



A.L. Fortune Secondary Parent Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes September 27, 2023
A.L. Fortune Library

1) Meeting called to order at 5:20pm

2) **Attendance:** Kathy Nadeau, Meagan Erickson, Mark Marino, Lisa Rands, Sheila Phelps, Sherie Baird, Colleen Rougeau, Karla Schubert, Michelle Campbell, Renee Derksen, Willeke Parker, Amber Van Berkel, Valerie Townsend, Melissa Myers, Tonya Lifton, Jolene Korf,

3) **Motion to Approve 2022 Minutes:** Kathy Nadeau, seconded by Nadine Golz

4) **Old Business:**

1) No Old business discussed.

Tabled: \$150.00 for up to approximately 250 ice creams and will provide a receipt for repayment.

5) **New Business:**

1. Introductions to all attendees. An overview of what the PAC is, that we are a voice and a representation for our students. To stay informed of what is happening in our school and assist in the way of volunteerism and funding for the students in our school.
 2. **Nominations for all positions on the executive were taken.**
 - **Chair** - Meagan Erickson's name was put forward by Willeke Parker and Seconded by Sherie Baird. All are in favour.
 - **Secretary** - Amber Van Berkel put her name forward, seconded by Lisa Rands. All are in favour.
 - **Treasurer** - Kathy Nadeau was nominated by Meagan Erickson, seconded by Renee Derksen. All are in favour.
 - **DPAC Representative** - Sheila Phelps put her name forward and was seconded by Kathy Nadeau. All are in favour.

Congratulations everyone, welcome! An email will go out to the executive regarding their roles.
 3. Fundraising - Do we have any fundraisers planned? Currently the only fundraiser we do annually is our Pie Fundraiser in Marsh, in time for Easter. The Blueberry fundraiser (Dan's Blueberries) was a hit and was recommended we do this again. Another idea would be the 50/50 fundraiser now that we have tackled it once before, we should be able to navigate it again.
- We would like to put together a "calendar" of fundraisers for the school so we can

work around other groups who may be doing fundraising as well as support them. Mark will put Meagan in contact with Michelle/Nadia and/or give her the fundraising dates. This is with the understanding that not all fundraisers will be on there, just ones we know of in advance. This can be a working document, updated throughout the year and available on both the PAC social media and perhaps the website.

4. PAC socials and how do parents get in touch with us. We have a "PAC" section on the AL Fortune website. It is not connected with our socials however Mark will look into whether or not we can add that information on there. We do have a Facebook page as well as an instagram.

Facebook: A.L. Fortune Secondary Parent Advisory Council

Instagram: alfortunepac

Email: alfortunesd83pac@gmail.com

5. Concession - What is available for students? Mainly snacky items. On Wednesdays is Pizza Day, first come, first serve. Aside from that, other meal based foods are based on availability and will change regularly.

Breakfast/Lunch program - This is available daily and offered to all students, Merna is in charge of this program each day and provides a variety of options, Zest from Salmon Arm will also be coming in on Thursdays to provide an option of 3 soups and a mac and cheese. There are also always food items such as granola bars etc.. available in the office.

The feeding schools program has given the district \$900,000.00 towards this program, additional funding is not required from the PAC however, if we are interested in funding in some way, to have offerings for students outside of those regular meal times is not covered by the feeding schools programs, and may be a great opportunity.

6. Parent/Teacher communication. There was a point brought up that there is a stark difference between the communication at the elementary school and secondary school. Students are getting older and more independent but there is a need for more communication by teachers to parents, especially in the younger grades. Even if it is a brief email once every 3-4 weeks with an overview of what is happening at school, or about projects that are coming up due etc.. So that parents can keep that open communication and knowledge of what may not be communicated from the student and so they can provide the support. The same question was brought up about parent/teacher meetings, Mark responded to this advising that teachers are very open to meeting with parents if they reach out with any questions or concerns. The timeline in which teachers respond to parents was brought up as a concern, that perhaps it is too long, is there a standard for this? Mark advised that the teachers do respond as quickly as they can, however a discussion on expectations will be had as well.

As a standard if a parent has a question or concern, it is asked that they take that to the teacher first, if it is not resolved, please feel comfortable at that time reaching out to the Administration (Mark and/or Gloria).

7. Grading - Grade 7/9 use the proficiency scale - Emerging / Developing / Proficient / Extending. This has been mandated province wide. Grade 9-12 use standard grading methods. It was voiced that the proficiency scale parents (and students) is not exceptionally accurate or helpful in understanding where a student is at, and they feel that it is too "opinion" based. If a student knows the information incredibly well but hasn't demonstrated they can "teach it" to another student they will not be graded as extending, but perhaps that child is shy and although they know that information they may not be open to sharing with classmates. Mark recommended in these

instances to reach out to the teacher and hopefully these situations can be resolved.

6) Principal Report:

- Enrollment - 375 students (400 FTE) - The 1701 snapshot is due Friday. All classes are full.
- New classes being offered are:
 - “On Track” Designed to help students who are transitioning, independent learners etc.. a hybrid of traditional in class learning and at home learning.
 - Specialized Science 12
 - Skills Explorations 9-12 (metal work etc..)
- Sports - are in full swing! Sports are being well attended by students, gym use and programs such as track and field are also taking off.
- Assessment schedule for Grade 7-8's and Grade 9-12's.
 - Grade's 7-8s will follow the traditional “middle school” term/reporting timelines. With three “trimesters”
 - Trimester 1 - September 6 - December 8
 - October 10 - Communication Week
 - October 26 - Parent Teacher Conference Day
 - December 1 - Report Cards
 - Trimester 2 - December 11 - March 15
 - March 6 - Report Cards
 - Trimester 3 - April 2 - June 27
 - May - Learning Update
 - June 27 - Report Cards
 - Grades 9-12 will follow the traditional secondary timelines with four terms.
 - Term 1 - September 6 - November 9
 - October 10 - Communication Week
 - November 20 - Report Cards
 - Term 2 - November 13 - January 26
 - February 7 - Report Cards
 - Term 3 - January 31 - April 19
 - May 1 - Report Cards
 - Term 4 - June 27 - Report Cards
- PAC Funding / Teachers requests - will go out this week to teachers. They will be due by the next PAC meeting. Teachers are already sending in their requests.
- **Important Dates:**
 - September 28 - Grade 7's and 8's to Splatsin Community Centre for a presentation by Isabella Kulak from Saskatchewan the girl who inspired national ribbon skirt day.
 - September 29 - Orange Shirt Day
 - October 10 - Communication Week
 - October 11- 13 - University Tour of Lower Mainland (20 Students).
 - October 25 - Halloween Dance

7) DPAC Update:

- No DPAC Report.

8) Financial Report: As of August 31st 2023

General Account:
Balance: \$ 4538.06

Gaming Account:
Balance: \$ 5182.96

Fund Allocation and Requests for Year 2022/2023

Date of Request	Department	Request	Amount	Due Date	Yes/No Gam/Gen	Paid Date
June 2023	Administration	Year end treat for all students. Budget of \$150.00	\$150.00	June	Yes / __	
Notes: We need to reimburse Mark for this purchase.						
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Tabled for October:

- One cheque for \$25.00 outstanding for Meagan who will deposit this tonight. This was reimbursement for the Gaming license.
- Payment to Rafflebox was sent on June 06th. This is still outstanding
- Two scholarships, \$500.00 each are earmarked with the funds in our account, to be paid out upon the enrollment of the recipients into post secondary education.
- As noted above we would like to have clearer invoices made to us from the school as to exactly what trip we are paying for etc.. for future reference.
- Kathy will request an invoice from the drumline.
- Payment was made for the Drumline and Band in the amount of \$1500.00 out of the general account, this should have been from the gaming account as it was for a non-curricular trip. Kathy made a motion to move these funds from the gaming back to the general account. Mel seconded this motion, all are in favor.

9) **Next Meeting:** October 18th, 2023 at 5:15pm in the School Library

10) **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:30pm