

School Council Meeting

School Council Minutes – Feb 22, 2023

6:30 p.m. School Library

** indicates written report/attachment provided*

- 1) Call to order – Chair 6:35 p.m.

Attendance

Parents: Kim Scott (Chair), Christan Rasmussen (Secretary), Hilary Schmidt (Logos Rep), Allison McColl, Mallory Jackson, Karry Biri

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

6:38 p.m. Christan arrived

- 2) Review of the Agenda

Motion: Moved to approve as presented. Karry / Mallory. Carried.

- 3) Approval of the Minutes

January 18, 2023

Motion: Moved to approve as presented. Karry / Mallory. Carried.

- 4) Logos Report: Hilary Schmidt – Logos Rep

- February chapel canceled due to artist in residence at the school.
- Next Logos meeting March 14, 2023 at Brentwood Elementary
- Discussion regarding potential Logos fundraiser, nothing planned now.

- 5) COSC Report: Kim

COSC minutes available here:

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

- 6) Trustee Report*: Trina Boymook – Trustee

See attached – report was unavailable at time of meeting.

- 7) Administration Report:

Mike Lastiwka – Principal

- Reviewed school fees survey results
 - About 20 responses total, may send follow-up prior to next council meeting
 - 20% of respondents not in favour of swimming lessons, 80% in favour
 - Comments were regarding best use of time and the in class time that would be lost
 - Thursday or Friday afternoons in spring would be ideal time for lessons for timing and weather conditions
 - Ski Trip feedback was all positive

Tracey Prouse – Assistant Principal

- We've had some great PD days at the school with our teachers including considering different approaches for collaboration
- Teacher's Convention was very beneficial, nice to be able to do it in person again
 - Some amazing sessions were offered, lots of networking going on as well, moving around between school and divisions, valuable that people get to reconnect and meet with people



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- Kids were so excited to be able to do Valentines again, sharing cards, making baskets or bags;
- Mrs. Oak did some kindness quotes for announcements every day during February
- Mrs. Perrotta has spearheaded the green team, working on recycling with kids
- Artist in residence is always amazing - Connie Kulhavy
 - Some indigenous students got to connect with table set out at the front of school
 - Students were so thrilled to be a part of that
- Tracey went to Wisest (Women in Scholarship, Engineering, Science, & Technology) Conference at the UofA - encouraging young women and girls in the math, science, engineering
 - <https://www.ualberta.ca/women-in-scholarship-engineering-science-technology/index.html>
 - Participated in a building challenge, bio and chem labs, with some grade 6 kids
- Track team pep rally happened today, while it only lasted about five minutes, the kids were pumped
 - Important to build community and build that team spirit and have an investment in it
 - Kids all lined up in the hallway cheering on the track teams running around the school
- 7:30am practices for the track team, they've been doing amazing
- Kids on patrol on track team, they're happy to do both and still participate
- Tomorrow (Feb 23) is the track event
- Buddy reading is back on track
 - So great for the younger kids and older kids to be partnered up together
- Basketball is starting up - some teachers have volunteered to help that get going

8) Teacher Report*: Courtney Richard

Report read in absence.

9) Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

10) Adjourn - Chair

Motion: Moved to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Approved by consensus.



Trustee Report
Trina Boymook

- At the Board's January 19 meeting the Board approved of a Ukrainian Language and Culture to replace the bilingual program. At this meeting the Board also approved the Ukrainian Language and Culture and German Language and Cultural programs as Alternative Programs that will fall under the authority of the Board.
- A recommendation on the Logos program will be considered at the Board's March 16 Board meeting.
- Phase 2 of the French Immersion engagement session was held on February 7. The information gathered through the in person session and online surveys will inform the next public engagement session for French Immersion being held on April 13. The Board will hear the Superintendent's recommendation at our June 2023 Board meeting where the Board will consider the recommendations.
- The Budget will be tabled on February 28. We remain hopeful that the funds for construction will be included in the budget for Sherwood Heights Replacement school.
- The Board will begin its budget planning discussions starting March 2. The Board will consider our assurance reviews, stakeholder survey, progress being made within current initiatives and reserve status
- Reregistration Process taking place through the month of February. There are five schools with close boundaries for the 2023-24 school year. Ardrossan Elementary, Ardrossan Junior/Senior, Davidson Creek, James Mowatt and SouthPointe. Those that are planning on registering to a non-designated school or an alternative program must do so by February 28.
- After completing a Canadian wide Superintendent search, the Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Sandra Stoddard as EIPS next Superintendent as of July 1, 2023. Sandra has been with EIPS for over 6 years as the Associate Superintendent of Supports for Students. Her experience extends provincially, as well as around the world in shaping education policy and practices. She has lead significant initiatives on behalf of the Board, Curriculum implementation, development and execution of the Board's Mental Health Strategic Plan (inclusive of mental health pilot project) to name a few. The Board is confident that Sandra will continue to build on our successes and lead us as we continue to grow and evolve as one of the best school divisions in the province.

1. Thank you to the Parent Group for funding the performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk" by Alberta Musical Theatre Company. It was such a great production and greatly enjoyed by all the students! Booking are not yet open for the 2023/2024 school year, but we would love to have Parent Council support this performance once again in future years.
2. If we were to look into other whole school type presentations (speakers, authors, performances, maybe even the circus 😊, etc) that could be brought into the school, would there be any funding support from Parent Group for these kinds of events?
3. We've had the privilege of working with Connie Kulhavy this week. You can view the work that students have been doing in the music classroom. It has been a great week so far. Please message Mrs. Richard if any parents in our current council would like to contribute their own squares towards this project.
4. Thank you for all you do!! We appreciate our parents tremendously!