

AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:

March 8, 2022

6:30 – 7:30 pm via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Helene Hewitt (Principal), Kyla Harding (Assistant Principal), Susan Miller (Trustee), Darren Wright (President), Jami McLaren (Secretary), Val Ulliac, Tina Zerebeski, Ady Arbuckle, Lynn Stickle, Vania Lloyd (Vice-president), Layla Pretzlaff, Jill Herbert

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:33 by Darren Wright
Introductions

2. Previous meeting minutes

Vania motions to accept the minutes as written for the February School Council meeting. Jami seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

3. School Education Plan Helene Hewitt

4. Playground Darren Wright

A. Funds / Donations- Darren has been sending out letters looking for corporate donations, the donations are coming in little slower this year. Did receive a \$10 000 donation from H2 Solutions.

B. RFQ in the near future Playground committee met to discuss funding structure. Strathcona County has been given go ahead to do up the RFQ. Bidding should begin shortly

C. 2023 Playground replacement Meeting with Amber at Strathcona County, regarding replacing small playground in 2023. Beginning to collect feedback on this playground and then will be put out for tender. Will be applying for a grant come May.

5. Information Reports

A. AEPSA Report- Vania Lloyd
Beef Jerky Fundraiser began today
Spring flower baskets will be happening in May
Bottle Drive in May and June

B. CPF Report - Val Ulliac
Ran Carnival with many new volunteers and all went really smooth. Great success!
Two cohorts by tier 1 and 2
Hoping to run a BBQ at the end of the year

C. COSC Report - Jami McLaren

Fund surplus was voted on for reallocation as mentioned by Susan at our last council meeting. One of those highlights was some of this is funding being directed at French Immersion and FSL for more student supports.

As mentioned by Darren at our last council meeting the AB gov is providing School councils with the Alberta School Council Engagement grant of \$500. We need to decide how to use these funds and they must be used this year. COSC is pooling funds from other school councils to bring in guests speakers, is this something we would like to do?

EIPS board has approved budget for 1 representative from each school council to attend the ASCA virtual conference and AGM On April 22-24
If you are interested we need to register via the email sent to Helene or if the spaces are full you could consider using our school council grant money
Some differences this year are that you can buy or attend individual break out sessions

The ASCA conference is really beneficial for school council chairs

As mentioned previously some school councils have opted to pool their grant money. COSC has reached its goal and is able to provide three guest speakers, one of which is Dr Jodi Carrington who will be presenting virtually on March 22, 6:00pm and I would highly encourage our board and school community to attend this session

Will also be having Amy von Heyking from the University of Lethbridge
Discussing School Curriculum who I had the privilege of listening to at our February COSC meeting

D. Principles Report Kyla Harding

Final 2022-2023 Fees Update:

- *Field Trip Fee*
 - will increase in Grades 1 to 6 to a maximum of \$60
 - We will charge per field trip and not exceed \$60
 - Kinder fee will remain the same as this year
- *New Fee:*
 - Added a Sports Tournament fee of \$5 (only applies to kids attending a possible tournament)
- *Fee Increases:*
 - Ski trip related fees were increased by 5% to cover cost increases (has not changed since 2019)
 - No other increases to fees at this time
- *Agendas:*
 - We have ordered agendas for all students in Grades 1 to 6 for next year based on parent feedback
- We need this group to sign off on a declaration that fees were discussed, feedback was taken, and that you are aware of our plan going forward.

Celebrations:

- Carnaval was AWESOME! Thanks CPF for making it happen!
- Rendez-vous de la francophonie is in full swing
 - Contests: Caught speaking French and French Locations
 - Theme Days: Hat Day, Mustache Day (next Wednesday), Blue & White Day (March 23)
 - Daniel Gervais Francophone performer all day March 23
 - Art project: bonhomme carnaval figurines

- Photobooth in library last week of March!
- Music class: learning a French song
- Jump Rope for Heart - raised over \$2000
- Pink Shirt Day & Twosday were a success!
- Next year enrollment is looking really great! We think we will be close to 600!
- Easing of restrictions means:
 - In person parent meetings can begin if we want
 - Assemblies may gradually return to normal
 - Recesses
 - Year End Events are likely a-go if numbers don't increase (BBQ & Gr. 6 Celebration)

Upcoming Events:

- Check the school calendar as all of the theme days are on there for the month of March!
 - Mustache Day - March 16
 - Métis Dancing - March 15-17 in the gym for all classes
 - Last day of classes March 24
 - Daniel Gervais - March 23

E. Trustee Report - Susan Miller

March 15 U of A panel discussion and Q &A on evaluation of draft curriculum

EIPS board continues to advocate for the delay of the draft curriculum although it doesn't sound like that will happen

École Claudette-Et-Denis-Tardif is going to share space with Clover Bar while they await their school construction/ expansion. The k-12 school will open in 2025-26

4-year Education Plan. EIPS Board has shortened the mission statement. A few other small changes. One major change is the use of the word parent and replacing with caregiver as many students are being raised by grandparents and other guardians.

7. Next Meeting April 12 2022, 6:30pm, will be a hybrid in-person(library) and online

9. Adjournment

Darren motions to adjourn at 7:31. Meeting Adjourned.