

School Council Meeting Minutes:

September 22, 2020

6:30 – 7:30 pm via Google Meet

Attendees: Helene Hewitt (Principal), Kyla Harding (Assistant Principal), Skip Gordon (Board Trustee), Mme Maryse Bouchard (Teacher), Mme Liane Proulx-Makovichuk (Teacher), JP Grebenc, Jackie Anderson, Ady Arbuckle, Cheryl Popik, Val Uliac, Vania Lloyd, Shelly Gall, Jennifer Cera, Pat Gillespie, Sara Sheptycki, Darren Wright, Cara Shan, Kevin Baron

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 6:33 pm

2. Minutes from Last Meeting

- May meeting minutes accepted as 'read' by group majority

3. Elections 2020/2021

- A.** Chair: JP Grebenc voted in by acclamation
- B.** Vice Chair: Cheryl Popik voted in by acclamation
- C.** Secretary: Jackie Anderson voted in by acclamation *position available if new individual interested*

One school council attendee inquired as to the purpose of the school council; JP responded with a brief explanation and emphasized how school council differs from our Ardrossan Elementary Parent Support Association.

4. Chair Report (JP Grebenc)

- No report as first COSC meeting of the year not scheduled until October 7th

5. Board Report (Skip Gordon, Trustee)

- At the Organizational Board meeting on August 27, 2020 Trustee Trina Boymook (Sherwood Park) was acclaimed the Chair and Coleen Holowaychuk (Lamont County) was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the board for the 2020/2021 school year
- As of Sept 3, EIPS had 17, 052 students. 14, 892 are in school with 1, 992 learning out-of-school
- EIPS to receive \$6.11 million from federal government to aid in safe re-opening of schools. The division is also allocating an additional \$2.03 million towards our COVID 19 response, bringing the total to \$8.14 million. Additional funding will be focused in a variety of ways:
 - o \$1.7 million to out-of-school learning to hire extra teaching staff, ensuring appropriate support for pre-K to Gr. 12 out-of-school learners
 - o \$2.96 million to in-school learning to flow directly to schools to address areas of concern; needs vary from school to school so principals are in best position to determine how to effectively use funds
 - o EIPS is absorbing the cost of PPE, hand sanitizer, additional bus cleaning and janitorial services when a school has a confirmed case of COVID 19 to ensure student and staff safety
 - o Additional dollars allocated for staff medical leave and substitute costs related to legally mandated isolation and quarantine requirements
 - o Additional dollars going to Student Transportation for extra cleaning/disinfecting of busses
- **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS:**
 - o 2018 revenue to EIPS from Alberta Education: \$182 million
 - o 2019 dropped to \$176 million
 - o 2020 figure rose to \$178 million, however this doesn't account for the drop from 2018 to 2019 which was a big loss for EIPS
- Discussion was had regarding the current 3 confirmed cases within EIPS schools; Skip replied there was no determined in-school spread from these cases

6. Admin Report (Helene Hewitt, Principal)

A. Celebrations

- o Hooray! No longer “Acting Principal” and Mrs. Harding has been named Assistant Principal
- o Staggered re-entry to school a success and students are following COVID procedures
- o Welcome new staff to AEL:
 1. Mrs. McNeely (Secretary & Registrar)
 2. Mrs. Pearson (welcome back!)
 3. Mrs. Gilliland (welcome back!)
 4. Mrs. Brady – Grade 2
 5. Mr. Jeffries – Grade 4
 6. Mrs. Bashaw – Counsellor

B. Fees

- o Will be posted late September and are due within 14 days from posting
- o Credits will automatically be applied to reduce fees
- o Can pay through Parent Portal
- o Now posted quarterly:
 - Sept 1- Nov 15
 - Nov 16 – Jan 31
 - Feb 1 – Apr 20
 - Apr 21 – end of school year
- o Fee breakdown: Noon supervision, In-school fieldtrips and those pre-approved, refunds not issued after 14 days of attending in-school learning
- o Applications for waiver of fees due **December 15, 2020**

C. Re-entry Update

- o RECESS
 - Morning recess (14 min)
 - Extended lunch (30 min outside, 30 min inside) – ensures staff have a 30 min rest period as they have no other breaks throughout day
 - Afternoon recess: absorbed into longer lunch recess; teachers give a break in afternoon as needed (body break, mask break, snack, Phys-ed outdoors or outdoor break for 10-15 min)
- o COHORTING
 - Class is always together with their teacher (or music teacher or noon supervisor)
 - Don't cross in halls (staggered entry/exit)
 - No shared equipment (classes have own recess kits)
- o ILLNESS/ABSENCES
 - Still working out the kinks but if students have symptoms that staff see/hear, or students report them, staff assesses and if need be send the student home
 - Students wait in isolation room and are dismissed from side door
 - Students with a negative COVID test result may not return to school until symptoms are gone (avoiding spreading cold symptoms that will trigger more COVID tests)
 - Students with pre-existing conditions must share with school staff (doctor's note is helpful) so that staff have a baseline for that child's symptoms
- o BRIGHTSPACE
 - Staff appreciates patience as this tool is not yet most intuitive

- Teachers are not longer assessing out-of-school learners (as in the spring); EIPS has hired more teachers to help these cohorts
- Teachers and staff are also learning this new platform in the event an entire class must be quarantined. If this happens, instruction will happen through Brightspace; staff is trying to help everyone (including students and parents) become familiar with it

7. CPF Report

- CPF Rep not available for report

8. Other Business

- Should we switch the way we conduct our monthly meetings? It was unanimously determined format will remain the same with alternating monthly meetings during the day and during the evening

9. Next Meeting

- October 13th 9:30 – 10:30 am via Google Meet
- AEPSA Meeting to follow from 10:30 – 11:30 am

10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Ady Arbuckle; 2nd by Jackie Anderson
- Meeting adjourned by JP Grebenc at 7:41 pm