

Minutes: FAPC General Meeting - Jan.20, 2023

Meeting Date: Friday, Jan. 20, 2023

Location: Fraser Academy, 5th Floor & Via Zoom (<https://fraseracademy.zoom.us/j/9226613809>)

Attended by: (*zoom participants)

FAPC: Brandy Hughes, Vivian Cantas, Helene Tremblay, January Vandale, Vikki Lalari*, Alex Wright*

FA Staff: Tasso Kanavos, Kaylin Godin, Erin Cranston

Parent Community: Brock Martland, Lisa Stefani, Virginia Wigmore, Debbie Heeps, Judith Yaaqoubi, Stephanie von Dehn, Michael Stephen, Sarah Braim, Andy Johnson*, Robyn Moynes*, Jayne Hunter*, P.Panahi*, Kristien Seabloom*, Adam P-W*, Justin*, Andrea McLean*, Tara Rasmussen*, Kristyn Payne*, Tracy Pressey*, Karley Rice*, Heidi*

Meeting Chair: Helene Tremblay Recorder: Vikki Lalari (Secretary)

Start Time: 8:40am

Agenda

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Housekeeping** (Helene Tremblay)
 - a. Welcome, Overview of Agenda, Sign-in (in person/on-line) and Land Acknowledgments
 - b. FAPC Vision, Mission and Primary Goal Statements were presented by Helene and soon to be on the FAPC website

Vision	The vision for the FA Parent Community is to engage all parents/guardians in the betterment of the school by building a strong and active community through activities which align with the School’s mission, vision and strategic direction.
Mission	Our mission is to have 100% parent/guardian participation by either donating time, knowledge and /or financial support. <i>We are “fun”raisers and “friend”raisers first and foremost!</i>
Goals	Our primary goals are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To foster and build Fraser Academy’s sense of community, inclusion, and involvement where parents/guardians not only know their child’s grade parents/guardians, but have connections with parents across multiple grades. 2. To enrich our community by engaging and connecting parent/guardians and families) through volunteering and social events for students, parents/guardians and staff. 3. To keep a strong line of communication going amongst parents/guardians who wish to participate.

- a. Introductions
 - i. Your FAPC Executive Team
Helene Tremblay (Chair), January Vandale (Vice-Chair), Vivian Cantas (Event Coordinator), Brandy Hughes (Treasurer), Vikki Lalari (Secretary), Alex Wright

(Community Liaison), Carrie Paleologos (Member at Large), Eva Ciperia (Member at Large)

ii. Your FAPC Class Parent Team

Karen Panahi (Grade 2-3), Virginia Wigmore (Grade 4), Andy Johnson (Grade 5), Jen Wick (Grade 6), Tamara Isbister (Grade 7), Nadine May (Grade 8), Keara Killiam (Grade 9), Lim Law (Grade 10), Joanna & Danielle (Grade 11), Lisa Markus (Grade 12)

b. Housekeeping

i. Where to find FAPC information?

- FA School Website at “myFA” portal and go to FA Parent Community
- Check out the FAPC Website and the FAPC Facebook Group

4. School Update (Tasso Kanavos)

- a. Thank you from the school to all those who supported the winter staff appreciation event. It was very well received by the staff.
- b. Attendance-remains consistent since coming back from winter break compared to before the winter break; the school is monitoring illnesses closely; a reminder, that if your child is not feeling well, the school requests that you keep your child at home
- c. Our bi-annual Ministry of Education Monitoring inspection was completed in December. The school maintains its good standing.
- d. Athletics and clubs- current teams and clubs include basketball (girls and boys) middle and senior ski/snowboard club (3 more trips)
- e. Jr Teams & Clubs (Erin Cranston) basketball, swim team, lunch clubs (e.g., writing club, chess club)
- f. Curriculum Ministry Results:
 - i. Literacy - we continue to exceed provincial average
 - ii. Numeracy - we hover around the provincial average, investments in professional development and supplies continue to support math remediation
- g. Course Selection:
 - i. Course Selection for Middle /Senior students will take place in mid-February; resource person is Shannon Campbell (Post-Secondary Counsellor) if you have any questions
- h. Parent Group Concern regarding tuition:
 - i. a group of parents sought clarification about budget process of the school
 - ii. this process is led by school leadership and presented to the Board for approval
 - iii. key drivers of tuition are BCTF raises and the need to ensure a comparable compensation package to other teachers; the current package is below VSB when factoring public pension and extended benefits
 - iv. the school aims for a 1% surplus on revenues recognizing the significant costs of tuition
- i. Spring Break Trips for Senior School- will be reinstated next year for trips outside of the province and internationally; in the past the school has partnered with “EF School Travel Guides” as the travel coordinators/guides; International trips are typically for grades 10-12 students
 - i. Spring break next year planning has started; these trips are outside the school budget

5. Budget Update (Brandy Hughes)

- a. Brandy provided an update on the current budget (see tables below)

Opening Balance

	Aug 30,2022
General Account	\$52,540
Gaming Account	\$10,811
Total Cash	\$63,351

2022-23 Revenue			
Revenue YTD		Anticipated Revenue	
	Actual		Actual
Gaming Grant	\$5,400	Earthquake Kit Sales	\$500
Used Uniform Sale	\$5,885	Staff Appreciation June	\$9,000
Purdy's Chocolate	\$3,214	Spring Plant Sale	\$1,200
Winter Plant Sale	\$1,325		
Staff Appreciation Donations	\$5,605		
Total	\$21,429	Total	\$10,700

2022-23 Expenses -FAPC Events/Programs			
Expenses YTD		Anticipated Expenses	
	Actual		Actual
Welcome Back BBQ	\$767	Grad Frames	\$1,500
New Parent Welcome Package	\$106	Staff Volunteer Thank You	\$300
Book Club	\$1,104	School Wish List	\$24,000
Parent Socials	\$2,000	(pending approval)	
Staff Appreciation December	\$8,694	Staff Appreciation June	\$9,000
Total	\$12,671	Total	\$34,800

SUMMARY	
Opening Balance (carryover from 2021-22)	\$63,351
Revenue YTD	\$21,429
Bank Interest	\$832
Expenses / Disbursements YTD	(\$12,671)
BALANCE AS AT 20 JANUARY 2023	\$72,941
Additional Budgeted Revenue	\$10,700
Additional Budgeted Expenses (includes pending Wish List)	(\$34,800)
ESTIMATED BALANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2023	\$48,841

6. Faculty-led Wish List

- a. Helene presented on the background and development of the Faculty Wish List (see table below)
 - i. Faculty members have been asked to submit Wish List Items which were then presented to the FAPC
 - ii. This will be a living document from year to year with new items added
 - iii. The process for choosing items is based on the following criteria: priority items identified by Bryson, distribution of items between Jr School and Middle/Sr School, and distribution of items across different departments
 - iv. Gaming Grant (*GG) funds were used where appropriate based on GG criteria for spending the funds
- b. Erin Cranston went over the wish list items and described the Jr School Sensory Wall (example pictures were provided)

Voting for the Wish List

- The result of the Wish List vote was in-favour of the expenditures; 2022-2023 Wish List Approved
- in person vote=11/12 yes and online vote=9/14 yes
- Questions were upheld with respect to the sensory wall and the supporting First Nations program development

FA School Wish List 2022-2023: Summary of Expenses				
Department	Item	Whole School	Jr. School	Middle/Sr. School
General	Library Books	\$2000 (*GG)		
General	Library Carousel	\$200		
Cross Curricular	First Nations Program	\$3000		
Athletics	Large sports back drop	\$200		
General	Sensory Wall		\$7500 (*GG)	
Applied Skills	STEAM workshops		\$2000	
Visual Arts	Pottery Wheel			\$2200
Music	Guitar amps			\$4500
Textiles/Food Studies	Screen Printing equipment			\$200
Digital Media	3D Printers			\$2000
Total		\$5400 (23%)	\$9500 (40%)	\$8900 (37%)
Grand Total		\$23,800		

7. Open Discussion

- a. Michael (parent) reported that there is a group of 20 families concerned about the rising cost of tuition, acknowledging that some families may have to leave due to financial considerations.
 - i. A discussion was had around how the FAPC can support bursary. It was shared that the FAPC mandate is to build community amongst students and parents and ensure all community members benefit from the FAPC's activities. A suggestion was brought forward to form a committee within the FAPC to come up with ideas on how to support families and our community.

8. Ongoing FAPC Initiatives

Thank you to all the volunteers for supporting the FAPC Initiatives

- a. Used Uniform Sales (*February & April*) / *Lead: January Vandale*
 - i. next sale Feb 6; looking for a Parent Team Lead; contact January if you are interested in volunteering for this role

9. **Past FAPC Initiatives**

- a. Purdy's Chocolate Holiday Sale (*November-December*) / *Lead: Kiley Lundin*
generated \$3214
- b. Plant Sales (*November-December and April-May*) / *Lead: Carrie Paleologos*
generated \$1325
- c. Winter Staff Appreciation Event (*November-December*) / *Lead: Vivian & Carrie*
 - i. this was a great event; the staff appreciated all the goodies and gifts; there were 72 bakers, 81 donations, and volunteers
generated \$5605
thank you to all the volunteers that help make this event a success

10. **In the works**

- a. Book Club (*January-March*) / *Lead: Alexandra Wright*
there will be two sessions (lunchtime and evening)
the book is by Brene Brown, Atlas of the Heart
- b. Earthquake kit Fundraiser (*Spring, exact date TBD*) / *Lead: Alexandra Wright*
the date in the spring is TBD
- c. Soiree Fundraiser Committee: *Lead: Vivian Cantas, Karley Rice*
the event will take place on May 5/23; no update available; more details to come
The event will be a fundraiser for a school awning in the outdoor space (approx. cost \$12,000)
- d. End of Year Staff Appreciation Event (*March-June*) / *Lead: Vivian & Carrie*

11. **General Annual Meeting (May)**

- a. The meeting will include voting on new FAPC executive members and approving the 2023-2024 school year's annual expenses.

12. **Gathered by Passions**

- a. Helene provided an example of a "Gathered by Passion" event
 - i. There was a Grade 5 Family Ski Event at Whistler over the holidays that was organized by class parent Andy Johnson; the event was a lot of fun for the kids and parents and a great way to connect over a shared passion. Thank you, Andy, for hosting

13. **Q&A and New Business**

no new business

Meeting end: 9:45am

Next General Meetings:

Wednesday, March 1, 2023- zoom at 7pm-8pm

Friday May 5, 2023-In person & Zoom at 8:30am-9:30am