



**FFCA High School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2019**

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**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jignesh Trivedi  
Yogesh Patel  
Janice Reisdorf

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ola Odetula

**ADMINISTRATION**

Douglas Lamb

**TEACHER REP**

Sarah Massey  
Kim Gurr

**STUDENT REP**

Hiba K.

**GUESTS**

Cliff Sanderson  
Hiba K.  
Andrei Filonov

**REGRETS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Yogesh Patel at 6:45 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was presented and accepted without any changes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **MOTION** to approve the September 3, 2019 meeting minutes as presented was made by Jignesh Trivedi, seconded by Cliff Sanderson and **CARRIED**.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- a. The Alberta School Council Association ("ASC") has contacted him about funds that are available. \$962.00 budgeted in leadership mentoring. A community fund originally had \$1,726.00 but now \$682.00 is available. Funds have been previously used for bussing for the musical.
- b. An FFCA Board member will be present at School Council meetings every 3 – 4 months.
- c. The Annual Report was submitted October 1<sup>st</sup> to the FFCA Board.
- d. According to the provincial government, we will need to change the school council by-laws. The government will be in discussions with the Board and the changes will filter down to the school councils.
- e. Donations for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary are sitting, waiting to be dealt with
- f. There is a time capsule that was to be opened after 20 years but wasn't. The plans are to open it in honour of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- g. Provincial government has not yet released the budget, still waiting on funding.
- h. School council has an email account that needs to be accessed. Will contact FFCA IT Department to get the password. It is possible parents are sending emails but not getting replies.
- i. New website is active. Forward any issues to Yogesh Patel.
- j. There was an issue with the colour of the charcoal pants. The colour is too dark. Any issues need to be forwarded to Lorne at head office.



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- k. An email had been circulated that the Chief Financial Officer position was open but that was not the case.
- l. There will be 3 FFCA Board director positions open for election.
- m. NEE has contacted him to see if the Student Union would be willing to assist with a Bollywood gala they are hosting.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ola Odetula was not available to attend the meeting but she did forward the report for review.

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**Statement of Account as at Sept 30, 2019**

Opening Balance Sept 1 2019		1,944.18 (a)
<b>Deposits</b>		
Fundraiser Draft for Calgary flames		0
<b>Withdrawals</b>		0
Cheques:		0
Bank charges		0
		<b>1,944.18</b>
O/s Cheque	(0)	
Add from A/c with Lynn		
School Office:		
Deferred Revenue	1,200	
Revised In-Lieu		
Fundraiser	2,515	
Hamburger sale HS	53	3,768
Observed discrepancy	(0)	(0)
<b>Total with special a/c (resolved)</b>		<b>3,768</b>
Less Expenses for		
2019 GRAD		(936.65)
Lanyards		(359.90)



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	<u><u>2,471.75</u></u>	(b)
Available Balance as at Sep30, 2019		
	<u><u>4,415.93</u></u>	(a+b)
<b>Committed Funds:</b>		
1. Community Funds at ASC (2100)		
2. Sept 2019	412.07	
welcome back	<u>47.36</u>	
BBQ	459.43	

Notes:

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- Learning Conferences have been scheduled for October 10, 2019. They are well attended. The goal is to move them earlier in the term to help with students who may be struggling.
- On October 11, 2019, Ms. Geran is hosting a post-secondary fair. University of Calgary, SAIT, Mount Royal University, University of Alberta, and the military will be attending.
- Night of the Phoenix will be held on October 22, 2019.
- No school on October 25, 2019. The teachers and admin will be attending the charter conference and several FFCA teachers will be presenting.
- No school on October 28, 2019. The High School teachers will be attending HS cultural competencies held at ACAD.
- Not much is happening in November.
- Zain Tariq, a grade 11 student, will be representing our campus on the Minister's Youth Council.
- University of Lethbridge practicum students have arrived. There will be 6 University of Calgary practicum students for the months of November-December and in the spring of 2020. There will also be two groups of 6 University of Calgary students observing classes.
- A parent partnership request has been made for the high school to sponsor and liaise with the middle schools to set up a parent information session about vaping. A local doctor who is an FFCA alumni is will to present. Yogesh Patel advised he would take this on.
- The province has changed how the PAT scores look now and they are released to students' Alberta Ed IDs, individually. They are not easy to read.
- There are 878 students. Class numbers are a bit higher.
- A professional development session is being planned for the high school staff regarding asbestos.

**STUDENT UNION REPORT**

- The SU has hosted the Week of Welcome.



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- They volunteered at the Welcome Back BBQ.
- The students are able to use these events for community service hours.
- The SU students are taking the student union course, completing assignments so they can get credits.
- They are planning 3 events coming up.
  - a. October 23, 2019 Pep Rally at lunch hour. There will be an ice cream eating contest, free throw basketball and cup pong. The winner will be able to pie a teacher in the face.
  - b. November 1, 2019 Halloween Dance. There will be a photo booth, best costume contest, and DJ Rush has been secured. Proposals are being written
  - c. November 20, 2019 – Free the Phelix game during lunch.
- The SU has requested to use the cotton candy and popcorn machines. Permission was given, but the popcorn machine is not working and the council needs to look into repairing or replacing it.

### **TEACHER'S REPORT**

- Grade 12 ELA classes attended *The Tempest* at The Shakespeare Company to complement our study of Shakespeare and give students more exposure to this difficult language they are learning. One of our alumni students had a major role in the production.
- Social 30 field trip to Nose Hill Park to meet with Elder Randy Bottle took place on Sept 18 & 19 and was very well received by students
- PE 30 field trip to the McCall Lake golf course got students out on the course over two days and was great!
- Charter School conference is coming up in October and many of our teachers are presenting.
- Outdoor Ed trips have been happening.
- New Students to FFCA luncheon was held today. This is an information session about what makes FFCA unique, how students can get involved in the community, and we took feedback and answered questions. Highlights included multiple students saying that they noticed staff and teachers here genuinely care for students, and that the school community is very welcoming.
- Volleyball is underway! Girls won their first game! There is no boys team this year, only the JV & SV girls. Game schedules can be found on the phoenix athletics website.

### **PARENT PARTNERSHIP**

Janice Reisdorf advised that while there wasn't a parent partnership volunteer, she would advise on the Welcome Back BBQ. On September 14, 2019, the 4<sup>th</sup> annual BBQ was held. There were 185 people service. Two school tours lead approximately 20 parents. There were several activities: face painting, cotton candy, giant Jenga and bean bag toss games. The Jenga and bean bag games were borrowed from SMS. The BBQ cost \$459.43.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Yogesh Patel advised there are two possible fundraisers sold by all campuses. The first is TeamFund.ca selling food online. Kadode selling kamput pepper. 1% of sales go to orphanage. There is 30-40%



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profit. The profits would go to the campus that ordered.

Yogesh Patel will look into setting up the donation in lieu for the high school.

**NEXT MEETING**

November 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.