**Parent Council Executive Members:**

Lynn Walker, Chair Absent

Karli Butler, Vice Chair

Hannah Parker, Communications Liaison

Rochelle Reed, Secretary

Candice Abraham, Wellness Committee

**Guests and DCE School Representatives:**

Helene Hewitt, Principal

Jay Robertson Vice Principal

Amy Oslanski, Teacher Representative

Christa Gawron, Business Manager

Public Trustee: Trina Boymook

Guests: None

Parent Representatives: We had 5 parent representatives in attendance.

**DCE School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Call To Order:**

**Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement**

* Read by Vice-chair

**Call for Agenda Changes**

* No changes requested

**Approval of Agenda**

* Motion: Candice
* Seconded: Robyn
* Passed

**Call for Changes to Minutes**

March 14, 2024 minutes will be carried forward to May 9, 2024 meeting.

**School Trustee Report – Trina Boymook**

* March 21 Board meeting
* The Board approved 3-year capital plan. Number 1 and 2 are requests for replacement schools in Fort Saskatchewan. Number 3 is a new school for Cambrian Crossing.
* The Board reallocated surplus dollars that have become available of $1.1M.
* Windows Computer Evergreening - $694,058
* Chromebook Evergreening - $325,000
* Next Step Entrance at Salisbury Composite High - $80,000
* Senior Administration closed the loop on the engagement held in 2022 and will not be proposing any changes to the junior high boundaries for Brentwood and Summerwood.
* The Board approved the appointment of the Returning Office as we prepare for the October 2025 Trustee election.
* Budget was tabled February 29, we didn’t receive the funding manual until March 29. This is late and will impact our budget schedule. We will not be able to approve allocations to schools until May 2 this year. Finance is confirming numbers and interpretations, so don’t have a lot of details to share at this time. At this point there is no evidence that the budget addresses inflation. There is also no increase to the complexity grant. We are anticipating a tight budget for next year. The Board has already had a number of budget meetings and have a number of more scheduled. We are certainly keeping budget survey results and assurance reviews at top of mind as we work through the budget.
* The Board will be approving student transportation fees at the upcoming April 18 Board meeting, which is proposing decreases in fees and eliminate fees being charged those that attending a school or program of choice if meeting the milage threshold.
* The transition plan consultation for senior high French Immersion and Lakeland Junior High attendance area will begin next month. May 1 a survey will be sent out to affected parents, students and staff with further engagements planned for the fall. The Board tentatively will be making a decision at its November Board meeting.
* The Board had a two-day retreat on April 8 and 9. The retreat focused on budget and setting priorities for the Board’s 2024-25 workplan.

Trina did take our parent feedback to superintendent to make a comment box on the parent survey. Trina will provide any response back when she receives it.

Trina thanked school volunteers for volunteer month.

Parent rep asked what the $800,000+ complexity fund on the EIPS budget went towards in the way of programing. Trina responded that it largely went towards a piolet project in the Fort Sask area and funded a reading specialist.

**Wellness Committee Update– Candice Abraham**

Mustang Mention donations were discussed. A bunch of great quality donated items to win in draws for students at the end of the year. Parents discussed what prizes we needed and how we might acquire them.

Playground Pals Project update was provided.

* Started training with parent and leadership students that will help lead and implement the Playground pals initiative.

Healthy snacks initiative: Working with Sobey’s who will provide watermelons to be served at the track and field days in early June.

Summer Sizzler event is booked and we have some things ready to go on the date, but we need some volunteers to help with a sub-committee for final planning and some organization.

**Chair report – Karli Butler, Vice-Chair**

* Family Dance planned for evening of May 10.
* A planning committee from the leadership team from grades 5 & 6 will help plan and support
* Some additional discussion occurred on finding some parent volunteers that can also support the dance.
* ASCA grant money discussion:
* Group discussed getting a speaker from Saffron.
* Helene suggested a FitSet Ninja gym family active night, under the category of “health” may meet the criteria for the ASCA grant.
* Helene Action: will confirm if we can do the FitSet Nijga night in September and will also confirm with Emma at COSC if the grant money is eligible for this initiative.

**Principal Report – Helene Hewitt**

**Update on Provincial Achievement Testing (PATs) in Gr. 6**

* The government is not having them this year in ELAL & Math
* We may opt into the field testing
* The rest of the PATs will continue as normal and are on the school website calendar

**Celebrations**

* Junior Highs came to visit our Gr. 6 students to help with enrolment and prepare for Gr. 7 transition
* We had our Gr. 5 DARE graduation with an incredible parent turn out
* Term 2 report cards were posted - we are sitting at 78% of parents having opened the report card this term!
* We have an unprecedented number of kids in Cute Things Club (50ish kids!) and are preparing for a Pokemon Tournament with the Gr. 3
* Basketball Club has started and our Running Club is starting up again for a competition

**Upcoming Events**

* David Robertson author is presenting to EIPS & EICS from our library tomorrow
* Speech Competition coming on April 24 in the afternoon (grades 4-6) worth watching!
* Volunteer Appreciation Event - date changed to April 29 @ 1p.m.
	+ Hosted by student leadership club
	+ Performances by kindergarten students & our Gr. 3-6 choir
* Hats On for Mental Health - May 1
* Pancake Day - May 31
	+ Do we have any grillmasters who can come and help us to flip hotcakes?
* Family Dance - May 10
	+ Sports themed, dress up as your favourite athlete
	+ Games, prizes and bingo cards
* Kinder Information Night - May 14
* Summer Sizzler - June 21. We need help

**Staffing Update**

* Mrs. Morrison took a leave of absence - Mrs. Mills has stepped in for her
* Mrs. Gibson took a new position at SCA as business manager. We welcomed Mrs. April Pratch to the front office

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday May 9, 2024, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 pm adjournment.