

School Council Meeting Minutes:

March 6, 2018

9:30 – 10:30 am Ardrossan Elementary Library

Attendees: Helene Hewitt (Assistant Principal & Acting Principal), JP Grebenc, Angela Yorke, Crystie Wright, Ady Arbuckle, Jennie March, Shelly Gall Christenson, Carolyn Vankleek, Jackie Anderson, Vania Lloyd, Connie Hamelin

1. Welcome

- Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 9:37 am

2. Minutes from last meeting

- Correction noted for February 2018 meeting minutes: CPF Report was given by Carolyn Vankleek rather than JP Grebenc
- Motion to accept minutes from last meeting with this correction by Jennie March
- Motion carried

3. Board Report (Skip Gordon)

- Skip Gordon not present for meeting

4. Chair Report (JP Grebenc)

- No new information to report due to upcoming COSC meeting not being held until Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 pm
- JP passed on information pertaining to previous COSC meeting regarding the board changing their guiding principle (essentially remains the same but the wording has been updated)

5. Administration Report (Helene Hewitt as Acting Principal)

A. Student Demonstration of Learning:

- Student Demonstration of Learning nights took place on February 21st and 22nd with majority of teachers stating the evenings were very well attended (80-100% attendance for most classes)
- Nearly 100% of staff held one-on-one family discussions during the demo (as requested by parent council during the February meeting)
- 100% of staff made attempts to connect with parents/caregivers who were unable to attend
- Book Fair sales were up (likely due to increased family turnout)
- Council attendees reflected that having the demo with available teacher conversation still may not give families the opportunity to have one-one-one discussion (high amount of traffic in the classroom, reduced privacy, etc)
- Another council attendee stated demo of learning can be frustrating/difficult when there are so many families within tight classroom spaces
- It was agreed that moving forward, more discussion is essential to determining what will work best for the majority of students, families, and teachers to have effective and open communication surrounding student development

B. New School Update:

- Judy spending month of March over at the new school working on moving schedule, punch list items, safety evacuation plan, shelter in place, and unpacking of incoming deliveries (Helene as Acting Principal in Judy's absence)
- New instructional technology will be used in the new school. Rather than Smart Boards, classrooms will each be outfitted with state of the art iPad Pro tablets and 65" big screen televisions. This provides a significant cost savings over the previously piloted Interactive Projectors and allow greater flexibility for students and staff in terms of interactive learning

C. EIPS Parent Survey:

- Synervoice has been sent out inviting parents to complete the division survey online(link can be found on the school's website at ardrossanelementary.ca, as well as our Twitter account [@ArdrossanElem](https://twitter.com/ArdrossanElem))
- AEL has a history of having one of the highest parent response rates in the division; your feedback is valued and appreciated

D. Rendezvous de la Francophone:

- Week of events (March 19th-March 22nd) to celebrate French language and culture
- Kick-off with the Grade 6 Habit 5 Assembly on Monday, March 19th at 9:30 am
- Performance by Postscript (a Franco-Albertan folk group)
- Wrap-up with Carnaval on afternoon of Thursday, March 22nd

E. School Fees Update:

- Division principals met to determine if a universal supply list could be created plus a list of supplies that *should* be supplied at a school level
- Discussion of an EIPS division-wide agenda to reduce printing costs (For the 2017/2018 school year, AEL absorbed \$3500 in agenda costs as only 20 were purchased by families)

6. Student Report (Ella 5C, Noah 5P and Taylor D 5M)

- Recent Speech Competition once again an exciting school event with 2 students from each class in grades 5 and 6 presenting their speeches to the student body, judges, and parents
- Jump Rope for Heart another big event for AEL with students fundraising over \$9,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation
- Pink Shirt Day also held on JRFH day, signifying an end to bullying
- Student Demo of Learning was an exciting event for the students; a chance to show parents/caregivers what they are learning in school and the opportunity to shop the Book Fair!
- Lego Boost Club presented their robots to students and parents ("THANKS FOR BUYING US A LEGO BOOST KIT!!!")
- Students are looking forward to Rendezvous (photo booth, graffiti wall, Habit 5 Assembly, 'Postscript', and Carnaval!)

7. AEPSA Report

- Information to be given during AEPSA meeting following Parent Council meeting

8. CPF Report (Connie Hamelin)

- Sign-Up Genius request sent out for Carnaval volunteers; first sent to those who had originally volunteered and will then be emailed to remainder of parent community by Helene Hewitt

9. New Business

- School name change: JP has received a letter of acknowledgement regarding his recommendation of a school name change from 'Ardrossan Elementary' to 'Ecole Ardrossan Elementary' or some version containing French to represent our dual track school
- JP recommends tabling the topic and possibly re-visiting in September if parent concern dictates
- Parent Council attendees suggested that the Parent Council needs its own email/communication list, separate from AEL in order to effectively reach the parent community
- Next COSC meeting: the AGM will be April 21st with the Sherwood Park community being a VERY vocal group at this annual meeting
- Vania Lloyd suggested the possibility of holding a teacher/staff appreciation day (falling under AEPSA)
- Vania would also like to see AEL offer more options for healthy competition among various student groups (creative, athletic, academic); this discussion to be tabled for a future meeting

10. Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 (6:30 – 7:30 pm) in the library; followed by CPF meeting (7:30-8:30 pm)

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: JP Grebenc

Seconded: Jackie Anderson at 10:54 am