**Fultonvale School Council Minutes**

April 14 2021
12:30 pm
Google Meet

**Attendees:** Mark Wever, Jeff Spady, Michelle Uytterhagen, Jim Seutter, Sandi Leshenko, Krista Scott, Megan Barnes, Stacie Pederson, Jasmyn Middleton, Elizabeth Buzenus, Michelle Stevenson

1. **Meeting called to order at 12:33 pm**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Treaty 6 acknowledgement**
4. **Additions to and approval of agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as is - Krista Scott
Seconded - Megan Barnes
5. **Approval of minutes from March 10, 2021**
Motion to approved the minutes as is - Krista Scott
Seconded - Megan Barnes
6. **COSC Report – Michelle Uytterhagen**

The April COSC meeting was held on April 7. Trina, the board chair, provided a brief update two budget meetings the board held to address the budget surrounding the district’s vision and priorities and COVD Costs and Recovery for the next two years. The board also submitted a request to province to move four modulars to Ardrossan Elementary - 2 from Campbelltown and 2 from Pine Street. The Board also hired two school liaison workers to help the Out-of-School learners the district has had minimal contact with. At the upcoming April 22 board meeting, trustees will approve budget allocations for schools, school fees and admin fees. Budget allocations will be sent to schools on April 23. Trina also indicated that the board will not be considering a Technology Fee for the next school year. On March 29 the Board, alongside with other school district, met with the Minister of Education to discuss the Draft Curriculum release. The Board will be reviewing the curriculum thoroughly before submitting their feedback to the province. The government will be collecting feedback until Spring 2022.

Deneen Zielke, the District’s ATA representative, gave a brief presentation on how teachers felt about the newly released Draft Curriculum. She encouraged parents reach out to teachers and provide feedback to province. She asked that, if parents are writing letters, they send them to the Minister of the Education, your local MLA, the Premier, Sarah Hoffman – Education Critic, Ryan Jesperson and the EIPS Board.

Mark Liguori gave a presentation on the newly released Draft Curriculum. Details on that presentation will be covered under Draft Curriculum under New Business. Mark also gave a brief COVID update – as of April 7 there is only 1 active cases in the district. The district is preparing, due to the variants, to see a spike in case numbers. The plan is to keep the currently health and safety protocols in place and parent communication procedures are the same as they were before. Bussing protocols, when there is a positive case identified on a bus, are also the same but he said they could change depending on direction form AHS.

The April Caregiver Newsletter is available at <https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca>

Devon, from SCA elementary, shared information on an upcoming virtual workshop being hosted by their school called Keeping Them Safe while Helping Them Grow. It is presented by Dr. Alex Russell. It is being held on April 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 and is open to all parents and Caregivers. Information about that event has been shared on the Parents Facebook Page.

The next COSC meeting is on May 5, 2021 at 6:30 via Zoom. If anyone is interested, all meetings are open to attend, or minutes are available on EIPS website.

1. **Admin Report – Jeff Spady**

March and April Summary

School community is seeing an uptick in students having to isolate. With the rise in COVID cases, specifically variants, we are continually reminding students and staff to follow safety protocols.

Events that happened and are upcoming:

Term 2 report card was released on March 19, S/P/T Interviews took place on March 23 and 24 Kindergarten questionnaires for next year’s ECS parents/guardians went out April 8.

SCA will be hosting an event that is open to all caregivers and parents across EIPS. The topic is Keeping them Safe while Helping them Grow by Dr. Russell and will be held on April 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Virtual via Microsoft Teams Live Event <https://bit.ly/3vfw0Ed>

The second Junior High Communication will go out on April 26.

Fultonvale will be offering three Pizza Days. The first is on April 28 (Panago), second will be on May 26 (Panago) and third will be on June 16 (Nitza’s). Orders can be placed on the Parent Portal and details will be shared in the Firewire. Funds will be split with FSAC to go towards Agendas and Gym/Sports Equip.

Fulvonvale will be hosting ECS and Jr. High Virtual Information Evenings. Jr. High will take place on May 19 at 7:00 and ECS on May 26 at 7:00. Details will be sent to parents.

2021-2022 Budget Update: Schools receive on April 23, have to have it back to Finance by April 29. Class sizes/configurations will be determined once Jeff has the final budget from Central.

Questions for Mr. Spady

Krista Scott - What should parents hear from the school about Covid Cases?

Jeff Spady - Staff will be notified first, students families, with isolation requirements. Then a general email sent to all Fultonvale. Notification will be sent at time of notice whether from parent or AHS. Email from both AHS and the division may be received, please follow division protocols. The Email of affected children will be sent including their name on the email.

Michelle Uytterhagen - Will increased communication also include Elementary student teachers?

Jeff Spady - Should expect two communications per semester, If you feel that you are not receiving the two please contact him so he may follow up.

1. **Trustee Report – Jim Seutter**

Mtg agendas School budget allocations go out April 23 - May 1

School Fees approved at the April 22nd meeting

No new Technology Fee this year - not approved for this year as there were to many variables, the board may pursue a scoping exercise for determining fee in the future

K-6 Draft Curriculum published for feedback to Ab Ed - please respond with concerns, there is a survey available for feedback. The superintendent announced the EIPS will not participate in the pilot of the new curriculum citing timing concerns.

Covid 19 cases may increase -hoping to stay the course, with increases there could be a movement to shut down

Questions for Mr. Seutter

Krista Scott - Re. Covid 19, has there been discussion regarding EIPS moving to online with the increase of cases even if the province doesn’t decide to do so.

Jim Seutter - The previous decision was mandated by the government, hoping for individual liberty to decide.

Jeff Spady - We believe that the Superintendent make needed decisions based on individual schools needs and concerns.

Krista Scott - No Tech fee for this year?

Jim Seutter - no official projection for future, has been tabled for right now.

1. **Mental Health Capacity Building at FTV – Stacie Pederson**

Jasmyn continues to work with Grades 1-3 on Friendship lessons, Grade 5-6 on digital citizenship. Stacie working with health 9 on relationships and communication skills. Lunch time glitter jars and fidget devices.

May 3-9 Mental Health Week - Emotional literacy

Working on transitions for students going into Grade 7 and going into Grade 10

MHCB is finishing up their term with Fultonvale in May. There will be more talk about continuing resources for future programs after they leave.

1. **New Business**
2. **Draft Curriculum Release**

The Government has released it’s Draft Curriculum and there are a lot of emotions and anger going around about it. Mark gave a brief presentation about it at the COSC Meeting last week. He said the Board and District are reviewing the K-6 draft and collecting feedback and input from groups of teachers to provide to the Province. He said that a curriculum can be very difficult to understand, so provided documents to read before trying to understand the Curriculum.

* [The guiding framework for the design and development of kindergarten to grade 12 provincial curriculum](https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/f3fb3059-fdec-4c62-89b7-a34eb9d33c3c/resource/0a51ffa3-76bf-4f8b-a31c-7481eb2fba5c/download/edc-guiding-framework-curriculum-development-2020.pdf)
* [Alberta Education: Curriculum Overview](https://education.alberta.ca/media/3115408/competencies-overview-may-17.pdf)

These two documents will help parents understand the competencies set by Alberta Education and what they wish for students to gain.

Mark also informed us that they would not be participating in piloting the curriculum and advised the Board of this decision a few months ago. His reasoning for not piloting was the district needs to focus on the current situation our students are in right now and felt that piloting a curriculum would be too much of a distraction for teachers. The districts goal right now is to provide stability for our students and help the students who have fallen behind because of this pandemic. He encourages our parents to review the curriculum and provide feedback through the Draft K-6 Curriculum: Public Feedback Survey.

1. **2021-2022 Bell Schedule - Jeff**

Discussion surrounding moving the morning bell schedule to 7:57, with the first bell at 8:00. This will result in school being dismissed at 2:35. Everything will move up by 3 minutes.

Questions

Michelle Stevenson - would this result in earlier bus pick up times?

Jeff Spady - No this would not result in transportation picking up kids earlier. (They could still choose to move for other reasons.)

1. **ASCA Update – Krista Scott**

Annual Conference is coming up on April 23-24 and the AGM on April 25. The list of sessions and speakers can be found on the ASCA website. There has been a space provided for parents to discuss the draft curriculum.

1. **ASCA Resolutions – Michelle/Krista**

Michelle reviewed the remaining ASCA resolutions and will vote based on the group discussion.

1. **Old Business**
2. **Community Event Update**

The mural will arrive on April 15

1. **Gartner Memorial**

The program has been finalized for May 4 at 10:30 and the link will be shared on the parents Facebook page and through the Firewire. There will be a virtual space available, after the program, for parents and community members to gather in honor of Lois.

1. **Next Meeting AGM - Wednesday, May 12, 2021at 7:00 pm via Google Meet**

Positions for Election – Chair and Secretary

1. **Meeting Adjourned at 2:22 pm**