

School Council Meeting Minutes:

September 10, 2019

7:00 – 8:00 pm Ardrossan Elementary Gathering Area

Attendees: Helene Hewitt (Acting Principal), Kyla Harding (Acting Assistant Principal), Skip Gordon (Board Trustee), Layla Pretzlaff (Music Teacher), JP Grebenc, Val Ulliac, Jackie Anderson, Vania Lloyd, Ady Arbuckle, Jennie March, Carolyn Vankleek, Wendy Marty, Cheryl Popik, Darren Wright, Alicia Ponciano, Jocelyn Ogilvie, Shelly Gall Christenson, Leigh Kovesky

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 7:06 pm

2. Minutes from last meeting

- May 2019 meeting minutes not available at this time; Ady to send to Jackie for printing for October meeting

3. Elections

- JP gave brief overview of duties and expectations of each position
- **President:** Vania motioned for **JP Grebenc** to remain as president; elected by acclamation
- **Vice President:** Jackie motioned for **Cheryl Popik** to remain as vice president; elected by acclamation
- **Secretary:** JP motioned for **Jackie Anderson** to remain as secretary; elected by acclamation
- **Treasurer:** Rena Skoreyko stepping down and **Val Ulliac** nominated as treasurer; motion carried
- **Communications Representative:** JP motioned for **Carolyn Vankleek** to remain as CR; motion carried with the expectation that should another individual wish to shadow this position this would be welcome

4. Chair Report (JP Grebenc)

- No chair report until after COSC Meeting (October 2, 2019)

5. Board Report (Skip Gordon)

- Education Act and regulations came into effect on September 1, 2019
 - o Bill 8 amendments to Education Act:
 - Age of access now 19 years instead of 21 years
 - Address of student will be address of custodial parent
 - o Regulation Amendments:
 - School and transportation fees have eliminated the need for reporting to/seeking approval of the Minister of Education for fees prior to them being charged to families. Fees for 2019/2020 year will be status quo
- Mackinnon Report released to the public on September 3, 2019
 - Present government isn't required to follow any of the recommendations but likely will. Many cuts were recommended (to education, health care, social programs). No details over the summer have been provided to school

boards on what to base budgets on. EIPS not expecting funding information until late October

- Organizational meeting held August 29, 2019 where Trina Boymook was once again elected to the position of Board Chair with Heather Wall elected to the position of Vice-Chair
- Policy 24 Personal Communication Devices is now in effect; the Superintendent has updated Administrative Procedure 145 to support the Board's policy
- JP questioned Skip whether the proposed updated curriculum is still a 'go' with EIPS; the reply is that at this point in time the project is on hold

6. Administration Report (Helene Hewitt, Acting Principal)

A. Celebrations

- Great first day of the school year – thank-you to parents/caregivers for appropriately using drop-off lanes
- Welcome to 5 new staff members:

Mme. Hayley Rovensky – Grade 1 French

Mrs. Leanne Tachuk – Business Manager

Mrs. Melissa Stead – Secretary on Mondays

Mrs. Kayleigh Robertson – Music

Mrs. Brittany Radcliffe – Counsellor

M. Ambroise Gnoan – French Educational Assistant

- Grade 1 group led an amazing Habit 1 Assembly on September 6th after only 4 days of school!

B. Upcoming Events

- September 19: Disco Day
- September 20: Epluchette de ble d'Inde (Corn Husking Festival)
- September 23: Alternate ECS Picture Day
- September 24: Whole School Picture Day
- September 27: Terry Fox Run 2:30 pm
- September 30: Orange Shirt Day
- 2nd week of October: Read-In Week
- October 23/24: Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
- November 27: Family Math Night 6 – 7:30 pm

C. Information Items

- Fee sheets coming out in the next few weeks
- Trying to increase communication with families via more frequent Tweets and weekly Bison Tales blog posts

Questions/Concerns:

- Val commented on the school's new website design – looks great!

- Vania brought up a comment on cross-country run club asking if the pool of runners could be opened up to not just those students who were part of running club; Kyla agreed to asking if it could be open to all Grade 5/Grade 6 students
- Alicia inquired about sign language club and how clubs are communicated to students and families; Helene replied that clubs are presented to students and it is an opportunity for students to make commitments

7. CPF Report

- Connie Hamelin not available for report

8. Other Business

- Alicia inquired into annual Christmas Concert wondering why it cannot be held in music room/gathering area/school gym. Admin team and music teacher informed there would be a large charge for the rental of staging, chairs (which must be tied together due to fire code) and sound system. At this point in time the biggest road block to hosting the event within the school are the requirements of the fire marshal and the large number of attendees (student/parent population)

9. Next Meeting

October 8, 2019 9:30-10:30 am
Ardrossan Elementary Gathering Area

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Val Ulliac
Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm