

School Council Meeting

Minutes – November 20th 2018
6:01pm

1. Call to order – Jen. M – Chair – 6:01pm

Attendance:

Parents: 16 in attendance

Staff: Mrs. Kaye Schindeler – Principal, Mr. Matt Matheson – Assistant Principal, Mrs. Marlis Marler – Assistant Principal/Counselor, Miss. Jennifer Mikitka – Grade Four

Other: Don Irwin – School Trustee

2. Review of the agenda

No additions

3. Approval of last meetings minutes

Motioned – Crystal. W

Seconded – Steph. P

4. Trustee Report – Don Irwin

- Enrollment increase by 23 students
- Board Highlights – October 18th 2018 ***document attached***

5. Admin Report – Mrs. Kaye Schindeler, Mr. Matt Matheson, Mrs. Marlis Marler

- Mr. Matt Matheson - The Remembrance Day assembly was a big success. The assembly included audio visuals and choir & drama performances. All are welcome to attend future assemblies
- Mrs. Marlis Marler
- i. With regard to the construction at the back of the School: basketball hoops and tetherball installation will be completed next week. The perimeter fence project will start on Friday 23rd November, with the goal of completion by Monday 26th November. It is noted that these projects were made possible by Strathcona County's party fund & our Councilors
- ii. Kindness Week is this week. Students have been writing kind notes, painting rocks and participating in kindness themed literacy, writing & read aloud activities. Students will have the opportunity to watch the movie "Wonder" on Friday 23rd November
- Mrs. Kaye Schindeler
- i. Jen. M & Sarah. A (School Council Chair & Fundraising President) are welcome to attend an EIPS Results Review at Brentwood School on November 26th



Davidson Creek Elementary
360 Davenport Drive, Sherwood Park, Alberta T8H 1Y1

- ii. This year's Christmas Concert will be held at Sherwood Park Alliance Church on December 10th at 7pm. The concert will be held in two halves – Kindergarten to Grade Two, break, Grades Three to Six
- iii. Volunteers with trucks are needed to pick up risers from Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary on December 10th at 7am
- iv. Message to Executive – Please include both Assistant Principals in emails

6. Wellness Committee Report – Sara & Deanna

- 74 responses to recent survey – results will be posted on the School Website. The top three areas of focus are mental health, social wellness and social skills
- Milk program – Create a survey to determine interest and to potentially find a volunteer to run it. Milk has been quoted at 65 cents per carton
- Next meeting – Wednesday 28th November at Davidson Creek Elementary

7. Chair Report – Jen. M

- Report - *document attached*

8. Financial Liaison Report – Melissa. P

- The Fundraising bank account and Hot Lunch Program are both up and running
- Policies & Procedures are part complete
- Hot Lunch sales are at \$8096.55 for the first period, creating a profit of \$2034
- Popcorn Sales during Teacher Conferences raised \$539
- The current goal is to raise enough money for a \$100/classroom fund

9. Future Plans – Jen. M

- Unification Focus – sub-committee to plan event – Summer Sizzler?
- Staff Appreciation – Christmas Treat

10. Anything else?

- Movie night suggestion – free event, fundraise from concessions
- Mr. Matt Matheson – Entrepreneurial Adventure - Extracurricular– For Grades 5 & 6 to start up their own businesses. Money raised will be donated to charity
- Mrs. Kaye Schindeler – 12 days of Christmas donations are off to a great start
- Jen M – The position of Vice Chair on School Council is currently vacant. Election will be called at the next meeting

Next meeting: January 15th 2019

Meeting adjourned @ 6:45pm.



Board Highlights

ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Oct. 18, 2018

Chair's Report

Recent Events

Board Chair Trina Boymook highlighted a number of recent events:

- Throughout the week of October 2, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) hosted Read In Week, a Divisionwide initiative meant to encourage a lifelong love of reading. Boymook took part by reading to students at Pine Street Elementary.
- On October 2-3, Boymook and Vice-Chair Heather Wall attended the Fort Saskatchewan Value Scoping Session, organized by the Government of Alberta. The study will guide both the Division's short-term and long-term facility needs in Fort Saskatchewan.
- On October 11, Boymook hosted David Eggen, Alberta's minister of education, and Annie McKittrick, the member of the legislative assembly for Sherwood Park, at Bev Facey Community High and Woodbridge Farms Elementary. The visits were an opportunity to showcase some of the unique programming taking place within the Division.
- On October 16, Boymook, Trustee Randy Footz and Superintendent Mark Liguori attended a joint meeting with council members from the Town of Vegreville. The meeting was productive and the Board looks forward to working with council over the coming years.
- On October 17, Boymook attended Sherwood Heights Junior High's Fall Academic Awards.

Davidson Creek Elementary: Grand opening

On October 19, trustees are celebrating the grand opening of Davidson Creek Elementary, the new K-6 school in Sherwood Park. The school features state-of-the-art classrooms equipped with the latest technology; a collaborative learning commons; innovative learning spaces; and several flexible spaces to enhance learning opportunities. The school opens with a student base of almost 520.

Superintendent's Report

Recent Events

Superintendent Mark Liguori highlighted a number of recent events:

- On October 2-3, EIPS leadership took part in the Fort Saskatchewan Value Scoping Sessions. Particularly beneficial was the feedback from

stakeholders and the community about possible options for future school growth.

- On October 3, Liguori met with COSC representatives at the annual Mix and Mingle event, which was followed by the first COSC meeting of the school year. He's looking forward to working closely with the many school council groups over the coming year.
- On October 16, Liguori joined Chair Boymook and Trustee Randy Footz at a joint meeting with council members from the Town of Vegreville. EIPS shared with council some of the Division initiatives and programs taking place within the community. Meanwhile, council shared its future plans for the town.

Comments from the Public

Presentation to the Board

The Board heard a presentation from Jeff Wilks regarding a possible name change for either Pine Street Elementary or the Wye Elementary replacement school. He asked the Board to consider renaming one of the schools after Zach McCormack, a Sherwood Park native and a former corporal with the Canadian Armed Forces who was killed by an explosive device while serving in Afghanistan in 2009. Trustees thanked Wilks for taking the time to speak with the Board and for offering a name suggestion.

Association/Local Reports

ASBA Zone 2/3 Meeting

Trustee Jim Seutter attended the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 meeting held on September 28. He commended Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk on effectively leading the meeting and her overall work with the Zone. Seutter also provided the Board with a written meeting summary for review.

ATA Local Report

The Board received for information the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Local No. 28 report from President Deneen Zielke:

Your Future in MIND

Board Members

Trina Boymook, Chair
Heather Wall, Vice-Chair
Randy Footz
William (Skip) Gordon
Colleen Holowaychuk
Annette Hubick
Don Irwin
Jim Seutter
Harvey Stadnick

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- Zielke told trustees it was surreal to be present at a Board meeting remembering a former student, Zach McCormack. She taught McCormack in Grade 1. He and his family hold a special place in her heart and she thinks of him often. He is one of many heroes living in the community, and she feels honoured to have known him.
- Zielke thanked Chair Boymook for participating in the Read In Week activities at Pine Street Elementary, where she shared a fascinating visual story.
- Currently, the Local is working on a number of projects—details coming shortly.
- On October 19, the ATA is hosting its annual Induction Ceremony at the University of Alberta Faculty Club. Zielke is looking forward to inducting the new members and welcoming Chair Boymook and Trustee Annette Hubick.

New Business

2019-20 Modular Request

The Board directed EIPS administration to request seven modular units from Alberta Education for the 2019-20 school year. If all are approved, SouthPointe School will receive four units and Fort Saskatchewan Christian will receive two units to accommodate the growing student population at both schools. École Campbelltown will receive the other unit to replace an aging portable at the school. In addition, administration will request funding from the province to demolish three aging modular units—two at Ardrossan Junior Senior High and one at Uncas Elementary. A decision is expected from the province early in the new year.

Trustee School Liaison Representative List 2018-19: Amended

The Board approved the amended Trustee School Liaison Representative List for the 2018-19 school year. The complete list is available at www.eips.ca/download/142179 (see page 39, "Amended Trustee School Liaison Representative List 2018-19").

Reports for Information

Unaudited Financial Report

The Board received for information the Unaudited Financial Report as of Aug. 31, 2018. The Division ended the 2017-18 school year with a deficit of \$3.06 million. Both its operations revenue and operations expenses were lower than budgeted, resulting in a favourable variance of \$1.82 million. The full report is available at www.eips.ca/download/142179 (see page 41, "Unaudited Financial Report for the Year Ended Aug. 31, 2018").

Unaudited Accumulated Surplus

The Board received for information the Unaudited Accumulated Surplus Report as of Aug. 31, 2018. The Division's accumulated surplus totals \$20.62 million, which includes investment in Board funded tangible capital assets (\$5.35 million), unrestricted surplus, operating reserves (\$13.92 million) and capital reserves (\$1.35 million). The full report is available at www.eips.ca/download/142179 (see page 56, "Unaudited Accumulated Surplus at Aug. 31, 2018").

2018-19 Enrolment

The Board received for information the Division's Enrolment Report for the 2018-19 school year. Enrolment numbers were collected from the PowerSchool database on Sept. 30, 2018. In total, 17,170 students are registered within EIPS—an increase of 23 students from the year previous.

School Capital Projects: Update

The Board received for information an update on the Division's capital projects:

Fultonvale Elementary Junior High:

- The warranty work is expected to be finished by Oct. 31, 2018.

SouthPointe School:

- There are still a few outstanding warranty issues at the school.
- Warranty work inside the school is expected to be finished by November 2018.
- Warranty work on the landscaping is taking place in spring 2019.

Ardrossan Elementary:

- Minor warranty work is being done on the new building. The expected completion date is Jan. 18, 2019.
- On October 16, the request for qualification closed for vendors to demolish of the old school building.
- In early November, the Division will issue a request for proposals—the successful bidder will be chosen before the end of 2018.
- The abatement will begin in the new year.
- Demolition is expected to take place in early 2019.

Davidson Creek Elementary:

- The noise mitigation work is expected to be complete by the end of October 2018.
- The deficiencies work is ongoing and expected to be complete by February 2019.

Wye Elementary:

- The Division has chosen a general contractors for the project.
- The general contractor will begin to mobilize on to the site to start construction on the replacement school.

Trustee Reports Roundtable

Trustees shared information and highlighted recent events:

- *Vice-Chair Heather Wall* made two notices of motion. One: "that the Board approve a change to the designated senior high school for a segment of the Glen Allan community, effective 2019-20." Two: "that the Board direct administration to send notice to parents directly affected and prepare a report for the Board's consideration."
- *Trustee Randy Footz* attended the awards evening at Vegreville Composite High. He also attended a joint meeting with council members from the Town of Vegreville and thanked Chair Boymook and Superintendent Liguori for attending.
- *Trustee Skip Gordon* attended the awards evening at Ardrossan Junior Senior High.
- *Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk* attended Lamont High's volleyball night and barbecue fundraiser and various school council meetings, which were all well attended. She's also looking forward to the upcoming Harvest Dinner at Andrew School.
- *Trustee Annette Hubick* attended the October COSC meeting and school council meetings at Clover Bar Junior High, Lakeland Ridge and Salisbury Composite High. She enjoyed reading to students at Westboro Elementary during Read In Week. Hubick also attended two recent caregiver workshops, sponsored by EIPS, Elk Island Catholic Schools and Strathcona County. The focus: Cannabis 101 and Setting Respectful Limits.
- *Trustee Jim Seutter* is looking forward to attending the Fultonvale Elementary Junior High fundraising dinner and silent auction.
- *Trustee Harvey Stadnick* thanked Student Transportation for their expeditious attention to issues in Fort Saskatchewan.

Chair Report 2018-11-20

A huge THANK YOU to the hot lunch committee for getting hot lunch up and rolling before Christmas. It is no small task and we thank them so much for their amazing efforts.

We will be holding a by-election for the position of School Council Vice Chair Jan 15, 2019 as the position needs to be filled.

Sherwood Heights Junior High School (one of our designated schools) is on the replacement list due to its aging condition. Please consider contacting MLA's Estefania Cortes-Vargas and Annie McKittrick to encourage the Minister of Education that this replacement needs to be done sooner rather than later.

An EIPS school hosted an info session on The Impact Social Media and Screen Time on children and teens. It had excellent reviews and I would like to look into bringing this session to our school one night.

Executive will be meeting next Tuesday to create operating procedures for School Council with ASCA assistance.

If your spouse is not receiving school e-newsletters, please have them register their emails at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>

Next School Council and DCFS meeting will be held Jan 15 at 6 pm. Please join us!