

AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:

November 15, 2022

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Microsoft Teams and Ardrossan Elementary School

53131 Range Road 222, Ardrossan, AB

Attendees: Lana Lastiwka (Principal), Tandy Atchison (Assistant Principal), Chelsea Pretzlaw (President), Tanya Doran (Vice President), Jami McLaren (Secretary), Susan Miller (Trustee), Katharina Staub (Counsellor), Layla Pretzlaff (Music Teacher), Ady Arbuckle, Vall Ulliac, Tina Zerebeski, Kari Ludwig, Vania Lloyd

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:32 by Chelsea

2. Land Acknowledgement Lead by Chelsea

3. Review Agenda

Ady motions to accept the Agenda for November parent Council meeting. Tanya seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approve Meeting Minutes

Tanya motions to accept the minutes as written for the October School Council meeting. Ady seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

5. Information Reports

A. AEPSA Report- Vania Lloyd

B. CPF Report - Chelsea Pretzlaw

Will discuss in January

C. COSC Report - Chelsea Pretzlaw

Sub- committee has been created for the school council grant in order to pool funds and bring together guest speakers

Vote: All in favour of using our funds to pool with other EIPS school councils

D. Playground Report - Darren Wright (Lead by Lana Lastiwka)

Admin created a visual for the students to view and vote on as well as a survey to be included in the Bison tales for Ardrossan Elementary families

Looking for a playground proposal evaluation sub committee which will include parents and staff. Sub-committee to be established by end of November.

Current playground- update on procurement of accessible swing. In talks with the County on pricing.

E. Principles Report Lana Lastiwka & Tandy Atchison

1. Parent teacher interview success! Thank you to everyone who signed up and came to engage in conversations around your children's learning. This is a

scheduled time to meet, but please know you can contact us anytime.

2. French Immersion Consultation Session - if you were not able to attend the consultation evening, an email was sent to French Immersion families with a survey as another way to provide feedback. This closed yesterday.

3. Norman Foote Concert - Wow Ardrossan! When we do something, we go all the way! On October 19 we packed Festival Place with their first full house since before the pandemic! Several of the volunteer ushers asked us questions about which community we were from and how we had such a big turnout. That's the Bison Way! What a great night with so much joy and lasting memories. Thanks to all the students who practiced at home, came to rehearsals, and performed like pros!

4. Grade 6 students held their first mini tournament of the year on Friday, October 28 in the afternoon. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked the concession, treats sure sell!!

5. Ivan Trouko residency - received a \$5000 scholarship (Alberta Youth Fund).
- French immersion classes have 3 periods each, and a period in English for the other classes.

6. Bully awareness week - focusing on being a good friend, reading literature in classes, a variety of activities provided for classes

7. Leader in Me update - the fee has increased from \$1650 to \$5200. The council consensus is to forgo the official status of Leader in Me but to continue with our learnings from the program and school culture around Leader in Me.

8. Monument - will be removed by EIPS safely at no cost to us.

9. Accessible swing - working with the county to have an accessible swing installed

10. Outbreak status update - pending

11. Fees - update for skiing

F. Counsellor Update - Katharina Staub

Anti-bullying week: the focus has been on kindness and recognizing what is and is not bullying

Heavy focus on mental health supports post-covid. Kindergarten and grade 1 assessment and referrals for extra supports are the main initial focus. Secondly looking at specialized programs for students who need it.

Community Grant for school counsellor for mental health supports has been approved in the amount of \$2000. It has been used for books in French and English on books for mental health.

G. Trustee Report - Susan Miller

The Board will be attending the Alberta School Board Associations, Fall General Meeting from November 20-22, 2022, in Edmonton. This will be a great time for School Boards in Alberta to get together and discuss the opportunities and the challenges we are facing at this time. We will also be having Keynote Speakers, and PD Sessions.

School Assurance Reviews will be held at the Central Services boardroom on December 1 and from December 5-8. Schools are encouraged to invite parent representatives.

At the October 20 th Board meeting, trustees approved the Division Calendar for the 2023-24 school year. Which includes important dates such as school-closures, November, Christmas, spring and summer breaks.

The next province-wide test of the wireless public alert system will take place on Wednesday, November 16 at 1:55 pm. During the test, an alert sound will go off on compatible cellphones with a message letting the user know the sound is part a test and there is no need for concern.

Alberta's government is committed to eliminating the digital divide and ensuring that all Albertans, have access to reliable, high- speed internet. The ABF is a made in Alberta solution that will complement the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) to help the province reach its goal of 100 percent connectivity by 2026-27 by providing a funding pathway for broadband projects that did not apply to or qualify for the UBF.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week is taking place November 14-18. This is an annual event celebrated in schools Province wide to boost awareness among students, staff, families and community members about bullying and how to prevent incidents of it in schools. Various activities are planned at schools division wide, themed around healthy relationships, empathy building, conflict-resolution, inclusion, deeds of kindness and much more.

Again this year, the Strathcona Christmas Bureau is seeking donations for its annual campaign. The Bureau is asking for donations of unwrapped new toys and other gifts. The Christmas Bureau also has a mechanism in place for accepting online donations from families. To allow enough time to purchase and distribute the tow and gift boxes before Christmas, the 780-449-5353.

November 20th is National Child Day. This year's theme is the right to participate. Leading up to the day, the Strathcona County Child and Youth Coalition will highlight community resources, programs and activities that children and youth can take part in. They are also hosting a free recreation skate at the Ardrossan Recreation Complex on National Child Day.

6. Christmas Concert - Layla Pretzlaff

December 13 Grades 1 & 2 at 6:00 Grades 3 & 4 at 7:00

December 14 Kindergarten at 6:00 Grades 5 & 6 at 7:00

Daytime dress rehearsals will be shared with other grades

Attempting to obtain an upgraded sound system prior to the concert

7. Next Meeting January 10, 2023

8. Adjournment

Chelsea motions to adjourn at 7:27. Meeting Adjourned.