

Record of Meeting		
Meeting: FVES Council - Forest Valley Elementary School		
Location: Library		
Date: March 28, 2023	Start time: 6:50 pm	End time: 8:20 pm
Item	Topic and discussion	Actions
1	<p>Greeting (Ruth Middlebrook and Nancy Barber)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth opened the meeting by welcoming participants. • The agenda was shared by email ahead of the meeting and passed by Susan and Erica. • The minutes were shared by email ahead of the meeting and passed by Natalie and Katherine. 	
2	<p>Principal’s Update (Stephanie Borrens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Staffing changes:</u> New chief custodian, Dan, and new teacher, Ms. Keaton • <u>Reading:</u> ‘Reading Rope’ Board initiative, predictor of reading progress; and • DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) to assess literacy skills such as language comprehension and letter/sound recognition. Assessment conducted three times annually to indicate reading proficiency. Review of tasks assists in identifying non-readers. Ex. Vocabulary building, oral interaction, listening, reading, writing. • Tutor funding for literacy and numeracy ends at the end of March • 30 LEXIA licenses, huge gains reported • Tiers of assistance: Tier 1 (in classroom resources); Tier 2 (outside classroom resources); Tier 3 (ex. Empower reading program) • “Read-aloud” refers to teachers or librarian reading aloud to children in a group context. • <u>April:</u> April is Autism Awareness month. Staff and students will be encouraged to wear blue April 3. • <u>EQAO:</u> Testing for Grade 3 to take place at the end of May, beginning of June, lasting 3-4 days. New tiers built in to digital math testing allows for questions to be adjusted to their level of skill. This will reduce stress and feelings of inadequacy or defeat in students that cannot test at a single standardized skill level. • <u>Staffing:</u> Staffing for 2023/24 school year begins in April. Kindergarten is capped at 29 students. Grades 1 to 3 are capped at 20 students. There is no cap for Grades 4 to 8. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Grade 5 End of Year Celebration</u>: \$1000 funds already allocated from FVES Council. Ideas for celebration: cake, video from school year, music, t-shirts (teachers currently reviewing) • Suggestion made to bake cupcakes instead of purchasing cake, with several volunteers agreeing to assist • Year books for each Grade 5 student tabled, so if a student does not purchase a book, one will be gifted from Council or through ‘pay it forward’ initiative • <u>Other Spending</u>: (Science) \$200 requested from science funding for chick hatching for Kindergarten students; maps required for classrooms; (Technology) head phones requested for classrooms; (Clubs) Stephanie to offer funding to train club for supplies; (Luv 2 Groove) \$900 already allocated, but price increased since previous year. \$100 added (Amy noted) and will review if further funds needed closer to year end. • <u>Field Trips</u>: Grade 5 classes to attend at National Art Gallery for How It’s Made program with indigenous focus on June 22. Includes guided tour of the gallery and creative activity. \$300 per bus, seats 60. (About \$7 per student, to be confirmed) • <u>Question re Track Meet</u>: Track meet will be planned. Other activities have been limited this year due to a shortage of supply teachers. 	<p>Stephanie to purchase head phones</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Teacher’s Update (Suzanna Brydon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 4/5 English class to put on Art Exhibit (4 mediums, gallery style) for other classes to enjoy; speech writing and Eid celebration planned, studying robots, coding, financial literacy and figurative writing • Grade 2 EFI class studying communities around the world • Librarian Ms. Christina scheduling book fair (to be moved to June 1 to coincide with Movie Night) • UPDATE: Book Fair to run <u>May 26 to June 1</u> • Grade 3/4 EFI class to put on a play • Grade 4/5 EFI class keeping journals and doing family projects • Grade 2/3 EFI discussing birthday celebrations • Leadership club holding refugee symposium 	<p>Juliana to contact Christina re new dates for book fair</p> <p>Natalie to see if volunteer available for refugee symposium</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>Treasure’s Update (Amy Goodfellow)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent involvement fund \$500 received • Update coming re money made during Valentines Dance (still calculating deductions) • Supplies to be checked prior to purchase for movie night: food/juice boxes/pop (Gatorade was a big seller at Valentines Dance) 	
<p>5</p>	<p>Roundtable (Ruth Middlebrook)</p> <p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Year BBQ • Discussed possibility of having food trucks instead of BBQ – possibly 4 needed. Date change to June 23rd (permit will need to be amended). Will need access to school yard, parking lots, gym and bathrooms. Question of funding for new tables. Subcommittee will be needed. (Amanda, Erica, Natalie, Susan, Katherine to volunteer). Question of whether it will be a closed event and how to enforce this. • Ice Cream Sandwich Days • Last three Fridays of June (June 9, June 16 and June 23); ice cream treats supplied to teachers by Council (of through soliciting donations) and teachers hand out tot students during the afternoon <p>Fundraising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner Night at Boston Pizza (Natalie) • To be held April 26, 2023 from 5-9 pm at Boston Pizza (Innes location) • Natalie made posters, Stephanie to include in Sunday emails • Movie Night • Scheduled for June 1, 2023 • Walk-a-Thon • Scheduled for Friday May 26, 2023 (with rain date of Monday, May 29, 2023) with May 8 as first day of collecting donations • Small freezies to be provided by Council • Other ideas: outdoor DJ or radio station (Amanda has a contact), or other guest (67’s mascot, cheerleaders) • Erica, Ruth and Juliana volunteering for subcommittee <p>Old Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearbook (Nancy) • Art contest to choose cover and back page art (Grades 1 to 5 to participate). 	<p>Juliana to amend permit</p> <p>Amanda to price buying some new tables</p> <p>Juliana to ask Andrea if she would like to head subcommittee again this year</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed costs for different sizes of books (previous cost was \$13 for 65 pages; new costs \$or 17 + tax for 44 pages) • Pre-orders will be submitted online, need 65 orders to qualify for free shipping. • Discussed supplementing students that could not afford to participate but would like to. There is allocated budget for Grade 5 celebration so all Grade 5s can be guaranteed a year book as they depart FVES. Other ideas: can create a pay-it-forward order entry or round up the cost to \$20 a book to order for students that cannot afford to participate and still allow for equity. Teachers to identify students that cannot afford to participate but would like to. • Autograph page encouraged, or leaving front and back inside covers blank for kids to sign. <p>Community Announcement: (Karin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fallingbrook Community Elementary School holding Spring Market including small businesses and vendors <u>April 22, 2023</u> in support of CHEO. 	<p>Amanda/Karin to share to Facebook group</p>
<p>Next meeting: April 11, 2023 in the Library</p>		
<p>Present</p>		<p>Absent</p>
<p>Ruth Middlebrook Nancy Barber Amy Goodfellow Amanda Rushton Juliana Laboucane Stephanie Borrens Suzanna Brydon Karin Humenuk Erica Harnett Natalie Brazeau Katherine Comber Susan Neal</p>	<p>Andrea Morissette Katie Morissette Kyle Stanley Gary Huhtanen Patrick O’Brien Queenie Clarke</p>	