

FCTA Executive Meeting

Minutes

October 14, 2020

3:45 pm

Via Zoom

Regrets: Carlson, Sidhu, Lawrence

A. Call to Order

1. Aboriginal Acknowledgement - Marvell
2. Approval of Agenda - Hrynyk/McIntosh, carried.
3. Approval of Minutes – September 16, 2020 – Menagh/Ma, carried

Polishak: put his name forward to be on gifted committee; asked about discussion in the last meeting re meal reimbursement for virtual meetings.

B. Executive/Committee Reports

1. President

TTOC, New Teacher Orientation – Held a TTOC orientation over zoom. Will be putting together an orientation for new teachers as well.

Know Your CA, Bulletins – Goal is to make sure that all members are well-informed.

Extra Federal and Provincial Funding due to COVID Update – Federal: \$242 million. FCTA first installment was \$298,000 and used to hire the TS and DL teachers. Province: \$45.6 million; used for cleaning supplies, PPE and 2.2 rotating daytime custodians.

Classroom Enhancement Fund (CEF): District applies to this fund for \$ so that the SD can meet the class size/composition/ratio language. District is in the process of applying.

Summary of Class Size/Composition Language – Summarized the class size/composition language, non-enrolling ratios, remedy formula and best efforts language and sent it to the superintendent. Followed it up with an email requesting detailed information re current configurations.

BCTF LRB Application – Application to the LRB re enforcing H&S measures.

Postings – 4 postings filled: 3 transition support teachers and 1 DL. DL teacher should have all option 3 students. Union is asking that at least 2 more TST be hired so that they can take full responsibility for option 2 students if requested by a teacher.

Renegotiation of Experience Credit Language – Teachers with previous teaching experience can be bumped up the pay scale if the experience fits the CA language. The FCTA and SD78 have agreed to renegotiate this language in order to broaden the definition of previous teaching experience.

Accommodation Form – The district form for a COVID accommodation was revised and sent to the union. This have been rejected a second time as two out of the three questions are inappropriate.

2. **Pro-D** – Oct 23 Provincial Pro-D. Kathy will be attending the BCTF Zone meeting this week. Email Dave Dunster if there are questions re the survey.
3. **Treasurer** – Denese gave a budget report. Chequing: \$214,123.46; Savings: \$73,432.35. Motion: Put \$50,000 in to a two-year term deposit. Anderson/Marvell: carried.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - **Policy Sept 29** – No report
 - **Education Oct 6** – District wants to expand current DL program program. Boston Bar grade 10-12 students are taking WCLN courses. Results from the Strategic Plan Survey

discussed

- **Op and Facilities Oct 13** - \$80,000 spend on PPE, cleaning supplies and 2.2 custodians.

All schools have modern filtration systems. Currently have MERV 11 filters. MERV 13 are recommended. Are on back order and should be here by January 2021. Upgrades to Silver Creek cost \$1 million. BB and HHES will have work done this year. CA has language re teacher involvement in renovations. District looking at electric busses and charging stations at schools.

C. School Reports

BB– 6 new students in the last week. Many students are switching from Option 1 - 2 – 3 – 4

District – HSS does not have ELL support teachers. This posting has gone external.

Coquihalla –Kindergarten classes are full, and new students are being turned away. Grade 1’s were moved to grade 2 classes to rebalance classes.

AESS – Option 2 is still a frustration. Transition teacher is taking some of the kids, but this is only a little help.

Kent – Transition teacher came to the staff meeting. Discussed how the transition teacher could support staff. Classes are almost full and transition students are taking spots.

TTOC – Social distancing at lunch time is difficult. Each school has different procedures. TTOC’s seem unsure of expectations, especially re cleaning.

HSS – Held a staff committee meeting and got clarification about health and safety procedures. Transition teacher has not been introduced yet. Students have complied with mask wearing.

D. Unfinished Business

None

E. Any Other Business – Fraser Valley Labour Council rep. Julie Bond – Please remember to vote, starting Advance polls open Thursday, Oct 15. FVLC has endorsed two candidates.

F. Next Executive Meeting

Date: **Nov 18, 2020**

Time: **3:45pm**

Via **Zoom**

ADJOURNMENT Menagh/McIntosh; carried.