

## **J.T. FOSTER SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes

March 25/ 2025

### **Attendance:**

Jillian Spencer, Jason Macdonald, Jeff Anderson(online), Cindy Jones(Pineo), Sophie Laviolette, Carla Gimber, Brad Toone, Lorie Loree, Leanne Brinston, Rhonda Anderson, Amy Gillespie

Regrets: Jodie Sieben

### **Student Leadership Attendance:**

none

**Opening:** Sophie called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

**Approval of Minutes As Amended:** Leanne made a motion to accept the amended minutes from the last meeting. Amy seconded the motion.

Amended minutes:

- Transport Canada has done studies that found that school bus transportation is the safest mode of transportation:

<https://tc.canada.ca/en/road-transportation/school-bus-safety/about-school-bus-safety-canada>

- Band class “may” be moved to the Bomber Command

### **AGLC Update:**

- Requests have been made to keep Parent Council and Parent Association meetings and minutes separately.
- We will have separate meetings back to back with separate minutes.
- Jennifer Slettede will be chair of the Parent Association with all other positions the remaining the same as Parent Council

### **MLA Update:**

- Our local MLA (Chelsae Petrovic) was invited to attend our meeting regarding decanting and she declined the invitation

### **Healthy Hunger:**

- No update

### **Treasurer's Report:**

As of March 25/25:

Community account has \$23.30

Common share account has \$8.38

High interest account has \$4,299.24

### **Student Leadership:**

- Relay for Life is May 23 and has had much success in the past

### **Principal's report:**

- There is a new Admin Procedure: 166 Emergency Health Issues Response. There were no questions or concerns.

It can be found here: <https://www.lrsd.ca/download/489917>

- Grade 10 orientation may be pushed back to the week after the Grade 7 orientation. More information will be released at a further date
- Grade 7 orientation is planned for May 22

Regarding staff allocation and Decanting:

- Staffing allocation is expected April 11
- Several upstairs rooms struggle with being too warm, solutions are being looked into to cool them down
- Storage considerations must be made for decanting. ie. where to house library books, etc
- Surveys will be sent out to students regarding complimentary courses (Options). They may be given a cluster of different programs to choose from. Outdoor Ed. is also being considered
- Teachers thought quarterly sessions for Jr. High worked well and grouping grade 7,8 and 9's together was well received by parents
- Administration is trying to be as proactive as possible with the little information that they currently have. The schedule still needs some fine tuning
- Best case scenario: upstairs may be enough room for all JT Foster students with the exception of possibly moving band offsite to the Bomber Command
- Busing will be minimized and students will absolutely not be bussed around all day
- Another possible scenario: all core classes remain upstairs at JT Foster, with options held elsewhere. We already have several off campus classes: hockey, golf and possibly Outdoor Ed.
- Nothing is confirmed

Become a School Board Trustee:

- <https://youtu.be/vGTUMzH9Lds>
- <https://www.lrsd.ca/download/480205>

- Most classes have seen an increase of Honour Roll recipients

**Trustee's Report:**

- The 4 day school week was voted down unanimously
- Projected enrolment for 25/26 has decreased slightly by 6 students
- 25/26 School calendar has been approved without the November break
- Comprehensive Budget Report will compare our board's spending with other boards of similar sizes
- The board has approved their 3 year capital plan and 10 year facility plan.
- Livingstone school in Lundbrek and a Pincher Creek solution are on the list. Also an entire review of the entire division. Lundbrek has been approved for pre-planning dollars
- Additional resources for staff allocation will be made available for Nanton's decanting
- Trustees approved being a part of the committee that hires principals.

**Closing:** Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm