

AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:

April 12, 2022

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Microsoft Teams and Ardrossan Elementary School

53131 Range Road 222, Ardrossan, AB

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

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 by Darren Wright
Introductions

2. Previous meeting minutes

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

3. Operating Procedure Darren Wright and Christi Ross

Christi motions that we adopt the draft operating procedures until the June. Rachel seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

4. School Education Plan Kyla Harding, Helene Hewitt & Lana Lastiwka

1. What Topics connected to learning/school have come up around the dinner table in your home this year?

Looking forward to more social emotional learning and education.

Positive thoughts to focus on rather than the negative messages we have been presented with lately.

Friendship building, encouraging patience and empathy.

2. What recommendations do you have for setting new goals for 2022-23? What should we keep? What should we change?

Literacy

Respecting differences of opinions and working through polarizing opinions and ideas.
Creating understanding.

Social media and taking things at face value, promoting critical consumption of social media.

3. How can we get caregivers involved?

Literacy and numeracy nights, involving parents to create a larger network. Bringing the parents back into the school. Encouraging new families to join our parent groups as other members age out.

5. Playground Darren Wright

a. RFQ closed Mar. 29

Tender has closed and awarded to a contractor. Project will move ahead this summer for the hard surface area.

b. Corporate Donations this spring

Darren has been sending out emails seeking corporate donations. H2Solutions cheque is being held in trust by Strathcona County.

6. Information Reports

A. **AEPSA Report**- Vania Lloyd

Successful Jerky fundraiser organized by Tina Zerebeski

Kari Ludwig will be taking over for Rachel Bergemeister on Playground Updates

Bottle drive success (Around \$700)

B. **CPF Report** - Jill Herbert

No current update

C. **COSC Report** - Jami McLaren

No current update

D. **Principles Report** Kyla Harding

Welcome

- We have our new head bison! Welcome Lana Lastiwka!

Celebrations:

- Rendez-vous de la francophonie was amazing!
- Métis Alive workshop a success
- Students enjoyed Daniel Gervais fiddling

Upcoming Events:

- Grade 6 Habit 6 virtual assembly - April 22
- Volunteer Appreciation Event - April 22
- School musical Jukebox Breakout - April 28
 - 1:30 p.m. afternoon performance
 - 6:30 p.m. evening performance
- Western Day - April 29
- Early dismissal & Hats On for Mental Health - May 4
- Mother's Day - Grade 1
- Professional Learning Day - May 6
- PATs - May 16 & 18 ELA/FLA Part A (writing)

E. **Trustee Report** - Susan Miller

ASBA Edwin Parr Award: 2022

The Board and administration finalized this year's EIPS Edwin Parr Teacher Award nominee, Kristen Davies. Annually, the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) hosts the award to honour and recognize first-year teachers and their pedagogical excellence. Davies was selected because of her outstanding commitment to education, capacity building, and innate ability to encourage a love of learning in students.

Friends of Education: 2021

The Board approved nominating Shell Canada for the 2022 Friends of Education Award, an annual event hosted by ASBA. The award's purpose: To recognize and thank the many Alberta-based organizations that contribute to education in their community. For the last five years, Shell Canada has made significant financial contributions to EIPS, including \$185,000 to help develop land-based learning spaces at nine schools—eight in Fort Saskatchewan and one in Bruderheim. And, more are planned in Sherwood Park and Strathcona County.

THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN: 2023-26

The Board approved EIPS' 2023-26 Three-Year Capital Plan. Annually, the Board reviews and updates the plan to prioritize its key capital projects. The top three capital priorities for the Division are:

Priority 1: Construction funding to replace Sherwood Heights Junior High and École Campbelltown (grades K-9).

Priority 2: A replacement school for Rudolph Hennig Junior High and Fort Saskatchewan High (grades 7-12).

Priority 3: A replacement school for James Mowat Elementary (grades K-6).

Now approved, the Division will submit the Three-Year Capital Plan to the province for funding consideration.

Caregiver Series: April sessions

EIPS

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Topics include structure and routines, building resiliency, mental health, anxiety, mindfulness, understanding depression, technology, body image, sleep and more. The list of [April 2022 sessions](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m-xQqSVn1C7Vq_BOcEAXsXgBjtyPoH_G/view?usp=sharing) is now available. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m-xQqSVn1C7Vq_BOcEAXsXgBjtyPoH_G/view?usp=sharing

Holding Children Close: Tips for uncertain times

EIPS

Strathcona County has pulled together a handful of resources that may be useful for parents and caregivers to support children and youth during tough times. [Holding Children Close: Tips for uncertain times](https://www.strathcona.ca/community-families/parents-children-families/holding-children-close/) includes resources for families, as well tips they can try out at home when having difficult conversations with their children about traumatic events that may be occurring at the local, national or international level. <https://www.strathcona.ca/community-families/parents-children-families/holding-children-close/>

7. Next Meeting May 3, 2022, 6:30pm

9. Adjournment

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