

## **AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:**

January 10, 2023

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Microsoft Teams and Ardrossan Elementary School

53131 Range Road 222, Ardrossan, AB

**Attendees:** Lana Lastiwka (Principal), Tandy Atchison (Assistant Principle), Katharina Staub (Counsellor), Chelsea Pretzlaw (President), Tanya Doran (Vice President), Jami McLaren (secretary), Lindsay Decker, Val Ulliac, Tina Zerebski, Darren Wright, Ady Arbuckle, Vania Lloyd, Cheryl Popik, Kari Ludwig, Susan Miller (Trustee)

**1. Meeting Called to Order** at 6:30 by Chelsea Pretzlaw  
**Land Acknowledgement** Lead by Chelsea

**2. Review Agenda**

Val motions to accept the Agenda for November parent Council meeting.

Tanya seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**3. Approve Meeting Minutes**

Val motions to accept the minutes as written for the November School Council meeting.

Tina seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

**4. Christmas Concert Feedback**

Overall most parents were very happy to be back in the school and see their children perform

Review of the overall experience of having the concert in the school

Discussion on positives and negatives for performing in school versus a theatre

Video recording and live stream options (video recording wasn't utilized this year)

Stage rental versus ownership, cost and storage.

Consensus is to continue having the Christmas concert in-house

**5. School Fees** - Lana Lastiwka

Fee survey will be distributed over the coming weeks for parent feedback

**6. Information Reports**

**A. AEPSA Report**- Vania Lloyd

To be shared in the next meeting

**B. CPF Report** - Chelsea Pretzlaw

Next meeting is January 23, 2023

French Immersion information night is January 18th 6:00-7:00

Second French Immersion engagement meeting coming soon

**C. COSC Report** - Chelsea Pretzlaw

Super Intendant is retiring

Ardrossan Elementary is a closed boundary school  
Returning student registration is February 1-28, 2023  
ASCA AGM April 23, looking to fill director positions  
School Council Engagement grant money will be pooled for public speaker opportunity  
EIPS attendance & mental health program

**D. Playground Report - Darren Wright**

Receiving refund from the county from the playground project done this summer.  
\$26 437.00 is being refunded and put toward next playground.  
Full contribution for the next playground is \$48 000. Still waiting on response for CFIP grant.

**E. Principles Report Lana Lastiwka & Tandy Atchison**

Giving Tree Success - WOW!

2. Giving Tuesday - Giving Tuesday was created as a way to give back to your community financially following the consumerism created by Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Instead of giving something financial, AJS Student Council arranged a Giving Tuesday event by giving the gift of time on November 29, 2022. Students from AJS came to read books, play games, do crafts, etc.

3. Grade 6 Volleyball mini tournament

4. Indigenous Floor Map - During the week of November 29, we were fortunate to have the Indigenous Floor Map at Ardrossan Elementary. All students had an opportunity to interact with the map. This resource assists us and our students in understanding the past, present and future of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

5. Student Voice - Dec 5 - students gathered to speak about topics important to their learning and success. Led and facilitated by EIPS, the forum focused on student engagement, diversity and inclusion. grades 5, 8 and 11 students shared their thoughts on student engagement, particularly what makes their school a compelling place to learn and what EIPS can do to improve their educational experience.

6. Assurance Review

7. New and returning student registration Feb 1 - 28

8. Learning Disruption Funding info

9. February 6 and 7 - Parent Teacher Interviews (K - 2)/Demonstration of Learning (3 - 6)

**G. Trustee Report - Susan Miller**

On November 29-30, trustees took part in a retreat at central office, to discuss the direction, priorities, and work-plan for the remaining 2022-23 school year.

On December 15, the Board approved the appointment of Brent Billy and Simon Grinde as the bargaining committee spokesmen, for the upcoming local negotiations with the Alberta Teachers' Association Local No. 28.

Registration:

Children starting kindergarten in Elk Island will register at their designated school or request attendance at a non-designated school and indicate a preference for kindergarten Calendar A or B. Registration commences on February 1, 2023 and remains open year-round. Children returning to Elk Island in 2023-24 will confirm registration at their designated/anticipated school or request attendance at a different school. All requests to attend a specific school or program for the next school year must be completed during the returning student registration process. Registration commences on February 1st and closes February 28, 2023

Alberta Education has provided school councils with a \$500.00 grant. As there has been interest in pooling funds, COSC Chair Lesley Williams and Kendra Roemer are reaching out to prospective speakers to ascertain how much a speaker series or workshop would cost. They are asking school councils to notify COSC of their intent to pool funds by January 31st.

Once a school council decides what they would like to do with their grant, they can fill out and submit the online "School Council Engagement Grant Request Form." All submissions that meet the grant criteria will be approved and announced at the following COSC meeting. EIPS will complete the activity payment on behalf of the school council – simply submit the invoice to [finance.submissions@eips.ca](mailto:finance.submissions@eips.ca) and cc Emma Small.

I would like to recognize our own Superintendent Mark Ligouri who received the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal. This medal is to honor the 70th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne, as the Queen of Canada. The medal is handed out to select Albertans who have contributed significantly to the province over the last year. Superintendent Liguori was recognized for his work with schools, staff and students during the pandemic.

**7. Next Meeting** February 14, 2023

**8. Adjournment**

Chelsea motions to adjourn at 7:49 . Meeting Adjourned.