

AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:

May 10, 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), Rachel Burgemeister, Layla Pretzlaff, Jill Herbert, Ady Arbuckle, Christi Ross

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:34 by Darren Wright

Introductions. Last school council meeting of the school year.

2. Previous meeting minutes

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

3. Playground Update

The county disapproved of corporate donors because of social media “thank you’s” because it becomes a sponsor not a donor due to the nature of advertising. County will not issue tax receipts for the donations. We will have to issue receipts and issue them as business tax expenses for advertising.

Considering adding more advertising with our “sponsors” to counter balance the businesses not getting a tax receipt. Newspaper advertising or go-home thank you advertising sheet.

Small playground replacement in the Summer of 2023, the county is putting in \$40 000 in hopes it will be matched by donation to reach the \$80 000.

4. Movie Night (Sponsored Event)

- a. September 23, 2022 (Two movie showings)
- b. Free with donation to food bank?
- c. Concession, Use event bright to pre order snacks

5. Antique Tractor Club

Inquiring if our parents would like to get involved in a social event (Late August) such as a beer garden hosted by AEPsA. Anything alcohol related to EIPS will not be approved. Could be labelled as volunteers to manage the event admission. Email to come with details.

6. Information Reports

A. AEPsA Report- Darren Wright

Teacher appreciation is going well, donations are coming in. Nitza’s pizzas for individual lunches and Hot Lunch will look after the rest.

Sign up genius coming soon for gift bag donation items.

B. CPF Report - Jill Herbert

Meeting is next Tuesday. BBQ is a go tentatively for June 28.
Grade 5 and 6 students are going to the Elk Island Camp.

C. COSC Report - Jami McLaren

No Update

D. Principles Report Kyla Harding

2022-2023 Budget

Enrolment is up 600 kids for next year
Teacher standard cost is less than last year
Overall budget is up from last year
Will have 1% surplus

Budget requirements

95% staffing 5% everything else
Some funds for unfinished learning
Follow needs of School Education Plan

Teacher collaboration time
Supports for students (smaller class sizes, educational assistants, Counselling time)

Staffing is 96.44% of budget

Budget & Classroom Configurations for 2022-23:

- Budget Update
 - Enrolment is up & budget is up
 - Preliminary class configurations & supports
- Classroom configurations are not established yet
- We ask for the support of our caregivers in trusting us to create balanced classes for next year. We see many different factors such as student dynamics, academics, and knowledge about available supports that are part of how we decided on student placement. We consider requests for exceptional circumstances at the beginning of June.

Celebrations:

- Grade 5 & 6 Musical was a huge success (and prepared in a short period of time)- Thank you to Mrs. Pretzlaff
- Four new clubs have started- Gardening Club (Gr. 3 & 4), Card Club (Gr. 3 & 4), Parade DrumLine (Grade 4) & Grade 6 Rocket Club
- Grade 6 mini in-school tournaments have started- The handball tournament was a success and the concession even raised money for the school playground

Upcoming Events:

- Grade 6 Volleyball Tournament- May 13
- Kindergarten Information Night- May 18 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Staff Appreciation Lunch- May 27 (Thank you!!!)

- Kindergarten Assembly on Habit 7- June 6 @ 2:00 p.m.
- Blast-Off Day- June 23 (June 24 alternative day)
- Kindergarten End of Year Celebration- June 24 @ 2:00 p.m.
- Sports Day- June 27- Division 2 (am) & Division 1 (pm)
- BBQ- June 28
- Grade 6 Celebration- June 28

Other Information:

- SEP- It isn't complete yet. We are planning to continue to focus on Literacy, Mental Health and First Nations, Metis and Inuit. We will pick strategies in each topic that will target ways to connect caregivers back into the school.
- EIPS Survey- We don't have this information yet, but will share it when it is available.

E. Trustee Report - Susan Miller

Last month I reported that the Board nominated Shell Canada for the 2022 Friends of Education Award, an annual event hosted by The Alberta School Board Association. The award's purpose is 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 Elk Island Public Schools. I am pleased and excited to announce that Shell Canada is one of 2 recipients of the Friends of Education Award.

SCHOOL FEES: 2022-23

The Board approved the proposed school fees for the 2022-23 school year, which outlines how fees are charged for optional courses; noon supervision; extracurricular and activity expenses, such as field trips; and noncurricular goods and services. Parameters were set by the Board of Trustees to ensure students achieve quality education, but also to ensure fees are not cost-prohibitive for families. Now approved, schools will post fees on their individual websites for the 2022-23 school year. The Division will also update school fees on its website by the end of May 2022 (see pg. 64, "2022-23 School Fees").

For the 2022-23 school year, the Division expects slightly lower student registration numbers than in fall 2021—decreasing to 16,942 students from 17,124 students.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS

Every year, school councils are responsible for submitting an annual report to the Division. The report includes two parts. One is a summary of the school council's activities during the school year. The second is a financial statement listing the money the school handled and used during the year. School council reports are due June 28, 2022.

Parenting Strategies that Promote Positive Mental Health

For parents and caregivers of children grades k-6; for adults only
Explore factors that contribute to your child's mental health and wellness and learn how you can be your child's greatest mental health asset.

Part 1: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Part 2: Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Go to: www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca

7. Next Meeting AGM September 13, 2022, 6:30pm

8. Adjournment

Darren motions to adjourn at 7:39. Meeting Adjourned.