

Information gathered at Jan. 22, School Council Meeting regarding fees:

It was shared that there is an existing \$60.00 field trip fee for grades 1-6 and a \$30 fee for kindergarten students. Fees are collected at the beginning of the school year. The floor was opened for comments regarding the field trip fee amounts.

- More in-school trips would be better to reduce bussing costs. It's nice to have one or two out of school trips but parents were ok with in school as well.
- Word "in-school field trips" differently. Students associate "in-school" field trip as not being a field trip at all. Call it an "in-school activity" instead. Suggestion was guest speaker.
- Call the fee an activity fee to encompass in and out of school experiences
- Parents were willing to pay more to have more experiences and feel a field trip is a valuable life experience.
- Lowering the cost would not be advantageous because it would most likely have to be raised in the future – this seemed to be a unanimous thought
- It is important to have field trips, would pay more to have those experiences.
- Would like to see information broken down on fees. Where are they going? So the parent knows where the money is going. For example – Telus World of Science is \$XX.XX
- Willing to pay more than the \$60 for students to go off property more.

Other additional items discussed regarding fees:

- Have the lunch fees broken down to monthly payments?
- Messaging sent out at the beginning of the year – Please contact us if you want to make smaller payments. Break it down more. Pay in full over multiple payments.
 - Many present at the meeting were unaware that this practice is already currently in place and would like it communicated better.
 - Their understanding is that you can have your fees waived but not set out in instalments. They thought it was one or the other – pay or have them waived.
 - Would like a much clearer message on ability to have payments.