

The Fort Saskatchewan Christian School Parent Council met again on January 25, 2017. We had our administrative staff, a teacher member, our school trustee and seven volunteer parents in attendance.

After devotion, prayer and approval of our last minutes we had our trustee Heather Wall pass on some information from the district. She was able to educate us a little bit about the funds in surplus and where they will eventually be going. We also were informed about the meetings taking place and decisions to be made surrounding the potential closure of Ministik School. In addition, she mentioned that the boundaries in Sherwood Park are being worked out and the new boundaries for Fort Saskatchewan have been set.

The big item on the agenda last month at the COSC meeting was the new nutrition guide that our schools have received. This will be something that Fort Sask Christian will be working with going forward.

Our administration team presented us some information surrounding our School Education Plan and some specific strategies to improve in literacy, mathematics and outreach. We also were advised of a new schedule that the school will be trying for Parent/Teacher interviews this term. The staff are working hard to make sure all families have a time available that will work for them.

Teaching for Transformation is an ongoing program that the teachers continue to train for and implement into the classrooms. This year is our first year having TFT in all of our classrooms. It has been a really successful and rewarding addition to our curriculum.

The school auction is coming up again this Spring! April 21 we will gather for some fun and fundraising in the Moyer Rec Center in Josephburg.

Re-registration will be available from Feb 13 to Feb 24. We have new software this year and will be receiving an email invitation to initiate the process.

We also discussed the benefits of posting our meeting minutes or a meeting summary on our webpage to allow our parents easy access to the information. Our minutes are all available from the school office and going forward we will be posting something on the webpage as well.

There was some discussion of 100 Day and also the possibility of Parent Council doing a hot chocolate treat for the young students while the older students were away at the ski trip. This ultimately was something we were unable to do this year.

The new playground is coming over the summer! Our school managed to raise funds through the grocery card program and we also received some funds from the government. The new playground will be primarily for the grade 4-6 students. It will be located behind the gymnasium and the old "sand park" will be taken away.

There was some discussion surrounding bible memory. We are looking at implementing a "top 20" or some similar type of system to replace the weekly memory verses. The goal is to really have students understand and remember key verses as well as be able to apply them to their lives.

We changed the next FSCS Parent Council meeting to Feb 22. We will still meet March 15, April 19 and May 10.

We were very fortunate to have Carole Bossert present to us a video and talk to us about the SYNC program that 28 of our grade 6 students were able to participate in this year. Our students were paired

up with seniors at Turner Lodge and were able to spend time and bond with them on a regular basis. Both the seniors and students find it very rewarding.

As some last notes, the vending machine is getting more popular and more reliably filled. We are happy to have some healthy options available for our students.