

FCTA Executive Meeting

Minutes
November 9, 2022
4:00 pm
Via Zoom

Regrets: Nickerson; Poulin A; Poulin L; Link; Smith, Polishak; Cowan; Dekok;

A. Call to Order 4.02pm

1. Aboriginal Acknowledgement: Carlson
2. Approval of Agenda. Dowson/Carlson: Carried
3. Approval of Minutes: Anderson/Ma: Carried

B. Executive/Committee Reports

1. President

SD Strategic Planning Meeting: Nov 10 – Marvell will be attending.

Air Quality: TREC – Only school with no a/c. This will be remedied next summer.

Literacy Teachers/Literacy Support - Concern about lack of support for students relayed to district admin

Staffing: SEAs, ECE, Teachers, Psychologist – District is looking at hiring unqualified SEAs and investigating local programming to train new SEAs. ECE worker potentially attached to kindergarten classrooms to allow for before and after school care. District looking at the possibility of classroom enhancement funding to hire another IE teacher. A half-time psychologist has been hired.

FSA's – FCTA and district letter sent on the same day. Many students did not write.

FCTA Social – Wild Cat Grill social was a success and had about 20 teachers attend

Bargaining – Megan and Lynne attended the BCTF Rep Assembly. The link to vote will go to the personal email account that teachers provided to BCTF. Please contact Lynne, if you have not yet submitted a personal email address to BCTF.

2. Pro-D

Books are balanced. Lots of requests for reimbursements and to reserve funds.

3. Treasurer

No report.

4. Committee Reports

Health & Safety: Oct 25 – Margot – Many staff reps still need training. There are online training options offered by the BCTF. Staff reps get one day of paid training and new staff reps get a second day.

C. School Reports

HSS: No heat in half of the building for 2 ½ days. FSAs had low participation. New reporting orders are causing stress for staff.

Kent: Only 4 grade 4s wrote FSAs. Carpets in classrooms have been removed. Kindergarten room only will have carpets replaced.

Silver Creek: New course on outdoor education. Lunch supervision is being provided by volunteers who are sometimes absent and this has meant teachers filling the gap. SEA shortage has had a negative impact on classrooms.

Coquihalla: Report cards are coming due. Less than 50% of grade 4s wrote FSA. SEA shortages continue. Heat is inconsistent with some rooms cold. District team lead has case management. Lack of literacy support.

AESS: Still need to hire SEAs. No heat in half of the building. Teachers keep getting mixed messages about reporting and this is causing stress.

Disrict: No IE meetings yet.

D. Unfinished Business

E. Any Other Business

Bargaining Report by Megan Kempenaar - BCTF executive is recommending a yes vote. BCTF will be putting out a statement in support for the people of Iran. BCTF also has plans to potentially show support to support staff in Ontario.

F. Next Executive Meeting

Date: **Jan 11, 2023**

ADJOURNMENT

Anderson/Marvell: Carried