

School Council Meeting Minutes:

November 8, 2016

6:30 – 7:00 pm Ardrossan Elementary Library

Attendees: Judy Whetstone (Principal), Helene Hewitt (Assistant Principal), JP Grebenc, Jackie Anderson, Jennie March, Cheryl Popik, Kelley Mitchell (AEL Counsellor), Crystie Wright, Ryan Harding

1. Welcome

- Meeting called to order by JP Grebenc at 6:34 pm

2. Minutes from last meeting

- Corrections to October's minutes included addition of members in attendance: Kelley Mitchell (AEL Counsellor), and Ryan Harding
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting by Jennie March; seconded by Ryan Harding
- Motion carried

3. Chair Report (JP Grebenc)

- General: Parents are welcome to attend an information session regarding boundary changes; a survey is available on the EIPS website. Boundary changes are not expected to affect Ardrossan Elementary; it is likely Sherwood Park and Fort Saskatchewan schools will see the impact from these changes
- November 9: parents are welcome to attend an information session from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm regarding the Alberta Education Curriculum; survey is available on eips.ca which offers parents the opportunity to offer their input for the current curriculum
- November 24: School Trustee Board Meeting (EIPS Central Admin Building: 683 Wye Road, Sherwood Park) All are welcome to attend; the board requires 1 days notice if individuals wish to submit a topic for discussion (limited to a 5 minute maximum discussion length)
- Report Card Survey: Ardrossan Elementary is already 1 year into the project; offering report cards online or when needed, a hard copy is provided
- January 11, 2017: Nutrition feedback process (Administration Procedure #164) will take place at the next cost meeting, with JP Grebenc and Allison Usher in attendance to voice feedback at the meeting and concerns that the procedure is too restrictive, particularly in the area of fundraising options. The superintendent has received some negative feedback regarding the proposed procedure; feedback and suggestions are welcomed but the topic is not open for discussion
 - Promoting healthier eating habits
 - New Alberta guidelines containing options to:
 - a) Choose most often
 - b) Choose sometimes
 - c) Choose least often
- from foods listed under Canada's Food Guide
- under the current proposition the number is set to one fundraiser/school being from the "choose least often" category
- LGBTQ Policy: JP acknowledged the reason that this minority group appears to receive more "support" within the Proposed Administration Procedure #511 (Safe, Caring Schools) is

because this is a support document, directly reflecting a political promise by the Alberta government to focus on providing support to this particular minority group

4. Trustee Report (Skip Gordon)

- Skip Gordon unavailable for report

5. Administration Report (Judy Whetstone)

- School Events: Groundbreaking Ceremony - celebrated by local VIPs {Estefania Cortez-Vargas (MLA), Paul Smith (County Councilor), Trina Boymook (Board Chair), Skip Gordon (Trustee), Mark Liguori (Superintendent), representatives of each grade level wearing Bison Builder hats and equipped with sand shovels}; Grade 5 choir performed and Global News attended. Pictures of the event are online in the Photo Gallery - complete with a bird's eye view from a drone!
- Maker Space is well underway - updates are provided in the Monthly Update as Assistant Principal Helene Hewitt is chronicling the process on a blog; see the link below: Makerlandadventures.blogspot.ca
- beginning stages of developing relations with a local elder. On Monday, November 7, Elder Wilson Bearhead met with the administration and toured the school. We welcome his wisdom as he is a mentor to the staff and students of Ardrossan. He will join us in the Blanket Ceremony on Tuesday, November 8 at 7:30 pm. This is a great opportunity for our parent community to experience history through an indigenous perspective; all parents are invited to attend. Grade 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to experience the Blanket Ceremony during class time
- November 10: Remembrance Day Ceremony, beginning at 10:30 a.m. This is a truly memorable assembly to honor our Canadian Armed Forces, with students remaining completely silent through the entire event as an example of respect
- After Fall Break: Bully Awareness Week - See below for the planned events:
- **Classes** November 21, 22, 23
- books **Zero, One, and Two**, will be explored in Division I and **'My Secret Bully'**, and **'Nobody Knew What to Do'** will be explored in Division II. Afterwards, using Sandra Hirpst's method, we will ask students **"What makes me feel safe at school?"** (giving physical and emotional examples of this) and co-constructing criteria together as different classes. This will then be shared with parents via Parent Council and our newsletter, and staff during our November staff meeting.
- November 24: **Power of One** Assembly
 - Actors will take the stage as presenters. They start a dialogue with the audience and work out a definition of bullying that is along the line of (but not limited to): "HURTFUL, PURPOSEFUL, and REPEATED behavior by one person towards another where the intent is to cause harm and isolation." The actors explain to the audience that they will be acting out skits that will show the **negative effects** of different types of bullying, the roles that people play that make bullying possible, and **what each child can do to prevent bullying** from happening in their school. The actors then reveal the **Power of One**; the power of every child to report and deal with bullying whenever they see it. This is done by recruiting a volunteer from the audience, dressing them as a super hero, and

having them look inside the Power of One box (which is a small white box, the last of the colored boxes to appear on stage). Inside is the Power of One box is the power to stop bullying. And, of course, anyone who looks in the box sees themselves, because at the base of the box is a mirror!

- November 25: **Jersey Day** - An opportunity for students to celebrate the week of synergizing by participating in this school-wide event
- Salisbury Composite High School (Grade 10 Drama) for Grades 4-6.
"Bed Time Stories... As told by my dad, who messed them up!"
- November 28: **AEL Results Review**. The School Chair is invited to James Mowat Elementary, Fort Saskatchewan at 1:00 p.m. for the Review of School Results (Accountability Pillar and PATs)
- November 28 - December 6: **Giving Tree** (collections for the Strathcona Christmas Bureau)
- Parent Feedback on Report Cards: URL is: bit.ly/CSL16-17
- Parent Feedback on Curriculum: As many of you aware, Alberta Education recently launched its fall 2016 curriculum survey. All Albertans are asked to take the survey to weigh in on the present provincial curriculum.
[Take the survey now](#): The survey closes Nov. 18, 2016
- School Education Plan and Accountability Results (posted on the website)

Please click on the following links:

- i. [AEL School Education Plan](#)
- ii. [AEL Accountability Summary Oct. 2016](#)
 - **CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**: Dow Centennial Center, Fort Saskatchewan - December 15
 - 5:15 Gr. 1 and 2
 - 6:30 Gr. 3 and 5 with Grade 6 actors
 - 7:45 Gr. 4 and 6

 - December 21 ECS 9:30 a.m. in the gym

 - More information will follow along with the tickets to the performance.

6. **Student Report**

- Unavailable due to shortened council meeting time frame

7. **AEPSA Fundraising Report (JP Grebenc)**

- Tabled due to shortened council meeting time frame

8. **New Business**

- Meeting date change: Council chair, JP Grebenc requested council meeting date change from April 11, 2017 to April 18, 2017 due to Judy Whetstone and Helene Hewitt being unavailable as they will be attending "You Lead" in Banff at that time. Meeting change seconded by Jackie Anderson; all were in favor

- Council requested information from administration for next council meeting in January regarding current noon hour supervision fees. Jackie Anderson would like a transparent breakdown of where costs are being allocated for staff to student ratios and supervision

9. Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 9:30 – 10:30 am in the library; followed by CPF meeting

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Jennie March

Seconded: JP Grebenc