**Meeting Minutes**

**Davidson Creek Elementary School Council**

**January 11, 2022 6:30 PM**

**MS Teams Conference Meeting**

**Board Members**

Heidi Schneider, Chair | Stacey Knafelc-Dies, Vice Chair | Breanne Sweeney, Secretary | Sara Gruninger, Communications | Rochelle Reed, Fundraising Liason

**DCE School Council Minutes**

The Chair welcomed attendees and guests and gave a Treaty 6 Acknowledgement

**Attendance:**

Executive Committee: Heidi Schneider, Chair; Breanne Sweeney, Secretary; Sara Gruninger, Communications

DCE Staff: Kaye Schindeler, Principal; Murray Howell, Assistant Principal; Marlis Marler, Assistant Principal/Counselor; Becky Mitchell, Office; Amy Oslanski, Teacher; Amy Rice, Teacher

Parent Representatives: 12 parents/caregivers attended the online meeting

Invited Guest: Trina Boymook, EIPS Trustee

**Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes:**

The agenda and meeting minutes was approved as presented

* Agenda approval motioned by Sara G and seconded by Sarah A
* Minutes approval motioned by Courtney and seconded by Sarah A

**Heidi, Chair**

* Heidi reviewed the Knick Knack Shack, there are currently 3 teachers looking for items. If a parent has craft items to donate please email chairdce@gmail.com.
* Thank you to the volunteers that helped with the Locker surprise, it seemed well received.

**Karen Green, Community Member**

* Karen presented information about the draft curriculum to help families understand the process as it is a large amount of information. It included definitions about Foundational knowledge, what it would look like to roll out ( I.e. adding fractions from grade 7 to grade 4).
* The content of the draft curriculum can be overwhelming and due to the mastery requirement testing may replace inquiry learning or may not be age appropriate.
* There is a Have Your Say meeting February 8
* Some resources from the presentation can be found at the following sites

- <https://www.supportourstudents.ca/>

- https//curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en

- critiques can be found at https://alberta-curriculum-analysis.ca/

* To see the presentation or for more information/questions contact Karen Green at spparentsunite@gmail.com

**Trina Boymook, EIPS Trustee**

* The new Board has been sworn in on October 28. The Board elected the Chair and Vice Chair at the Organizational meeting. I’m honoured to be reelected as Board Chair for a ninth term. I’m excited to continue to work with Colleen Holowaychuk as Vice Chair.
* At the Board’s October 28 meeting the Board approved EIPS’s annual modular requests. We are asking for funds to cover the expense of demolition of aging modulars located at Uncas, as well as to cover the expense to move 3 modulars from Fultonvale to SouthPoint.
* The Board has been approved for $792K as parted of the Learning Disruption Funding that the Minister recently announced. The funds that we received will provide 12 to 16 weeks of targeted programing for 1616 identified students in Grades 2 and 3 to deal with literacy and numeracy learning loss due to the disruption to learning as result of the pandemic. We will be making an application to access funds from this program for identified Grade 1 students. Approval of the funds are expected in the new year.
* The Board is entering Assurance Reviews throughout the month of November. We met with the Departments on November 1 and 2. School Assurance Reviews were held on November 24, 26, 29 and 30. Assurance Reviews allow the Board of Trustees to meet with each central department and school. These meetings provide us with a wealth of information to fulfil our fiduciary responsibilities to ensure your division is spending its resources appropriately and has plans in place to support the achievement of the goals and outcomes identified in our Four-Year Division Plan. Discussions focused on greatest success, opportunity of growth, challenges encountered. Schools were asked how they are using funds provided by the Board as part of the Board’s COVID recovery plan(Learning loss and student social emotional development).
* November 14 and December 1, Superintendent Liguori and I attended a meeting of Board Chairs to discuss the K-6 draft Curriculum. Conversations focused content and implementation scenarios, as well as resources and supports needed for a successful implementation of a new curriculum.
* Members of the Board attended the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting on November 15 and 16. Trustees from across the province came together to discuss educational issues and listen to political analyst and Jesse Wente who spoke on diversity, inclusivity and equity, through the lens of indigenous people.
* A Board Retreat is being planned for December 6 and 7. The Retreat will focus on setting the priorities for Board’s work.
* At the November 25, 2021, Board meeting, the Board approved the audited financial statements and the fall budget of **$198,259,089**. The proposed allocation of funds allows schools and departments to maintain essential services and supports the Division’s mission, values, and priorities. The 2021-22 Fall Budget draws $5.38 million from operating reserves.
* COVID Recovery Plan
	+ Learning Achievement Gap
	+ Student Social Emotional Supports
	+ Post COVID Mental Health Staff
* COVID Protocols and PPE
* Mechanical Cooling for Modulars
* Consultants: Assessment, Numeracy, Early Learning
* New Curriculum
* Career Pathways
* Enhance Use of Division Software
* Home Education
* Readers/Writers Workshop
* Digitization of Student Records
* OH&S Items
* IT - Battery Replacement
* Junior High Honours
* Certificate of Recognition
* Professional Development (OTAGS) and Leadership
* Student Transportation Support

Questions

* DCE currently has closed boundaries, and there will be no boundary changes as registration is expected to decrease after 2 years.
* 2022-2023 School calendar may be released after January 20th meeting

**Sara Gruninger, Wellness Committee**

* Pink shirt design contest has started and a winner from each division will be chosen. Shirts should be available to order soon, for February 18th delivery in time for February 23 Pink Shirt day
* February 2 will be winter walk day

**New Business**

* Outdoor movie is being planned for early June. If anyone is interested in joining the committee please email Heidi at chairdce@gmail.com
* Fundraising committee may be looking into ideas to raise money for new chromebooks as some of the older ones are nearing the end of their life span. They are used or handed down to younger grades until they no longer work, but then repair becomes more expensive than replacement.
* Hot lunch has been postponed for January and will likely take place end of March before spring break. Details will be posted as they come.

**Meeting Close**

* Next DCE School Council meeting is March 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM
* Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm
	+ Motioned by Heidi
	+ Seconded by Breanne