

FAPC General Meeting - Nov 23rd, 2022

DATE: Wed Nov 23, 2022 **TIME:** 7:00pm-8:00pm **LOCATION:** Zoom **Recorder:** Vikki Lalari (FAPC Secretary)

Attendees (in person/zoom): Helene Tremblay, January Vandale, Vivian Cantas, Eva Ciperia, Carrie Paleologos, Bryson Norrish, Kaylin Godin, Mandy Johnson, Virginia Wigmore, Lisa Davicioni, Karen Sadler, Michael Stephen, Tracy and Sasha Berger, Melanie Worobec, Sabrina_, Andrea McLean, Annie Hui, Karen P, Brock Martland, Debbie Heeps, Robyn Moynes, Heidi_, Karen Chan, Dora Eng, Laryssa Rainboth

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Agenda

1) Welcome and Housekeeping – Helene

- The meeting started at 7:05pm
- September Meeting Minutes posted for review at the beginning of the meeting
- Helene went over WHERE TO FIND the FA Parent Community Website which provides information about events and activities
- go to the Fraser Academy Website, then log into “myFA” and look for “Resources” to find “FA Parent Community”

2) Round Table Introduction - Helene

a) FAPC Executive Team Overview

- Helene introduced the FAPC Executive Team members and their roles
- The team consists of: Helen Tremblay (Chair), January Vandale (Vice-Chair), Vivian Cantas (Event Coordinator), Carrie Paleologos (Member at Large), Brandy Hughes (Treasurer), Vikki Lalari (Secretary), Alex Wright (Community Liaison), Eva Ciperia (Member at Large)

b) Class Parent Overview

- Helene highlighted the Class Parent Team; the list of Class Parent names for each grade can be found on the “FA Parent Community” website

c) Back-to-school Questionnaire Feedback

- Helene shared feedback from the questionnaire that went out at the start of school year; there were 64 respondents
- Primary themes were identified and divided into three areas of engagement and suggestions: (1)parents, (2)families, and (3)students
- For parents there were requests for more learning opportunities; for families there were suggestions for more family activities to connect with one another or perhaps a book exchange; for students there were suggestions for more student volunteering opportunities, subsidized after school programming, library books and playground/sports equipment
- Several suggestions were received for a book selection for the upcoming Book Club in 2023; the top pick was for the book “Atlas of the Heart” by Brene Brown; this recommendation will be forwarded to the event planners for spring Book Club event
- The results of the questionnaire will be reviewed in more detail by the FAPC and recommendations will be put forward for approval by the community and school

3) School Update - Bryson Norrish

Bryson provided an update on school activities and events.

- FA sports teams are well underway; the Rugby team has been undefeated and having a tremendous year; the Sr Volleyball team has had a great season and is just finishing up; the Cross Country team for middle and senior students had a strong showing this season with one student advancing to the Provincials; just launching into Jr Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, and Skiing/Snowboarding Teams
- Debbie H (parent coach Sr Volleyball Team) - shared an update on this year’s volleyball season and brought up an observation she has seen over her years of coaching regarding students with attention deficits (and challenges focusing) and how challenging it tends to be on kids playing in long tournaments or later in the day; she was wondering if there are any accommodations given to student athletes during inter-school sporting events who have these types of challenges
- Outdoor Education activities have started with some winter camping; more activities planned in the New Year

- Grandparents' Day - first one in three years; the junior event had a tremendous turnout with 120 participants and was a wonderful way to showcase our students and the school; the middle and senior school event is upcoming
- Winter Concert – upcoming event on December 1
- IDA (International Dyslexia Association) Conference - Colleen Chow was a guest presenter at this event; some faculty members were able to attend in person and it was a nice way to meet and connect with other schools to share stories, successes and practices. General comment by Bryson was that FA's approach was aligned with other schools, validating that the school is on the right path.
- BCTF (BC Teachers' Federation) - will be involved in negotiations for a new Collective Agreement; this may have implications for FA and salary adjustments; FA tries to match the Vancouver School Board; 80% of our school's revenue goes to staff salaries; more information will be provided to the FA community as it becomes available
- After School Child Care - the program has been on site at FA since September as St John's School continues to work with the City of Vancouver for licensing approval

4) Financial update

- Helene provided a financial update on behalf of Brandy Hughes; not a lot of changes since Sept; addition of revenue from the Used Uniform Sales \$4300 (Sept) and \$1500 (Nov); upcoming expenses will be reported on during the next meeting

5) Ongoing FAPC Initiatives

a) Used Uniform Sales (*September, November, February & April*): FAPC Liaison- January Vandale; Parent Lead: TBD

- There have been 2 sales since school started; the last sale generated approximately \$1500
- The next uniform sales are scheduled for Feb and Apr
- Thank you to all the volunteers
- The FAPC is looking for a parent volunteer to Lead the Used Uniform Sales with assistance from the FAPC Liaison; if interested contact January or a FAPC member for more information
- Donations are accepted any time during the year (drop off at main floor reception) or bring to the Sale event

6) Past FAPC Initiatives

a) Parent Socials

- A big thank you to our hosts for the parent socials that occurred in September; both events had a great turnout and were a lovely way for parents to connect; the Junior School Parent Social was hosted by January Vandale and family on Sept 20th and the Middle/Senior School social was hosted by Carrie Paleologos and family on Sept 27

b) Mark it Read Campaign: FAPC Liaison-January Vandale

- The annual campaign was held in October with a school barbeque and lots of people wearing red. Thank you to volunteers and staff for making it another great event for our students and faculty.

7) In the works

a) Purdy's Chocolate Holiday Sale (*November-December*): FAPC Liaison- January Vandale; Co-Parent Lead- Kiley Lundin

- Current sales for the event are \$3200; the event team is looking for another Co-Parent Lead (especially for sorting day)

b) Plant Sales (*November-December and April-May*): FAPC Liaison- Carrie Paleologos; Co-Parent Lead-TBD

- Winter plant sale will have pick up on Dec 1; proceeds of the sale will be used for the Staff appreciation events
- The event team is looking for a Co-Parent Lead

c) Winter Staff Appreciation Event (*November-December*): FAPC Liaison- Vivian Cantas & Carrie Paleologos

- The staff appreciation event is put on in lieu of students buying individual gifts for their teachers/staff members; the winter event will feature baked goods provided by the FA community; sign-up for providing your baked goods; as well money donations are accepted for this event; the event takes place on the 5th floor and will be set up very festive for the fun event; staff will be able to pick from a variety of lovely baked goodies to take home and will also be given a small gift (\$40) from the FA community

8) Coming up in 2023

a) Book Club: *FAPC Liaison- Alexandra Wright; Afternoon Staff Lead-Cindy Dang; Evening Staff Lead-Erin Kline*

- Recommendation will be put forward for Brene Brown's book "Atlas of the Heart" for this year's Book Club event
- Information will go out after the New Year regarding dates (Feb-Mar) and signing up for the event

b) Earthquake Kit Fundraiser (*Spring-May*): *FAPC Liaison- Alexandra Wright; Parent Lead-TBD*

- This fundraising event is planning to be conducted close to the school's "emergency release" day on May 10; details still to be confirmed

c) Soiree Fundraiser Committee: *FAPC Liaison- Vivian Cantas, Committee Lead: Karley Rice*

- The parent social event will take place on May 5, 2023; stay tuned for more information on this social fundraising event

d) End of Year Staff Appreciation Event (*March-June*): *FAPC Liaison- Vivian Cantas & Carrie Paleologos*

- More information about this event will come out later in the school year; the date will be on Jun 23rd when the kids are out of school but the staff are still working; this is a catered lunch event which includes gifts for teachers/staff and fun games; the event team will be looking for volunteers
- The event team is looking for a Parent lead

9) Gathered by Passions

- Helene started a conversation about family engagement (passion) activities that bring kids and families together with common interests that can be conducted outside of school times; for example Helene indicated that her family will be on the local Cypress Ski Mountain this winter and if other families would like to join her and her family, she would be happy to coordinate a meet-up, contact her at 250-574-0680; if there are other "passion" interests or ideas for our FA community just send an email to the FAPC to see how we may be able to support this idea

10) Q&A and New business

- No new business