

# Minutes FAPC General Meeting - December 3, 2021

**Date:** Friday, December 3rd, 2021  
**Start Time:** 8:00 am  
**Location:** Fraser Academy, 5th floor and Zoom

**In Attendance:** Susie Stewart, Brandy Hughes, Vivian Cantas, Andrea Potter, Debbie Heaps, Sarah Braim, January Vandale, Helenę Tremblay, Tanis Palliardi, Vikki Lalari, Richard Hayward, Alexandra Wright, Karen Chan, Belinda Curyer, Frederic and Eva Ciperá.

**Representing the school:** Tasso Kanavos

## 1. Welcome and Housekeeping

This was the first hybrid meeting of the FAPC. Helene T. advised the attendees on Zoom that the agenda was available in the chat and that they should also post their questions or comments there. Andrea P. will be monitoring the chat throughout the meeting.

## 2. School Update

Tasso K. gave an update on behalf of the school. This is closer to a normal school year, with more co-curricular activities. Thank you to parents for getting your kids involved.

Today, FA is raising money for BC flood relief. Cans and bottles are being collected and they have organized a BBQ. Proceeds will go to support the North Shore Rescue organization.

Winter concerts are next Thursday, December 9 at the Jewish Community Centre. As this is a school event, vaccine passports are not required but masks will be mandatory. The shows will also be recorded for distribution to FA families.

The FA Staff Winter party is tonight, December 3.

Fall sports, volleyball and cross country, have wrapped up and winter sports have started this week (a week delay due to gas rationing), including basketball, and a new Alpine Club with 75 kids participating.

The school continues to monitor the Provincial Health Guidelines regarding Covid-19. At the moment there are no changes, but we ask that all families be mindful of travel advisories over the holidays and to following guidelines.

The City of Vancouver Traffic Advisory Committee will present to the school and parents on January 12, 2022 on the survey that was completed last year on parking and traffic flow around the school zone. More details to be circulated when they become available from the city.

Finally, on behalf of the entire school, thank you for all your support this term and have a good holiday.

### 3. Financial Update

Brandy provided an update on the FAPC Financials.

#### Opening Cash Balance at August 30, 2021

General Account	\$43,922
Gaming Account	\$10,191
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$54,113</b>

#### Revenues (current actuals)

Gaming Grant 2021	\$5,320
Used Uniforms	\$8,634
Purdy's Sales	\$4,531
Plant Sales	\$1,973
Donations for Staff Appreciation	\$1,095
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$21,553</b>

#### FAPC Expenses (Projected)

Book Club	\$1,500
Parent Socials	\$4,000
Grad Frames	\$1,500
Staff Appreciation Winter	\$3,500
Staff Appreciation Spring	\$7,000
<b>Total FAPC Expenses (Projected)</b>	<b>\$16,150</b>

#### FA Wishlist Expenses (estimate)

BBQ	\$4,000
Pottery Wheel	\$2,000
Theatre Manager	\$15,000
Library	\$2,000
<b>FA Wishlist Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>

#### Summary

Opening Balance (carryover from 2020-21)	\$54,113
Revenue YTD	\$21,553
Expenses/Disbursements YTD	\$0
Bank Interest	\$47
<b>Balance at November 30, 2021</b>	<b>\$75,713</b>

Helene T. provided an update on how the FAPC revenues will be spent. Each year, we spend a portion of the funds that are raised during that school year and keep some in reserve for future opportunities. The Gaming Grant can only be used to support specific types of items (eg. extra-

curricular). The FAPC support activities and expenses that will help develop and support the parent community and enhance the student experience at the school. The FAPC reviewed the Wish List from FA Administration and used this rationale for selecting these items (BBQ, Theatre Manager, Pottery Wheel and Library) for the FAPC to support:

- BBQ - An industrial style BBQ for community events at school.
- Theatre Production – A stage manager to produce the school play which is done every two years with mostly senior school students. This is another opportunity to connect the community as all parents are welcome to come and all students will be given the opportunity to see a matinee. It is also a great opportunity to showcase the school and gives the younger students something to aspire to. This year it will be a Harry Potter theme play.
- Pottery Wheel - to replace the current wheel at the school.
- Library - For graphic novels, comics and other non-academic style books.

Helene asked the FAPC to vote on the FA Wishlist items as presented (with estimate costs) and it was approved by the majority.

#### **4. FAPC Year Plans & Events**

##### **Mark it Read Campaign (October)**

Great turn out to support the BBQ. Great to see kids wearing their t-shirts and being so enthusiastic.

##### **Purdy's Holiday Sale (December)**

This year we sold \$17,000 worth of chocolate giving us a profit of \$4,531. Thank you to Kiley Lundin for organizing this event and to all the volunteers who came out to help sort and distribute.

##### **Plant Sales (December)**

This year we had a great response and raised \$1,973 and all funds will go towards the Staff Appreciation event. Pick Up is on Friday, December 10th between 2:30 – 4:00pm

##### **Staff Appreciation Event (December)**

The FAPC organizes this in lieu of families buying individual gifts. We utilize the funds from the Winter Plant Sales plus some funds from the FAPC account to provide every staff member a gift of appreciation. In the past we were able to have a cookie buffet (cookies provided by parents) but we are still not able to do this due to the pandemic. This year, every staff member will receive a holiday plant and a gift card from one of our local and supportive merchants. Families who do not want to purchase plants, can make a direct cash or cheque donation to Fraser Academy, indicating that it is for the Staff Appreciation Event. Deadline is extended to December 10th, 2021.

### **Parent Social (January)**

The FAPC is organizing a school wide parent social - a movie screening of "The Big Picture - Rethinking Dyslexia" at the Hollywood Theatre on Tuesday, January 18th from 6:00-9:00pm. We will open the doors at 6pm for a parent social over wine and light appetizers. The movie will begin at 7:30 pm and be followed by a Q&A facilitated by Colleen Chow. Tickets are \$15 per person (which includes one drink ticket) and this is an adult only event. Vaccination passport must be presented to enter the theatre. More details will be sent out before the holidays.

### **Book Club (February)**

Due to the success of last year's program, and in conjunction with our continued effort to build community connections, the FAPC will be hosting our second virtual book club. This year we will be exploring "What to Say to Kids When Nothing Seems to Work: A Practical Guide for Parents and Caregivers" written by FA parent, Dr. Ashley Miller, and Adele Lafrance, PhD. Each week, we will discuss a section of the book. Dr. Miller will participate in the last session to answer any questions. Although this book is aimed at parents with children aged 5-12, there is a wealth of information that applies to all ages, and discussion will be centred around the ages in families represented in the group. The Virtual Book Club will meet on Wednesdays, February 2, 9, 23 and March 2, you may join either the 12:00 to 1:00 pm or 7:00 to 8:00 pm group. Registration information was sent out in a December 1st email. Books will be provided to those who sign up by Tuesday, December 14th.

### **Used Uniform Sales (Ongoing)**

The sales have been very popular this year. Please bring in your used uniforms to the school anytime. The next sale will be on February 7th.

### **Garden Green Thumbs**

Debbie H. did a fall clean up and will assemble a team for the spring as well as a maintenance team for the summer.

### **Grad Committee**

The school has organized all the elements for the graduation including the Dinner Dance at Terminal City Club and the Grad Ceremony.

The Grad Committee is looking into a grant that is available for dry grad events. The FAPC may be able to help organize something else such as a beach BBQ. More planning will be done after the holidays.

Vivian C. and January V. will organize the Graduate Photo Frames. The tradition was that the Grade 11 parents meet on the 5th floor to wrap each frame. The last two years this has been done by Belinda C. in her home with some FAPC help. It would be great to be able to do this back at the school if possible. They will discuss whether the students' names need to be engraved on each frame in addition to the school logo.

A Grad class legacy item (eg. clothing) is under development with the school. Working with grad committee on what this item would be.

## **5. After School Program**

As Friday pick up at 2:25 pm can be challenging for many, some parents have facilitated with the school to work with Saplings After School program. From January – June, Saplings will pick up kids at FA at 2:30 pm and parents can pick up at Tatlow Park at 4:30 pm. Registration information will be distributed soon.

This will provide a timing solution for working parents and can hopefully lead to building some more connections with the kids and the parents. If this is a growing need in the community, the school would be willing to exploring this in greater scope.

It was also suggested that as an alternate or additional resource, parents can look to the FA student community for babysitters. Reach out in the Facebook group for help/suggestions.

## **6. Q&A and new business**

- A parent asked if FA was accessing the Kitsilano Community Centre to book ice time. Tasso K. informed the group that the rink is difficult to book, but we have secured one ice time for the Grade 11/12s for next week.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.