

## School Council Meeting

School Council Minutes – Nov 30, 2022

6:30 p.m. School Library

*\* indicates written report/attachment provided*

- 1) Call to order – Chair 6:36 p.m.

### Attendance

Parents: Kim Scott (Chair), Sarah Lakusta (Treasurer), Christan Rasmussen (Secretary), Andrea Thibert, Natasha Natasha Cormier, Christine Cooper, Hilary Schmidt (Logos Rep)

Staff: Mike Lastiwka (Principal), Tracey Prouse (Vice-Principal), Toby Clayton (Teacher)

Others: Trina Boymook (Trustee)

- 2) Review of the Agenda

Approved by consensus

- 3) Approval of the Minutes from Oct 19, 2022

Approved by consensus

- 4) Logos Report: Hilary Schmidt – Logos Rep

- No December chapel

- 5) COSC Report\*: Kim Scott – Chair

- COSC minutes available here:  
<https://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc/meetings-agendas-minutes>

- 6) Trustee Report\*: Trina Boymook - Trustee

- 7) Administration Report:

Mike Lastiwka – Principal

- Reviewed Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) results based on students who wrote, compared to EIPS and provincially (also only with students who wrote)
- Overall our students are doing quite well and our results have been progressively climbing over the last number of years
- The methods of teaching that Westboro staff has been employing have been very effective

Tracey Prouse – Vice-Principal

- The school is out of outbreak status again, November break came at the right time to slow down the spread of illness and we're hoping to make it to Christmas break
- Especially because we do have students in our school who are more medically fragile, it is very much appreciated when parents are able to keep sick kids home
- Remembrance Day ceremony ended up being held online, thank you to Courtney Richard for the quick pivot to make it happen
- Report cards came out last week, thank you to teachers who spend so much time and effort on report cards as they are a lot of work.
  - This year we do have a new report card system, overall it is fairly user friendly
- Nov 14-18 was anti-bullying week, Dianna Graziano went around to all the classrooms and did talks about how we're all different and celebrating those differences. Also had leadership kids participate in making an anti-bullying bulletin board.
- We ran a successful toy campaign for the Christmas Bureau, led by Mrs. Oak



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- Thank you to Parents Group for the Art Card project – the students were thrilled to see their art on real greeting cards
- Dec 4-10 Westboro school is doing a fundraiser through Panago Pizza on Wye Road
  - Just mention “Westboro” when you order and \$1 from every pizza will be donated to the school

### 8) Teacher Report: Toby Clayton

- Christmas concert is next week, Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Permission click forms for the dress rehearsal went out and more than 50% were received back same day
- Very thankful for the parent volunteers who come in to read with kids, it makes a big difference with our young readers
- Report cards went out on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, just a note that they do not open well on phones, computers are working better with the pop-up issue

### 9) Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

### 10) Adjourn

Motion: Moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Approved by consensus.



## COSC Meeting Summary

Nov. 2, 2022

### **KEY AGENDA TOPICS**

- ASCA update
- Caregiver Education Series
- School Council Engagement Grant
- EIPS assurance review

### **ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION**

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) is the provincial organization for families on school council. Below may be of interest to COSC members:

- The ASCA website offers various resources for school council members designed to enhance school council effectiveness and parent engagement.
- School councils who are ASCA members can sign up to become a part of ASCA's School Council Engagement Task Force. ASCA will then send the school council a questionnaire. This survey can act as a guide for meetings, encouraging rich discussion and providing valuable feedback to ASCA. Once filled out, the school council sends the survey back to ASCA for their review. Note: School councils must sign up every year—even if they were a part of the task force last year.
- ASCA offers several workshops school councils may be interested in.
- On Saturday, November 19, ASCA has a virtual engagement event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ASCA also has an online silent auction from November 19-25.
- School councils can sign up for news and updates from ASCA.
- For more information, visit *albertaschoolcouncils.ca*.

### **CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: November**

Alberta Health Services hosts a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. Learn more at: <https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home>

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT GRANT**

Alberta Education provides school councils with a \$500 School Council Engagement Grant for the school year. Those school councils interested in accessing funding must meet Alberta Education's School Council Engagement Grant Criteria, which essentially means opportunities that help build capacity and strengthen engagement. There's been discussion to pool funds again this year. Kendra Roemer, COSC member, has stepped up to lead a school council grant committee focused on pooling interested school councils' funds together. For more information, contact Kendra Roemer. In the meantime, school councils who don't want to pool their grant money 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 COSC meeting during the "For Information" section, monthly.

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### **EIPS ASSURANCE REVIEW**

Associate Superintendent Sandra Stoddard discussed the EIPS assurance review. The presentation outlined EIPS' assurance framework, engagement process, data analysis, Alberta Education assurance measures and included examples from EIPS' assurance review data from the 2020-21 school year. School councils can attend their scheduled assurance review session in early December. Check with your school principal to know what date and time your session is being held.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES**

November 7-11	November Break (schools are closed)
November 11	Remembrance Day (Central Services is closed)
November 14-18	Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
December 7	Early Dismissal
December 21-January 3	Christmas Break (schools are closed)
January 4	Early Dismissal

Trustee Report  
Trina Boymook

- November 8 MLA Walk arranged to for us to discuss any concerns that EIPS has that he should be aware of. We discussed concerns with delayed decision on what format that Sherwood Heights will be built through, and we are still waiting to hear from the Minister about our request to access more of our reserves to address Salisbury Composite storm water drainage issue.
- On November 21, the Minister of Education announced that the schools approved for design will no proceeding as P3 and will move forward as design builds. This is exciting news for the Sherwood Heights replacement school.
- On November 17, at the public Board meeting the Board was presented with feedback received through various public engagement sessions to deal with cleaning up some of our junior high attendance areas. No recommendation or decision will be made about the junior high attendance area until the spring. Senior Administration needs more time to complete two other public engagement before the Superintendent will determine his recommendation to the Board. Given that the recommendation is now projected to come after the 2023-24 registration, there will be no changes to the junior high boundaries for the 2023-24 school year.
- A summary of the Logos public engagements will be presented for information at the December 15 Board meeting. No decision will be made at this meeting.
- EIPS mental health pilot proposal was approved and we will be receiving \$1.94 over 2 years.
- On November 4, Superintendent Liguori has announced his intent to retire at the end of the school year. The Board will be undertaking a Superintendent search.