



Davidson Creek Elementary

A Place Where We Belong

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Agenda Item		
1.	<p>Meeting Call to Order and Treaty 6 Land and People Acknowledgment</p> <p>We acknowledge with respect the history and culture of the peoples with whom Treaty 6 was entered into and the land upon which Elk Island Public Schools reside. We also acknowledge the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation.</p> <p>We recognize our responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples.</p> <p>We commit to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.</p>	Karli Butler, Vice Chair
2.	<p>Introductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustee: Trina Boymook Staff: Helene Hewitt, Principal; Kyla Harding, Assistant Principal; Amy Rice, Teacher; Christa Gawron, Administrator, Dina Deuzeman, Counsellor Board Members: Chair, Lynn W; Karli B, Vice- Chair 	Karli Butler, Vice Chair
3.	<p>Minutes from February last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrections / motion to accept Motion approved: Christine seconded: Robin / passed 	Karli Butler, Vice Chair
4.	<p>Board Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion occurred around the Cambridge Crossing development and the school planning that is occurring to accommodate the families that will move into the area before their own schools are built to serve the community. The community will be developed over “years” but initial sale of homes and occupancy will commence by the fall of 2023 Discussion occurred around the re-drawing of boundary lines for school designation. Brentwood vs Westboro. Discussion occurred around the approval of design for the new Ecole 	Trustee Boymook

Campbell town and Sherwood Heights schools. Alberta Infrastructure will be managing the design and build, which means no community engagement on design. EIPS is working to make the design public.

- Trustee Boymook extended a thank you to parents for all their participation
- Announced the new super intendant

EIPS Board Trustee Report:



Trustee Report

Trina Boymook

- Phase 2 of the French Immersion engagement session was held on February 7. The information gathered through the in person session and online surveys will inform the next public engagement session for French Immersion being held on April 13. The Board will hear the Superintendent's recommendation at our June 2023 Board meeting where a decision will be made.
- A recommendation to consolidate Logos program at Brentwood school will be considered at the Board's March 16 Board meeting.
- The Board will be considering the boundaries for Cambrian Crossing at our March 16 meeting with the east side being designated to Glen Allan, FR Haythorne and Bev Facey, while the west side will be designated to Wesboro, Cloverbar and Sal.
- The Board sent a letter to the minister requesting that the funding for the School Nutrition Program increase to address the inflationary cost of the food for this program.
- The Budget was tabled on February 28. We are caution optimistic. There are some positive aspects that will receive more or new funding. We will need to wait for an analysis of Funding Manual before we understand the implications of the budget tabled. On the surface we can see that there are some areas of current funding is being reallocated out to another area of our funding.
 - There are a number of changes to student transportation funding that will increase the number of students being eligible for busing. More details to follow.
- The Board has begun its budget planning discussions on March 2. The Board will consider our assurance reviews, stakeholder survey, progress being made within current initiatives and reserve status in building the 2023-24 budget.
- Construction funding has been announced for the Sherwood Heights/Ecole Campbelltown replacement school. This announcement will allow us to move into construction phase once the design have been finalized. We are making arrangements for the designs to be shared at a public open house.
- EIPS Parent Survey is out with a closing date of March 23. Feedback received will inform improvement planning and allocation of resources.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer appreciation is April 16-22. Thank you for the time that you provide in building an exciting and supportive learning community for the students of Davidson Creek 	
5.	<p>Chair Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COSC Update: COSC March meeting minutes were not posted at the time of the March Parent Council Meeting. 	Karli Butler, Vice Chair
6.	<p>Administration Report <u>Final Draft of Fees for 2023-24</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are asking for a 5% increase in the swimming and ski trips for increased bus cost; however, fees are only charged IF the cost goes up • Young Author conference fees will go up – as agreed • Swimming will continue but the program offering is changing to only be available for k-3 kids • Ski program is also changing and will be offered only for grades 4-6 • Tournament fees for sports initiatives will go up <p>Potential locker replacement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is not enough lockers in the right places around the school to accommodate kids near their own classroom. This causes a lot of congestion, and delays and teachers cannot see their kids in the hall to support them. • DCE Leadership is working with EIPS facilities and other EIPS support staff to plan options. • The solution that has been suggested to the school will be to have two teared lockers with a boot cubby under the two teared locker. The boot cubby will accommodate both locker occupants’ and their boots/shoes • It is not possible to have open “boot racks” due to fire code • To rework all the lockers and replace them with the two teared option has a budget of \$70k-\$80k • The DCE Leadership Team need to finance this initiative and are asking for parent support for some fundraising to occur over time to help fund this school initiative. • Some initial parent feedback indicated this was not the right “fit” for parent fundraising efforts. Discussion occurred around this viewpoint. • Discussion continued around fundraising options, like can Parent Council raise money. • Grant money may be an option, business sponsorship opportunities are also an option • This idea has only been introduced for ongoing discussion, a decision is not required at this time. 	Helene

	<p>Sobey's Gift Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were gifted \$600 in Sobey's gift cards, and we need to figure out how to use the Gift cards for the benefit of the kids with a theme of nutrition or nutritious foods. • After discussion with parents, it sounds like a healthy snack day where each child gets a healthy snack would work best for the cost and the effort. DCE leadership will discuss further for idea to ask parents <p>Celebrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCE leadership is looking to engage parents to come and take part in a blanket exercise, which concerns a first nations education opportunity. This would be for parents, not kids • Parents discussed possible evening dates in April. • Looking to offer some babysitting onsite to support parents. DCE leadership will help make arrangements for this. <p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Sizzler event was discussed, support from Christa G. at the school. • DCE Leadership will ask for parent volunteers for to start a sub committee for planning. • Looking for about 4-5 volunteers to plan over the month of April and bring recommendations forward at May's meeting. 	
7.	<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April will be the Blanket Exercise no meeting planned 	Karli Butler, Vice Chair
8.	Adjournment 8:09	Karli Butler, Vice Chair