

October 8, 2019

Parent Council Minutes

Attendance – JP Grebenc Jennie March, Crystie Wright, Ady Arbuckle, Val Ulliac, Skip Gordon, Helene Hewitt, Karen McKellar, Lindsay Maloney, Jill Herbert, Jami McLaren, Kyla Harding, Rachel Burgemeister, Vania Lloyd

Call to order at 0938 by JP Grebenc

Reading of May 7 Minutes - Corrections made to Crystie Wright spelling in minutes from May 7, 2019. JP Grebenc motioned to pass, all in favor, Motion carried

Reading of Sept 10 Minutes - Corrections made to minutes Sept 10, 2019. JP Grebenc motioned, all in favor, Motion carried

Board Report - Skip Gordon- see attached –

Skip discussed meetings had by trustees on Sept 17/18 2019 to discuss plans and goals for the 2019-2020 School year and so on. Discussion of Blue Ribbon Panel report & MacKinnon report, Recommendations from Premier Kenney, discussion of budget administration fee (which includes transportation & amortization of capital assets). Discussion regarding high school and Post-Secondary education funding. Budget expected to be released by Oct 24, 2019. JP handed out an info sheet (see attached) “You can’t compare apples to oranges” given to him at COSC meeting, discussion had regarding same.

Chair report – JP Grebenc

JP Grebenc summary from COSC meeting. Discussion had regarding upcoming conference “student to author”, (similar to young authors), JP received information for families (see attached info flyers) Helene will add to weekly Bison Tales.

Discussion about “What does School Choice “mean to you”? – Skip Gordon reported the school board had lengthy discussion about the same at their last trustee meeting. Karen McKellar & Lindsay Maloney gave examples of “school of choice”. Val Ulliac & Rachel Burgemeister explained Choice of School as out of boundary vs designate school. Crystie Wright discussed Choice to put into school vs home school. Skip Gordon discussed right to choose your education. Helene Hewitt discussed from an administration side, that parents / students view it as people want a feeling that they are contribution to their “school education plan”.

Admin Report – Helene Hewitt / Kyla Harding

Staff incredibly grateful for support given by parent community last week after the unexpected loss of Mr. Fredrickson. Food, cards, flowers, and little extras all completely enjoyed and appreciated. Helene gave information regarding memorial for Mr. Fredrickson. Administration staff consulted with family, and family gave impression that they do not want to have a 2nd “memorial” at the moment at Ardrossan Elementary. Staff and students all grieving differently. Discussion about the same had by members. Helene suggested instead of doing an assembly at the current time, making a space where students, parents, staff can come access space for immediate use for feelings of grief, being able to sharing

memories, times of remembrance. Helene reported Calvary Lutheran Church currently supporting family, but family agreeable and looking forward to the proposed meal train, and Go fund donations. Go Fund me option available for the family's use and to forward on to different charities the Fredrickson family were a part of. Helene query our thoughts on the same. Suggestion about waiting for Mr. Fredrickson to have a "garden area" as a memorial later, discussion on the same. All agreeable to wait to have a time to grieve and then look at options later which can be done properly.

Helene discussed SEP (school education plan) – (see attached report) – discussion about current plan goals – 1. Promotes success for all students by nurturing the whole child, 2. Promotes a culture of excellence through leadership and collaboration, 3. Promotes effective stakeholders engagement, partnerships and communication. (All in-line with EIPS board Priority Goals) Helene discussed parents to look through School Education Plan posted on website, parents encouraged to give feedback and input on same. JP expressed his appreciation for this type of discussion during School council meetings.

Helene discussed PAT results, all at Green & Blue marker results, currently AES is doing great academically speaking. Next council meeting we will discuss these results in further.

Parent teacher interviews Oct 23/24, booking opens Oct 16. Emails to go out later.

Discussion of Kindergarten new assessment tools EYE-TA, Early years Evaluation – Teacher Assessment, Administration and Kindergarten teachers have informed kindergarten parents of same.

Halloween parade – 1pm October 31, all parents welcome.

Bus evacuation – Oct 15-18, Bus evacuation at 0930 Oct 23

CPF Report – meeting Tuesday Oct 15, 2019 1030 –

Vania gave quick update about 2 school events provided by CPF, Carnival & Year end BBQ, awaiting financial report.

Other Business

JP reports School bylaws binder is missing since the move from the old school to the new school, JP to look into how to get new bylaws written and available at new school.

Update from Hot Lunch - \$1000.00 given to Garden Memorial for Mr. Fredrickson

Next meeting – School Council – 19 November 630 pm – 730 pm AEPSA 730pm – 830pm

Jill motioned to adjourned- All in favor, meeting adjourned 1043



October 2019 Admin Report

School Council Meeting

Gratitude

- Thank you to the many parents who have lent us their love and support this past week. We appreciated the coffee, snacks, luncheons, and special items in Chris' Corner last Friday. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring community.

Memorial Update for Mr. Frederickson

- In consultation with Mr. Frederickson's family and with our staff, we have decided to not hold a memorial assembly, but to instead provide a quiet space for people to pay their respects. This will enable people to grieve privately as they need to without requiring people to attend an event which may not be a healing experience for them.
- We will be creating a committee of parents, staff, and students to determine if we would to purchase something in honour of Mr. Frederickson such as a special collection of books or games in the library, something for the garden, or other ideas that we may consider.

School Education Plan (SEP)

- We will use parent feedback from this meeting, from the EIPS Parent Engagement Survey, from the Accountability Pillar survey, and from our staff SEP committee to develop our new 3 year plan. Stay tuned!
- Three goals are:
 - GOAL 1:** AEL promotes success for all students by nurturing the whole child.
(EIPS Priority 1, Goal 1 & 2)
 - GOAL 2:** AEL promotes a culture of excellence through leadership and collaboration.
(EIPS Priority 2, Goal 1, 3 & 4)
 - GOAL 3:** AEL promotes effective stakeholder engagement, partnerships and communication.
(EIPS Priority 3, Goal 1 & 2)

Accountability & PAT Results

- We have excellent results in both the Accountability Pillar Survey, the EIPS Parent Engagement Survey and the Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs)
- PAT results were recently released and we will be examining the data more closely as a staff in the next few weeks. (Gr. 6 teachers have already spent time doing the analysis)

Information Items

- ✓ Parent/student/teacher conferences are taking place on October 23 and 24 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. You can sign up starting October 16, 2019 by going to www.schoolinterviews.ca and entering the code: abufr
- ✓ Halloween parade is on Oct 31st @ 1 p.m. Parents can watch from the Gathering Area.
- ✓ Oct 15-18 is Bus Safety Week. We will practice a bus evacuation at 9:30 a.m. on October 23.