

Westview School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 2023

Location: In Person @ Art Room, Online via Zoom

Attendees: Stephanie Ash, Katarnia Semancikova, Kristen Knox, Cindy Ure, , Tiffany Walters, Anna Gillespie, Ryan Anderson, Cheryl Coley (Teacher representative), Waleed Najmeddine (Principal)

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

1. Introductions & Welcome
2. New Business
 - Guest Speakers: Annalee Nutter (FMPD Superintendent), Mellanie Fraser (FMPD Supervisor of Mental Health)

General Info:

- PAC can request an FMPD Trustee to attend any meeting; attendance is by invitation
- RCMP have many offerings that may be of interest to PAC including presentations on cyberbullying, internet safety, etc.

Key Topic: What is Policy 19 Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity (SOGI) & what it is not? - clarifying misinformation

Legislation guides the FMPD. FMPD Policy 19 & 20 are in line with legislative requirements.

[FMPD Policy 19: SOGI](#)

[FMPD Policy 20: Student Conduct / Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe](#)

Key points from guest discussion & presentation on SOGI:

- SOGI is not curriculum
- The Education Act requires that if students request a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) teachers/school must support. GSA is not SOGI and it is not curriculum.
- The Education Act is also where pronoun use is legislated. If a student requests a change in pronouns the school administration must work with them to support safe contact with their parents to discuss.

- Professionals Respecting & Supporting Individual Sexual Minorities (PRISM) is a toolkit to support teachers. It is Alberta Teacher Association (ATA) approved. It is not curriculum.
- Alberta Health curriculum can be found online. Parents can request that children do not participate. [LearnAlberta](#)
- FMPSD does not deviate from Alberta curriculum
- If a student asks a non curriculum question teachers are guided to get back to the student in a private setting
- For any questions, comments, or feedback please contact the guest speakers

3. Principal's Message

- Current Enrollment ECDP to Grade 6 is 330 vs. Budget enrollment (set last spring) of 340. ATA ratio to students is on target.
- Extracurriculars, including triple ball, open gym, art club, choir, dungeons & dragons are in full swing with positive feedback from parents. Robotics TBA.
- Spirit week Oct 10-13 had great participation and support for the Food Bank
- Monthly awards assemblies will be held commencing the first week in November

4. Old Business

- Meeting Minutes Approval
 - Kristen moved to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2023 meeting. Katarina seconded. Carried.
 - Kristen moved to approve the minutes from the September 19, 2023 meeting. Katarina seconded. Carried.
- Networks Meeting
 - Kristen attended Networks meeting
 - Minutes located here: [2023.10.10_Networks Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Next meeting is set for November 15, 2023 at 7:00pm (in person & online).

Kristen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. Seconded by Cindy. Carried.