

School Council Meeting Minutes:

November 7, 2017

6:30 – 7:30 pm Ardrossan Elementary Library

Attendees: JP Grebenc, Judy Whetstone (Principal), Kelley Mitchell, Jackie Anderson, Kasia Spiker, Wendy Marty, Ady Arbuckle, Darren Wright, Connie Hamelin, Vania Lloyd, Jennie March, Holly Kinnie, Terri-Ann Trohubiak

1. Welcome

- Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 6:37 pm
- Introduction of members and attendees

2. Chair Report (JP Grebenc)

- No report as November COSC meeting not yet held

3. School Trustee Report (Skip Gordon)

- Skip Gordon unavailable for meeting; no report

4. Administration Report (Judy Whetstone & Kelley Mitchell)

- A big “thank-you” to parents and students who attended student/parent interviews and for making our first bottle drive a huge success!
- Habit 2 Assembly; led by the Grade 5 group and showcasing a tree about future careers was very well done
- CIF funding (one-time funding from Alberta Education of \$40,000) is designated towards the following expenses:
 - o Additional EA for literacy support, Healthy Initiatives and PLC time for staff with once-monthly presenters providing 30 minutes to each group (yoga, basketball, zumba, and ROCKS), and a math specialist from central office who will work with each grade group
- October 25 was the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit dinner at Ardrossan Jr/Sr to build relationships and support for our Bison families
- The PAT results and SEP have been posted online; this includes the AEL Accountability and PAT results
- Remembrance Day ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 9th, beginning at 10:30 am sharp. We look forward to welcoming Mrs. Ida Carey once more to our ceremony. Students are asked to show their respect by remaining silent throughout the proceedings.
- Bullying Awareness Week: November 20th-24th with theme of “Stand Up”. During the week, activities will include reading stories about standing up to bullying behavior and a presentation from Saffron Centre on November 21st
- Jersey Day happens Friday, November 24th as well as the Fairytale Theatre, put on by the Grade 10 Drama class from Salisbury Composite
- Giving Tree donations begin, starting with ECS on November 27th
- Report cards are posted November 30th

- **IMPORTANT UPCOMING:** Christmas Concerts at Dow Centre (Fort Saskatchewan) on Thursday, December 14th Grade 1/2: 5:15 pm, Grade 3/4: 6:30 pm, Grade 5/6: 7:45 pm
Wednesday, December 20th ECS: 9:30 am in the Ardrossan Elementary gym

5. CPF Report (JP Grebenc)

- JP Grebenc has stepped down as president
- Meeting to be held to determine new positions on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30 pm; in the interim, this meeting will be chaired by S. Nelson

6. Other Business

- JP Grebenc to attend next EIPS board meeting on Thursday, November 23rd at 10:00 am and give a brief presentation on why our parent group feels the name of our school should be changed from (recently changed) Ardrossan Elementary to École Ardrossan Elementary; thereby maintaining an element of French culture in the name of the school
- A brief discussion on school fees led to the conclusion that what some parents at AEL would like to see is the ability of administration and the parent community to determine how school fees should be allocated (within reason and in accordance to what the school board may determine).

7. Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th, 2018 at 9:30 am in the library

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Jackie Anderson
Seconded: JP Grebenc, motion carried
Meeting end: 7:34 pm