr 3-6 striving readers
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- FIRST NATIONS, METIS, & INUIT
    - Turtle Islanders had a smudge and teachings about the broom dance and beading
    - Rock Your Mocs day for Métis Week
    - Sacred Teaching focus for Nov/Dec is Love
  
  - FAMILIES & ENGAGEMENT
    - Fall Challenge had many participants. Over 90 entries or 20% of the school population (primarily in K-3) submitted for the draw. 10 students from Kindergarten to grade five won books, posters, and games.
    - Christmas concert – venue and bussing to be over \$4300 next year, with alternate ticketing required (\$3250 DCC, \$1000+ bussing).
    - Student and parent/caregiver queries re: *O Canada*. The national anthem is now being played asynchronously in all classes at least once per week and at key assemblies.



## 2. School Information Update

- OPERATIONS
  - School photos – answers from the photographer
  - Upcoming:
    - Nov. 29 report cards online
    - December 19 Christmas Concert Gr 1-6
      - Dec. 2 – ticket request link opens
      - Dec. 11 – ticket request link closes
      - Last call for extra tickets on Dec. 19
    - Kindergarten Concerts at school December 10/11\*



- COMMUNICATIONS
  - 250-450 views of S' more newsletters online

- ACCOUNTABILITY
  - Our school completed its Assurance Review with Trustees and division leadership last week. We celebrated literacy and numeracy growth during 2023-24, especially at the grade 1 and 2 levels. We shared our work around regulation, social/emotional skills, and mental health. Also highlighted by all four Fort Saskatchewan schools in attendance was the complexity of classrooms due to diverse learning needs. The Board continues its advocacy for meeting the needs of schools and expressed gratitude to everyone for the incredible work being done by all stakeholders in schools.



### 3. Asks for SAC/PTA from Staff

- Ozobots additional options cards – about \$150-200
- Investigating additional headsets for gym sound system use

