

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Davidson Creek Elementary School Council**  
**June 7, 2022 6:30 PM**

**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; Christa Gawron, Office; Helene Hewitt, Future Principal

9 Parents/Representatives

Invited Guest: Trina Boymook, EIPS Trustee,

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

Minutes incomplete, to be completed and posted as soon as possible

Agenda was not printed due to the few items to be discussed.

**Kaye Schindeler, Principal**

- Staffing changes include 2 new grade 1 teachers.
  - o Mrs Wait will be moving to Alberta Ed
  - o Mrs Gillis will be moving to Grade 2
  - o Mrs Hanasyk will be moving to Grade 4
  - o Mrs Marler will be moving to Lamont

- Mr Howell will be moving to Pine Street
- Mrs Hewitt will be the new principal coming from Ardrossan elementary, along with the new assistant principal. She has music teacher experience, and has worked at Ardrossan and Campbelltown, and is looking forward to her time at Davidson Creek.

### **Trina Boymook, EIPS Trustee**

- The Board toured 5 Sherwood Park schools on May 30. School tours give Trustees to get a glimpse of that is taking place in our schools and to learn more about what they are focused on. The Board will be continuing school tours in Sherwood Park on June 14.
- Board approved a \$202M budget that incorporates \$8.9M from reserves at our May 25 Board Meeting.
- June 13 we will be raising Treaty 6 and Metis flags at central
- June 21 the board will holding a grand opening of our indigenous land learning space.
- EIPS is entering into a three-year public engagement plan.
  - June 9 we will be engaging the public as we consider the merits of redesignating the western portion of the Brentwood attendance area to FR Haythorne
  - June 20 we will engaging the public as we consider the merits of redesignating the areas of Lakeland Village, Summerwood and Summerwood North to Cloverbar Junior high
  - June 13 we will be meeting with LOGOS families to discuss the issue of low enrolment and the need to consolidate the two elementary schools at one. It will also include discussion of the low subscription of the LOGOS junior high program.
  - In the fall engagement sessions will be held to seek community feedback about the French Immersion program and the support to relocate the French Immersion junior high program to Sherwood Heights and the senior high program to Bev Facey.
  - Decision on the Area Clean Up and LOGOS will be made that the 2022 November Board meeting while the French Immersion decision will come to the June 2023 Board meeting.
- Alberta's government is allocating an additional \$110 million over three years in targeted Education funding to address mental health in schools, specialized assessments and learning loss supports. This funding was first identified as part of Education's Budget 2022. Alberta's government will also re-introduce a pilot program to provide \$3 million to non-profit organizations to lead innovative school nutrition projects next school year.
  - Alberta's government has allocated up to \$10 million per year for 2022/23 and 2023/24 to support pilot projects focused on enhancing a school authority's mental health continuum of supports and services, including tools, training and resources for the school community

- Alberta's government is investing up to \$10 million per year for 2022/23 and 2023/24 to support increased access to specialized assessments. This includes funding to ensure children and students who may not have had access to specialized assessments during the pandemic can be assessed by qualified professionals, including speech language pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists or psychologists
- Alberta's government provided school authorities with. Up to \$10 million, as a one-time extension of the 2021/22 funding, will provide additional interventions to Grades 2-4 students who remain at risk to help them get back on track. To be eligible, school authorities must have participated in the 2021/22 learning loss funding program and filed their required year-end report with Alberta Education
- Alberta's government will also re-introduce a pilot to provide \$3 million to non-profit organizations to lead innovative school nutrition projects during the 2022/23 school year.
- Wishing you all the best as you enter into the final weeks of the 2021-21 school year and look forward to being back in September

### **Sara Gruninger, Wellness Committee**

- Grade 1s have planted a garden in the garden boxes, and may need volunteers to weed over the summer. Will also look into receiving a water tank from Strathcona county over the summer.
- Sara asked if there will be a hot lunch committee next year, but the current members were not available to consult. Will look into options to keep running, or worst case scenario if it could be run through powerschool. Everyday Food Co has also expressed interest in becoming a hot lunch vendor.
- The Milk program may be started up again, and will be discussed in the fall meeting.
- All books were stamped and sorted quickly, more should be coming. Volunteer opportunities for this will come next week.
- Movie night June 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Screen is fixed. A survey may be sent out as to movie options if it can be done in a timely fashion.
  - 475 kids are able to be hosted, previously 300-350 have attended so the limit will likely not be a problem.
  - Some have volunteered for popping corn that day, more will be needed
  - Popcorn costs have been covered by the fundraising committee
- Outside stencil painting may need some volunteers, likely in August to ensure they are fresh for the new school year

### **Heidi Schneider, Chair**

- All committee executive positions are open except for secretary. If there is any interest contact School council at [secretarydce@gmail.com](mailto:secretarydce@gmail.com) or attend the School council meeting in the fall.

### **Meeting Close**

- Next DCE School Council meeting to be scheduled in the Fall
- Meeting adjourned 7:02 PM
  - o Motioned by Heidi
  - o Seconded by Breanne