

Date: Tue Feb 21st, 2023

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: Fort McMurray Christian School

Present: Geoffrey Bishop(Principal), Elizabeth Benner, Colleen Dorchak, Christine Gogolinski, Tunde Oladipo, Peter Green, Melissa Walker

Regrets: Lacey Miller, Laura Blake

Chair: Tunde Oladipo

Secretary: Vacant

I. **Welcome and Call to Order** (7:07 pm)

II. **Devotion/Opening Prayer**

III. **Review and Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2023**

Christine - can we post a link to the minutes on the reminder message for the next meeting?

Motion: Elizabeth Benner 2nd: Geoffrey Bishop Unanimous

IV. **Secretary Role** - Colleen (Dorchak) to let council know if she will be able to fill the role tomorrow (Feb 18th, 2023).

V. **Report:** School Administration Report - Principal

- 234 Students (Up 1 from Jan)

- Alberta Edu insurance survey for Grade 4 - 9 Parents, teachers and students. Please fill when you get them. The data is used for strategic planning for the upcoming year. The more the participants, the better the sample size and quality of the data.

- Pastries with the principal tomorrow - 22nd Feb 2023. Existing and prospective parents are welcome.

- Tomorrow is pink shirt day (Inscription on T-Shirt - 'love God, love others')

- Facebook was the winner for most popular social medium. Top 3 (82%), Website 35%, Instagram 24.7%

- Top churches in FMCS surveyed by attendees. FCC, Emmanuel, All Nations, Evergreen.

- **SOGI**(sexual orientation gender identity) sessions end tomorrow. Attendees are council and society members. 7pm on Wednesdays. Geoff to look into if videos can be viewed offline.

- **Serve YMM** Serveymm.com (May 12 & 13). For Grades 5 - 9

Will be hosted by FMCS but held at MGA. Friday and Saturday night. Special music. Volunteers required. Reach out to Christine. Have kids mix and build relationships.

Vision is for this to be an annual event.

- Ski trip (Feb 9th) was really good.

- **Blended programme:** A Home-schooling family can be registered at FMCS if student is physically present 20% of the time. That 20% physical attendance makes all school resources available to the family. Family must be part of FMPSD and follow Alberta curriculum. Family can't be part of 'WISDOM' and FMPSD at the same time. This is cause govt. also funds 'WISDOM'.

Note: Families can pay for 'WISDOM' out of pocket

Student is only required to be present for classes registered in.

Registration deadline is Sept 30th.

- Geoff recommends seminars for council members. The Alberta School Council Engagement Grant(500CAD) can be used for this.

- 2 full time teachers required for Junior High. Funding required

Currently at 1.55. Would like to get to 2 and have them start by August.

Looking for long term team members

VI. **Fundraising: Christine Gogolinski**

Pink shirts sold out.

March/April - Christian theme cookies

May - Growing smiles. Plant sale

Skip the depot - is going well (<https://app.skipthedepot.com/fmcs>). They pick up recyclables and provide the funds.

VII. Committee Report: Elizabeth Benner

- met with principal. discussed promo video.
 - Open houses coming up for ECDP and Kindergarten
- Suggestion to get volunteers (staff/students) for the open house.
KG grad tentatively set for June 8
Other: Freezy Friday - Elizabeth

VIII. Bulletin Board

- Get involved.
- Serve YMM
- Use the board for enrolment reminder
- Council member Bio's

IX- Graduations (Grade 6, Grade 9)

Open to suggestions. Would rather focus on grade 9.
Driver in past was parent. Not clear yet.
Lawn signs will continue. School to pay for signs.
Colleen to discuss with Kim.

X. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm

XI. Call to Adjourn (8:29 pm)

Motion: Christine Gogolinski 2nd: Peter Green

Tabled Until Next Meeting

- Community Building (Welcoming Committee, Classroom Reps)
- School Ambassador Program

Elizabeth Suggestion

KG - propose 2 KG classes next year.

It is expected that student enrolment will be over 30 next year. We best be prepared.

Geoff: We would need consider seating and teachers as well.