**Fultonvale School Council Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
7:00pm via Google Meet

**Attendees**: Elizabeth Busenius, Krista Scott, Stacie Pederson, Jim Seutter, Megan Barnes, Jeff Spady, Michelle Uytterhagen, Mark Wever, Joanne Emter, Tracy Gravelle, Brad Oates, Adrienne Shepherd, Ginger Hassett-Koza

1. **Call meeting to order at 7:03 pm**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Treaty 6**

Treaty 6 was Acknowledged

1. **Additions to and approval of agenda**

Jim Seutter has to be at SCA Elementary – move Trustee Report to after Annual Report

Motion to approve the amended agenda - Krista Scott

Seconded - Elizabeth Busenius

1. **Approval of minutes from June 2020 AGM**

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 2020 as is - Krista Scott

Seconded - Joanne Emter

1. **Lois Paterson-Gartner Acknowledgement – Michelle Uytterhagen**

I would like to take a few moments to recognize the contributions of an outstanding parent that we tragically lost this month a year ago.  Lois Paterson-Gartner was a parent who had a strong drive to give back to our school and through that, along with her compelling personality, her friendships with parents, staff and students was strong.  She was never afraid to speak up or question something that she wanted to know more about, was first to put up her hand when a volunteer opportunity arose and was always able to lighten the mood with a joke or laugh.

Our parent community will find comfort in the memories we have of Lois and our thoughts will drift to those memories made with her in and outside of our halls. May we smile at something as simple as the smell of hotdogs remembering that she always volunteered for hot dog day, even though, there was no way she would ever eat one.  We will find comfort and closure knowing that her legacy will live on through us.  From the parents who have been here a little while and were privileged enough to know her to the new parents that will walk through our school doors, her legacy is the common need and drive to give back to our school – to be a volunteer.

On behalf of school council, and all parents, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lois for her contributions.  This year she would have been an outgoing grade nine parent and I want to thank her for her time, passion, commitment, and love she showed during her children’s time at our school.  We lost a colleague, friend, and community member but we will continue doing what we do best in memory of Lois, because this is what she would have wanted us to do.

1. **Annual Report – Michelle Uytterhagen**

Michelle read the Annual Report and is attached. Jeff Spady will submit to the Superintendent.

1. **Election of Chair and Secretary**

This AGM, we must hold an election for the positions of Chair and Secretary. These two positions were filled by appointment at the September School Council meeting. As per our Operating procedures, Section 10, “School Council may appoint School Council members to fill vacancies until the next election at the next Annual General Meeting”.

Krista Scott nominates Michelle Uytterhagen for the Chair Position. Michelle Uytterhagen accepts the nomination.

No additional nominations.

Michelle Uytterhagen is elected to the Chair position by acclimation

Michelle Uytterhagen nominates Michelle Stevenson for the Secretary Position. Michelle Stevenson accepts the nomination.

No additional nominations.

Michelle Stevenson is elected to the Secretary position by acclimation.

1. **Trustee Update – Jim Seutter**

Budget progressing to final approval and submitted to government on May 26. Allocations to schools have been returned. Significant Expenditures to be incurred this year. Overall Budget 2.0 percent less money from Alberta Education. $196 million budgeted for this year.

K-6 draft still being targeted for Sept 2022 rollout. Trina Boymook sent a letter to the Education Minister outlining continued concerns with the new draft. Central Office has been working on a formal curriculum review that will be sent to the Minister. A few of the concerns are around content and its age appropriateness, and where are these resources for the teachers are coming from. Professional development for teachers and support staff will be needed.

Jim Seutter has completed his nomination papers for Trustee next year.

1. **COSC Report – Michelle Uytterhagen**

The May COSC meeting was held on May 5. Trina, the board chair, provided a brief update regarding the work the board is doing with the budget. The board is working on a two-year reserve plan for the switch to COVID recovery. This plan will involve 5.76 million dollars – 4.6 million is allocated for year one and 1.1 for year two. Part of the year one plan still involves the rollover of some COVID practices that involve PPE purchase, increases cleaning costs etc. The board has allocated 500,000 for year one and 500,000 for year two to address the learning loss that some students have experienced due to COVID. The board has also allocated 500,000 for social and emotional supports for students. The district has hired a Career Pathway Consultant to look at the Jr. High CTS programming and options in High Schools. This consultant’s goal is to ensure the programming available to our students sets them up for success when they graduate. That board has also given the go-ahead to facilities to finish installing the cooling systems in the remaining modulars. EIPS will not be offering an out-of-school learning option next year. They will, instead, be offering a Home Ed. Program through Next Step. This program will only be made available to families who have been doing out-of-school learning this school year and anyone who does decide to go ahead with this option, will not be given the opportunity to return to in-school-learning. The board also approved the proposed school fees schedule as per the principal’s submission and transportation fees will remain the same.

Jacquie Surgenor and Lesley Bowman gave a brief presentation on a new website they have created to help support the advocacy efforts around a replacement school for Sherwood Heights Junior High. They expect to launch the website in the next few weeks and can be found at [*replacesherwoodheights.ca*](http://www.replacesherwoodheights.ca/).

Superintendent Mark Liguori discussed the Division’s projected revenue and reserves for the 2021-22 school year. The [Revenue and Reserves Summary](http://www.eips.ca/download/344821) is available online. On May 20, trustees will review the Division’s Spring 2021-22 budget during the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The April Caregiver Newsletter is available at [https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca](https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/) for anyone interested. There are a lot of good sessions open for parents and I will post the handouts to the Facebook Page. I will also share the Saffron Centre’s March Cybersecond newsletter [*Saffron Cyber Second May 2021*](http://www.eips.ca/download/344820).

In April, Strathcona Christian Academy (SCA) Secondary hosted a virtual presentation entitled, Keeping Them Safe While Helping Them Grow, Presented by Alex Russell. The presentation is available to view on the SCA Secondary website and will be posted on our Facebook page for anyone who could not attend. Watch the presentation (Looks like you are entering a meeting, but it is a recording)

Additional information from the May COSC meeting is available at [*www.eips.ca*](https://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc/meetings-agendas-minutes). The next meeting takes place on Oct. 6, 2021—location to be determined.

1. **Admin Update – Jeff Spady**

All students have been transitioned to online learning. There were some tech problems on Monday, but Tuesday and Wednesday went smoother.

The Gartner Memorial took place on May 4 and was a very meaningful event and appreciated by all.

Pizza Day was on April 28. The May date has been cancelled and June will take place on June 16.

Budget and Staffing – not enough money to properly fund the year. The submitted budget is based on a projected student count of 470; the number staying roughly the same as currently registered. Jeff is anticipating the number to go up over the summer. Majority of staffing is status quo but we will see a change in Div 1 as the grade 2 and 3 will see a split class – One Grade 2 straight class, one 2/3 split class and one Grade 3 straight. Mrs. Prouse will teach 2/3 class, Mrs. Moroziuk will teach the Grade 2 Straight Class and Mr. Bresden will teach the Grade 3 straight class. They will be overlapping and working closely as a team to meet the student’s needs. Mrs Vasseur will be teaching Grade 4 and Ms. Babyn will move to teach in Jr High. There will be one empty classroom where Mrs. Vasseur used to be in Div 1.

Virtual info meetings are coming up. Jr. High will be taking place next week and Kindergarten will take place on May 26. Grade 9 Farewell will be taking place on June 10 and Grade 7 and 8 awards will be taking place on June 11. As of now it is being planned to be held virtually but are hoping and waiting to see if it can be held in person.

The bell schedule will be changed. First bell will ring at 7:57 am with Period 1 starting at 8:00. Last bell will ring at 2:35

School Supplies can be ordered through Staples again. Joanne is putting it together and more information will be released.

1. **Mental Health Capacity Builders – Final Update**

Stacie Pederson – Working on school transitions to new grades and schools. There are two parent sessions for supporting the transition to Jr High – June 15, 6:00-7:30 and Aug 24, 6:00-7:30. We will share this on our Facebook Page.

Tracy Gravelle – Grateful for the opportunity to work so closely with the staff. Our support continues even if we aren’t in the building, Through the family resource network there are support, groups, home visits available. Connected to counselling as a pay what you can afford, there is no wait to talk with a counsellor. Team provides universal programming and working with community members and looking at suggestions for continued support. They are also available for parent information night and sharing resources for parents through Brad Oates, and he will share updates regularly.

Brad Oates – Solutions Navigator – assigned to Fultonvale. He will connect us with resources. We can contact them 780-464-4044 and they will help with connecting and how to find appropriate supports.

School Council thanked the Mental Health Capacity Building team for their support they have provided Fultonvale over these past three years. Michelle Uytterhagen committed to continue working with them to ensure that resources can be provided to the community and school.

1. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7pm.**
2. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 pm**