

School Council Meeting Minutes:

October 9, 2018

9:30 – 10:30 am Ardrossan Elementary Gathering Area

Attendees: Kyla Harding (Acting Assistant Principal), Skip Gordon (Board Trustee), Kelley Mitchell (School Counsellor), JP Grebenc, Jackie Anderson, Ady Arbuckle, Rena Skoreyko, Valerie Claude, Val Ulliac, Crystie Wright, Lea Kulmatycki, Cheryl Popik, Dana Vonu-Boriceanu, Connie Hamelin

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 9:33 am

2. Minutes from last meeting

- Motion to accept minutes from September 2018 meeting by Ady Arbuckle; seconded by Rena Skoreyko
- Motion carried

3. Family & Communications Services Presentation (Oana Vanu-Borinceau)

- The Family School Liaison program (Strathcona County) has been re-organized to be a more generalized program and services are now delivered by a Solutions Navigator
- The Solutions Navigator now works in conjunction with students and parents/caregivers and can target all ages in the community
- Now a more parent/caregiver-focused program with the adults working more intentionally to support their children
- 2 options available for support:
 1. Walk-in Model:
 - Parents with family or school related concerns can come into community services facility to be seen as soon as possible
 2. School Contact:
 - Wanna can connect with the family over telephone to make an appointment or to meet up at the family's home or another convenient public place
- Kelley Mitchell requested if its possible for the Solutions Navigator to provide a short presentation at a future school council meeting
- Strathcona County is offering a "Connect Parent" group; a 9-week program providing parents with a new perspective on parent-teen relationships and adolescent development. There are still approximately 5-6 spots available; to register call 780.464.4044

4. Wee Read Presentation (Lea Kulmatycki)

- Wee Read is an Alberta government initiative based on an alarming statistic out of Texas where there was a direct correlation between the state's penal system and low literacy in Grade 3 students
- Wee Read aims to introducing reading for pleasure rather than as a chore; it is a read-aloud program where volunteers read with 2 students for approximately 20-30 minutes

- Volunteers receive training on how to do a read aloud and the 8-week program will be carried out in 3 rounds
- Volunteers can sign up under Lea's E Teacher page under the "be a Wee Reader" tab

5. Chair Report (JP Grebenc)

- The EIPS board will look into consulting with students in the future regarding a cell phone policy; the board will be implementing a board-wide policy by the end of the 2018/2019 school year
- JP discussed ASCA and the role the organization plays within our education system; ASCA plans to attempt to bring education to the forefront of the upcoming Alberta election as currently education sits as approximately the 5th or 6th priority
- Jackie Anderson commented that the best way parents can have an active say in the future of education is to become educated on who is representing our province in terms of education and vote according to what is a priority to each individual

6. Board Report (Skip Gordon)

- Board Retreat: discussed goals, outcomes, and values of EIPS
- Talked about EIPS advocacy plan to elected politicians
- By the end of the 2018/2019 school year there will be a board policy on student cell phone/personal device use
- There was a proposal by some board members to move the Jr/Sr French Immersion program from Ardrossan Jr/Sr into Sherwood Park in order to "grow" the program; this suggestion was met with defence with Skip determining that there is only 12% of current French Immersion students at Campbelltown not wanting to drive to Ardrossan and this shouldn't warrant uprooting the program to Sherwood Park. After discussion and debate, the program will NOT be moving; it will remain at Ardrossan Jr/Sr

7. Student Report (Blaine, Aisia, Reese, Porter)

- The students are excited about being in the new school and listed their favorite aspects: lots of space for learning, amazing hot lunch kitchen, beautiful colors throughout the school, and a huge gym!
- Grand Opening on September 28th was a success with many special guests in attendance and the Grade 6 group being honored to attend; 4 students were invited to emcee and 8 were tour guides
- The annual Terry Fox run on September 27th raised \$721.50! Way to go!
- Crazy Hair Day was a lot of fun with many crazy hair styles throughout the school
- Orange Shirt Day was a day to reflect on the many children taken from their homes to attend Residential Schools
- Family Math Night was great fun and the popcorn was delicious! Thank-you to the school council for donating 2 tablets!
- The Grade 6 students are excited that Drama Club has begun and that auditions have already taken place for the upcoming Christmas concert and play; many more student clubs are beginning soon

- Read-In-Week was last week and the students enjoyed the opportunity to read their books as well as the family picnic on Thursday
- The Galaxyland fundraiser was awesome! The lines were not nearly as busy and it was a success!
- The students look forward to the month of October, particularly Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews and the Halloween Parade!

8. **Administration Report (Kyla Harding, Acting Assistant Principal)**

A. Celebrations:

- Grand Opening was a huge success; the Grade 6 emcees and tour guides were amazing and the Grade 3 choir did a wonderful job!
- Students are signing up for Leadership teams by the end of this week
- Thank-you to all of our parent groups for their support – the Galaxy tablets were a huge hit on math night and many families have commented how they love our Hot Lunch program
- Family Math Night was a success; smaller turn-out than in the past but still fun

B. School Education Plan (SEP):

- Administration team is busy drafting the new 3-year School Education Plan
- SEP outlines our vision as a school over a 3-year period through 3 school goals
- Goals should:
 - Support the goals of the Division Education Plan (DEP)
 - Support the success and growth of Ardrossan students academically, socially, physically, and emotionally
 - Reflect the values and dreams of our Ardrossan families
- Administration would like parent/caregiver input for the 2018-2022 SEP; by parents/caregivers answering the following 3 questions:
 1. What does success for all students mean to you and your family?
 2. What does a culture of excellence and accountability look like?
 3. How would you like to see parents involved in supporting success for all?
- ❖ **Parents who were not able to attend today's school council meeting but want to share information can email Helene Hewitt at Helene.Hewitt@eips.ca with your ideas to be included in administration's planning**
- Administration will use parent/caregiver feedback as well as information from the EIPS Parent Engagement Survey, the Accountability Pillar Survey, and from the staff SEP committee to develop the new 3-year plan

C. Information Items:

- Parent/Student/Teacher conferences are taking place October 17th and October 18th from 4:30-7:30 pm; sign up starting October 9th by going to www.schoolinterviews.ca and enter the code: 22FVJ

- Halloween Parade is on October 31st a 1:00 pm; parents are invited to watch from the Gathering Area
- October 15th through October 19th is Bus Safety Week; AEL will practice bus evacuations first thing the morning of October 15th

9. AEPSA Report/Fundraising (Ady Arbuckle/JP Grebenc)

- Galaxyland fundraiser was a success! Although slightly more stressful on the committee this time, we still made approximately \$6,000 for our school, making it worthwhile. The planning committee will look at a potential date change for next year as September seemed rushed
- Upcoming Events: Bottle Drive on October 17th and 18th during Parent/Student/Teacher interviews
- October 23rd: Student Clubs to present their requests for funding from AEPSA; meet at 11:30 in the Gathering Area

10. Other Business

- A. Valerie wanted to let school council know about a project she has undertaken and wanted to provide a heads-up with AEPSA and the treasurer regarding how funds will be exchanged; JP advised its not an item that can be voted on at this time as it's an AEPSA decision, but he does not see it as being an issue
- B. Val Ulliac expressed her concern regarding the amount of screen time students are receiving during lunch hour; why are students watching television or movies when they should be eating and socializing? JP advised to table the discussion until next month due to time constraints; it will be added to the November agenda
- C. Crystie Wright requested a transparent breakdown of noon hour supervision fees; how is cost being broken down? Again, this discussion to be tabled for next meeting and JP to add to the November agenda due to time constraints

11. Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 6th 6:30-7:30 pm in Ardrossan Elementary Gathering Area
AEPSA meeting to follow

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ady Arbuckle
Seconded: Jackie Anderson at 10:49 am