



DCE SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19,2024

Parent Council Executive Members:

- Lynn Walker, Chair (Absent)
- Karli Butler, Vice Chair
- Kari Halter, Communications Liaison
- Leah Whyte, Secretary
- Candice Abraham & Kari Halter, Wellness Committee

Guests and DCE School Representatives:

- Helene Hewitt, Principal
- Jay Robertson Vice Principal
- Jenn & Stacy, Teacher Representatives
- Christa Gawron, Business Manager
- Julia, Mental Health Capacity Builder

Public Trustee: Trina Boymook

Guests: None

Parent Representatives: We had 6 parent representatives in attendance

DCE School Council Meeting Minutes

Call To Order: 6:03pm

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement

- Read by Vice Chair

Call for Agenda Changes

- No changes requested

Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Robyn
- Seconded: Candice
- Passed

Call for Changes to Minutes

October 15, 2024 minutes were not available for approval and will be put forward at the January 21, 2025 meeting for approval.

Mental Health Capacity Builder – Julia

School Trustee Report – Trina Boymook

Trustee Boymook was not available to attend the meeting due to a conflict with another school’s council meeting. Her report was forwarded for the minutes.

The Board reviewed the 4027 respondents to the School Calendar Survey at our October 31, 2024 Caucus meeting. The Superintendent is using survey responses to inform her recommendation, along with research, to develop her recommendation to the Board who will debate at our December meeting.



At the October 17 Board meeting the Board approved the following:

- Approved our modular request to the government which include Government of Alberta cover the cost to relocation of 6 modulars from West Hostford to Fort Saskatchewan and demolition of 2 Wesboro modulars.
- Trustee Shotbolt, Trustee for Fort Saskatchewan, served notice of resignation on October 7, 2024. Her last day on the board will be October 31, 2024. The Board has decided not to hold a byelection and have assigned her duties to the remaining of the Board. The Board will function with 7 Trustees until the general election next fall.
- Governance budget surplus of \$39,592 has been reallocated to leveraging student achievement funds bringing up a total of \$388K being available for the 2024-25 school year. The majority of the funds will be used to address hotspots at the junior high level, with the remaining targeted work within the French Immersion program.
- The Board of Trustees direct the Superintendent to create a draft Administrative Procedure that outlines processes and guidelines for the accumulation, use and carry-over of school generated funds, to be brought to the January 9 Caucus Meeting for feedback.

At the end of October, the Board sent a letter to the Minister of Education to provide feedback on the Weighted Moving Average(WMA) funding model. The way the WMA model works, funding does not align with the needs of current students in schools where growth either remains level or has grown significantly. The Minister did share with a meeting with Board Chairs and Superintendent, that changes to the funding model would be released with the upcoming budget announcement.

Wellness Committee Update– Candice Abraham / Kari Halter

Dates are figured out for pink shirt day (pins)

Competition

Details to be sent out before Winter break:

- January 13, 2025 art end of day January 17, 2025
- January 21, 2025 pick art for both divisions
- January 27, 2025 order goes live
- February 21, 2025 picked up
- February 24, 2025 hand out
- February 26, 2025 Pink Shirt Day

Chair report – Lynn Walker (Absent)

No chair was provided as she was absent for meeting.

Administration Report – Helene Hewitt

Celebrations:

- Snack day was awesome;
- Remembrance Day added traditional elements;
- Grade 6 students competed in a volleyball tournament 2 weeks ago, did really well;
- Movie event over fall break 63 people;
- 541 interviews out of 668 kids (81%);
- Clubs have started/

Upcoming Events

- November 29, 2024 report cards;
- Bullying Awareness month.
- 12 Days of Christmas for the food bank will be done again this year
- Looking for options to commemorate the grade six crowd.
- November 22, 2024 dress like a teacher



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- Dec 17 wear your favorite holiday gear
- Dec 20 PJ day, last day of classes
- Dec 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025 winter break

In November DCE Principal, Vice-Principal, DCE School Council Chair and Vice-Chair met with EIPS Trustees, Heritage Hills, Ardrossan Elementary and Strathcona Christian Elementary schools for Annual Assurance review. Discussions were held around education plan from previous plan, data, results, and targets.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21pm adjournment.