

## **School Council Meeting Minutes:**

April 9, 2019

6:30 – 7:30 pm Ardrossan Elementary Gathering Area

**Attendees:** Judy Whetstone, Principal, Skip Gordon (Board Trustee), Helene Hewitt (Assistant Principal), JP Grebenc, Jackie Anderson, Ady Arbuckle, Darren Wright, Val Ulliac, Vania Lloyd, Jill Herbert, Lindsey Decker, Shelly Christenson, Carolyn VanKleek, Claudia Klippenstein

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

- Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 6:34 pm

### **2. Chair Report (COSC)**

- New curriculum has been in the works for the past 20(ish) years; was recently re-branded by the NDP government; will be a complete K-12 redesign moving from a KSA (knowledge, skills, attitude) to concept-based (building upon skills annually for higher learning and deeper understanding)  
Implementation: EIPS is already undertaking steps to bring forth the new curriculum; looking at full implementation by approximately year 2024
- Cell phone policy: No new info yet to report; hopefully by end of school year
- Addition of School Council terms/acronyms: Based on information from other school councils, Jackie Anderson requested permission to add an info sheet of commonly used EIPS acronyms and terms for better understanding and involvement of all parents

### **3. Board Report (Skip Gordon)**

- The board continues to work on developing a cellphone policy; on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> students in Grades 5-12 participated in a student forum. A student survey, parent survey, and staff survey will also be conducted to determine how personal devices impact learning, peer relationships, and personal well-being
- March 4<sup>th</sup> the Edmonton branch of the Canadian Culinary Federation hosted its 2019 High School Culinary Challenge Awards Dinner, celebrating Sr. High students. EIPS had 4 teams compete this year from Bev Facey, Lamont, Sal Comp, and Veg Comp. Sven Thiering of Bev Facey was one of four students receiving a full 3-year scholarship to the NAIT Culinary Arts Program
- The Board approved the name 'Heritage Hills Elementary' for the K-6 Wye Elementary replacement school. This dual-track English/French Immersion school is expected to open in the fall of 2020
- The Board approved the 3-year Capital Plan for 2020-2023. The top three priorities are:
  - Replacement school for Sherwood Heights Jr High (Sherwood Park)
  - Replacement school for Rudolph Hennig Jr High (Fort Saskatchewan)
  - Cluster study within Sherwood Park involving Ecole Campbelltown, Pine Street Elementary, and Sherwood Heights Jr High replacement school

The board will now submit this plan to Alberta Education for funding consideration

#### **4. Admin Report – Judy Whetstone**

- A. Claudia Klippenstein wanted to approach School Council with a heads-up that this year, due to funding for the Rocket Club not being added to the fee sheet last year, she will need to request that parents provide a donation to cover the cost of their child's rocket. Mrs. Klippenstein then requested that if costs could not be covered by parents if AEPSA may be able to help cover the cost
- B. Fee Structure
  - Fieldtrip fee has increased by 10% (5% for busing for Dow rehearsal and 5% to cover Artist in Residence fee)
- C. Earth Day Assembly: April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am followed by Volunteer Appreciation and Old School Farewell – Carolyn VanKleek to post on FB
- D. Social Media Night: May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for parents and students; focus will be on both parents and students using social media
- E. New Curriculum: concept-based with application of knowledge
- F. Recent rhetoric regarding math results: thought to be a possibility due to recent provincial elections
- G. April 11: Superhero Day and April 17: Western Day
  - Ady Arbuckle inquired if next year we could acknowledge Down Syndrome Day and Autism Awareness Day
- H. Student Enrolment for 2019/2020 year: currently sitting at 519 students

#### **5. AEPSA Report (Vania Lloyd, Val Ulliac, JP Grebenc)**

- Parent's Night Out: a big success again this year, with an approximate profit of \$5,200; every year we learn and get better
- Family Dance: April 12<sup>th</sup>; Not sure of how many attending; expected to be a fun event. Some silent auction items left over from Parent's Night available if wanting to bid on at dance
- Staff Appreciation Day: June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Family Garage Sale: Agreed name should be changed to 'Outgrown It Sale'. Thoughts or ideas? Suggested it could be held on a Saturday from 9-5; rent a table for a set amount; first priority to AEL families but should we open up table rentals to community members?
- Discussion regarding "All State" new quote fundraiser – school could potentially receive a \$25 fundraising credit/new insurance quote. Helene and Judy to look into the efficacy of this; can this be done as a school fundraiser?

#### **6. Other Business**

- A. Carolyn VanKleek: expressed continued concerns regarding roadblocks to communication with AEL families and School Council/AEPSA (difficulty reaching all families). Please generate ideas; tabled until May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting
- B. Encased bulletin board – for notices, upcoming events, etc. Tabled until May 7<sup>th</sup>
- C. Carolyn VanKleek's kids are moving up... potential opening for AEL marketing/communications rep?

- D. Judy wanted to thank Val Ulliac for all of her help in cutting out decals for Do Not Walk in the Halls initiative – THANK-YOU VAL!!!

**7. Minutes from Last Meeting**

- Motion to accept minutes from March 2019 meeting by Ady Arbuckle; seconded by Carolyn VanKleek
- Motion carried

**8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30 am in AEL Gathering Area  
AEPSA meeting to follow

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: Vania Lloyd  
Seconded: Shelly Christenson at 8:09 pm