

FCTA Executive Meeting

Minutes

January 13, 2021

4:00 pm

Via Zoom

Regrets: Sidhu, Lawrence

A. Call to Order

1. Aboriginal Acknowledgement - Carlson
2. Approval of Agenda – Amended agenda – Lunde/Anderson
3. Approval of Minutes – November 18, 2020 – Cromarty/McIntosh

B. Executive/Committee Reports

1. President

FVLC - Julie Bond is our rep. BCTF Political Action Grant will be used to pay for fees.

School re-organization due to option 2 ending – Asked staff reps to speak to this.

MS Teams implementation - District has the right to expect teachers to use one platform. Agreed not to implement until next year as this year has been so disrupted by the pandemic.

Temporary District Counsellor position, Jan-June 2021 – funded by targeted dollars.

Aimed at elementary level due to need.

2. **Pro-D** - Sign up for January day will be out next week via email. Currently, \$75,000 in the pro-d fund.

3. Committee Reports

Policy: Nov 24 – Cromarty: Parent complaints process reviewed: teacher, principal and then Assistant Superintendent instead of Superintendent. District looking at providing a list of acceptable teaching resources. Marvell is in discussion with the district. Areas of discussion include process for approving existing resources.

Budget: Nov 30, Jan 11 – Marvell, Poulin: Enrollment is down from 1689 to 1638 between 2016/17 and 2020/21. All schools except Coquihalla are about the same number of students.

Coquihalla is down 72 students. Open Parachute program is funded from a grant as is the additional elementary counsellor. Surplus is now 4.6 million. Marvell will consult with BCTF regarding what is a reasonable surplus.

Education: Dec 1 – Hrynyk sent information in an email due to being unable to attend this meeting.

Operations and Facilities: Dec 8 – Lunde: Greening of the district – possible electric bus; LED replacements; playground upgrades requested; HSS playground is getting closer to being installed; boiler installed at Yale; solar panels installed at Harrison.

C. School Reports

HSS – 0.5 FTE was asked to be filled within existing staffing to accommodate option 3 students.

AESS – Grade 8 class dissolved so teacher now teaches same number plus online. Class sizes are increasing to accommodate online teaching. Students returning from option 3 to in class and there is no space.

Kent – Restructuring went smoothly. VP took some online students and restructured non-enrolling.

Coquihalla Originally district was not going to repost the 1.0 position ending in December but Marvell was able to get that reposted. Grades 2 and 4 in-class lost support.

TTOC – Coverage for sick days and payment to attend Pro-D days needs to be considered.

Silver Creek – Restructuring went smoothly. Transition teacher has been taking care of option 3. Shane Wisemen is the new principal.

BBESS – Restructuring went smoothly

D. Unfinished Business

E. Any Other Business

Julie Bond: Chilliwack Trustee By-Election is Feb 13. Carin Bondar has FVLC support. Marvell will send this info out in the FCTA bulletin.

President's Report Continued

Equity in Action – Ministry initiative to create an equity scan and assess barriers to achievement for FN Students. Need two FCTA Reps: Cheryl Carlson and Anders Lunde put their names forward.

FSA – Delayed again. Now Feb 15 – Mar 12. SD and FCTA letters go out Feb 1.

Classroom Enhancement Fund (CEF). District received \$1.6 million to meet class size/composition/ratio language. This translates into 17.15 teaching positions. This amount is separate from the money received for remedy. Teachers need to check their remedy statements to ensure they are accurate.

Mentorship - Only one match so far so the program should be expanded beyond the BCTF mandate.

Motion: Open the program to all teachers, not just those in the first five years of teaching or in a new position. Marvell/Cromarty: carried.

Discussion re timing of next meeting. **Motion:** BBESS rep be allowed to claim a meal allowance due to travel time. Poulin/Lunde: carried.

F. Next Executive Meeting in conjunction with the Winter General Meeting

Date: **Feb 10, 2021**

Time: **4:30pm**

Via **Zoom**

ADJOURNMENT – Cromarty/Anderson