

## School Council Meeting

Oct 13, 2020

0930-1030 Google Meet

Attendees: Helene Hewitt (Principle), Skip Gordon (Board Trustee), JP Grebenc, Val Ulliac, Darren Wright, Ady Arbuckle

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

- Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 936 am

### **2. Minutes from Last Meeting**

- JP motioned September meeting minutes accepted as 'read' by group majority
- Darren remind secretary to remove Acting Principle / Acting Vice Principle to Principle / Vice Principle for minute purposes now.

### **3. Chair Report (JP Grebenc) -** nothing to report this time

### **4. Skip Gordon – Trustee report –**

- On Sept 15 &16, trustees took part in a board retreat to discuss goals and plans for the 2020-21 school year. The Board's priorities for 20-21 school year include school re-entry, budget and finances, a resolution for the Sherwood Heights Junior High building, and the value of public education.
- On Sept 18, the Board celebrated the grand opening of Heritage Hills Elementary, a new K-6 replacement school in Sherwood Park offering dual track English and French immersion programming. The school can accommodate 650 students and is expandable to 700. One of the more interesting facts about the school is that it has solar energy technology capable of powering 35% of the building.
- The Board approved the "Board Self Evaluation Report" which was developed on Sept 3, 2020. The Board also authorized the Board Chair to monitor the agreed priorities and suggestions and to bring these priorities and suggestions forward for the Board's consideration as deemed appropriate.
- Associate Superintendent Sandra Stoddard shared with the Board plans for this year's Read in Week which took place October 5-9. This year's theme was "Read around the World." Through various activities – in school learners and out of school learners – spent the week learning how stories have the power to teach lessons, broaden perspectives, and foster empathy.

Discussion – Although Covid cases in SP rising, county doing well, keep up good work in rural county.

Questions from floor – With increase in Covid related cases, will schools close with a # of cases? Provincial government decision, not school board as to what scenario we move to as a province.

Scenario 1 – in school, Scenario 2 – split between in and home school, Scenario 3 – complete closure

## **5. Admin Report – Helene Hewitt**

### **Celebrations:**

- Read In Week was a success!
  - Daily read alouds
  - Frederick the Bison brought a book to classes
  - Hero-themed activities were well-received, some did super hero book, some discussed
  - Family Reading Picture Contest still on! 10 Chapters gift cards available for prizes.
- No positive cases!

Discussion – Staff and students had ability to remember Mr Fredrickson, cards are till being accepted, Helene will get to the family sometime in November.

### **Literacy Initiative**

- Conducted reading screeners on all in-person students from Grade 1-6
- Analyzed the data with the support of Dr. Georgiou on Friday PL Day
  - School closure in March had a significant impact
- Grade teams developing intervention plans
- Staff engaged in a book study: Dr. Kilpatrick's book - The Essentials of Assessing, Preventing and Overcoming Reading Difficulties

**Discussion** – about the fact that we are currently 1.5 years behind 'Literacy' after only 4 months of covid school closure. Has this been taken to the provincial level? Query what is the most vulnerable grades – Helene identified Grade 2 & Grade 3, AES will provide most resources to these 2 grades. Question asked if Trustee level aware of this information, and if they are doing anything about same. Skip to bring to his next meeting and discuss same.

**Question proposed** – would staff and or administration want “We –read / precision reading” program implemented through virtual volunteer options – Helene agree that would be beneficial once logistics worked out that will be something we can implement.

### **General Information**

- Parents have been incredibly supportive in keeping sick children home
- [Budget Update](#)
- federal funding – classroom configuration, addressing learning gaps, supporting mental health,
  - Every school did not get same amount of \$\$\$, lots of factors were assessed before allocating money
    - \$113,042 for Ardrossan Elementary School
    - Projected student #s - 544, Actual students at AES 513 (lost 31 (EIPS lost approx. 400)) cost to us losing 31 students = \$81,033, so we are gaining \$32000 in federal funding not the entire \$113,000

- \$70,000 was available from AES school budget set aside for future needs.
  - AES Increased counsellor to full time, Vice Principle was teaching music .2 fte - Now hired that out to male grade 1 music teacher Mr Remple, increased Educational Assistance for 4 people and increased library tech
  - ECS literacy support for both English / French kindergarten classes.
  - Added 2 periods to grade 1 teacher schedule to start giving PLC release time (Grade 1 music teacher Mr Remple, Helene and Kyla providing this)
- Staff are attending a virtual conference on Math assessment and intervention on November 30 by the J.P. Das Centre for literacy. Featuring some key researchers in the field

### **Upcoming Events**

- Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews are coming up: November 2, 3 & 5
  - From 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
  - Virtual - video conference via Google Meet or phone call available
  - Will sign up using School Interviews (will be sent out in Bison Tales this week)
  - AESPA Bottle drive to start this week also
- Report Cards will be following Communicating Student Learning (as in previous years) and they will be posted on December 4.
- Halloween is proceeding as normally as possible
  - Students invited to come in costumes and masks
  - No in person parade but will create a video parade!
- Virtual Remembrance Day assembly in the works!

### **6. CPE**

- meeting Oct 20 – will report after meeting

### **7. Next meetings**

- November 17, 2020. 630pm -730pm (Cancelled 10 due to November break) JP motioned for change, all in favor, motion carried

### **8. Hot Lunch**

- Grade 6 team approached Hot lunch to ask about special Friday option for them in lieu of visiting the Ardrossan Jr/Sr High – Hot Lunch has agreed and will do. Mr. C looking at options with Kitchen Lead Allison.

### **9. Adjournment**

- JP Motion to adjourn meeting at 1027

