

AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:

January 11, 2022

6:30 – 7:30 pm via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Helene Hewitt (Principal), Kyla Harding (Assistant Principal), Susan Miller (Trustee), Darren Wright (President), Jami McLaren (Secretary), Christi Ross, Val Ulliac, Ady Arbuckle, Jill Herbert, Layla Pretzlaff, Kari Ludwig, Tina Zarebeski, Rachel Burgemeister, Lynn Stickle, Chrystal Annicchiarico, Vania Lloyd

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:31 by Darren Wright

2. Previous meeting minutes

Rachel motions to accept the minutes for the November School Council meeting. Tina seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

3. Kiss-and-Go Lane discussion

A. **Issues** First parents seem to arrive around 2:45 and the first lane becomes blocked, shortly after the second lane becomes blocked.

The dismissal bell rings at 3:16. By 3:20 traffic begins flowing. The issue seems to be parents coming too early and there becomes a parking lot. The other issue causing backlog in the kiss-and-go lane seems to be parents not following protocol and leaving their vehicles, again turning the lane into a parking lot. The backlog with traffic turning back onto range road 222 seems to be because of the bridge traffic and traffic control.

B. Suggested alternatives

No suggestions, will continue as is.

4. Operating Procedure

Review the operating procedures as presented by Christi Ross

- Membership description and outline
- Voting
- Executive Members
- Duties of Executive Members

5. Staff recognition (staff Bravo's)

Need to enhance social media push for teacher Bravo's

6. Fees for 2022-2023 school calendar

A. Current fee schedule

At this time there does not appear to be a need for an increase in fees

b. Potential fees for next year

Increase ski trip fee by 5% to allow for price increases. Yearbook fee increase to break even.

c. Feedback from community requested
Fee survey will be posted to upcoming Bison Tales

7. New Business

AESCouncil@gmail.com

8. Information Reports

A. AEPSA Report - Vania Lloyd
Playground grant update

B. Playground Report- Darren Wright
No new news

C. CPFA Report - Jill Herbert
Looking at the possibility of hosting something in March, Covid dependant. Also looking into a donut fundraiser all done online. Current Bottle drive going on.

D. COSC Report - moved from January 5 to January 12, Jami will attend and summarize or will review minutes and summarize.

E. Principals Report - Kyla Harding

COVID Protocols:

- Masking
 - Recommended that students wear medical-grade masks
 - Students may remove masks when eating or playing outside at recess
 - Students may choose to wear masks during physical education, but it is not required
 - Masks cannot be removed even when facing forward.
 - Staff are required to wear medical grade masks.
- Cohorts- Grade level cohorts are continuing to happen.
- Cleaning- cleaning regime by EIPS including high touch surfaces and electrostatic spraying.
- Clubs- Temporarily paused
- Volunteers- Yes!
 - Vaccination QR code verification & confidentiality forms
 - Medical grade masks are required (available in the office)
 - No contact with anyone who is currently positive for COVID-19
- Field Trips- Can continue if they can remain in their grade cohort.

- Online Learning- We may be required to switch to temporary online learning if absentee rates are too high and affect school operations.
- Notifications for COVID-19- No longer receive notifications. To continue to keep our school safe, please inform your classroom teacher or Mrs. McNeely if your child has tested positive.
- Government Supplied Rapid Tests & Masks
 - We haven't received them yet.
 - We are planning to have parents communicate to teachers re: how they wish to receive the kits through a Google Form (backpack or arrange an alternate time for pick up)- The tests are no longer effective if they freeze.

Celebrations:

- Food Bank donations were a huge success! We collected through our Giving Tree, candy cane draw for non-perishable foods & Hot Lunch raised \$1000
- Clubs have been a huge success. They are momentarily paused, but we can't wait to start them up again.
- Holiday Cheer (Ugly Christmas Sweater Day, Pajama Day, Visit from the Grinch, Carolling in classrooms, Leader on the Ledge)
- Christmas performances for each class was shared through Brightspace

Upcoming Events:

- Colour Week is next week (Monday- blue, Tuesday- purple, Wednesday- green, Thursday- yellow, Friday- red)
- Habit 3 (Put first things first) Virtual Assembly- Postponed slightly- January 28
- Demonstration of Learning- February 7 & 8. Details to come; it may have to be online.
 - School Council- February date? Time?

F. Trustee Report- Susan Miller

Assurance Reviews: The schools reported to the board in regards to the challenges they have been facing.

December 6-7 trustees met in Camrose to discuss direction of the board moving forward.

December 8 EIPS board met with local members of ATA (Elk Island Local 28).

Mark Liguori has been reappointed as our superintendent and CEO of Elk Island Public Schools.

New annual survey is out "EIPS Year in Review 2021" January 6-18.

Student registration begins soon for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration will be live Tuesday February 1 at 9:00am online on the division website.

Rapid tests and masks should be arriving this week. New online tutoring available for Grades 4-9 to mitigate learning disruptions due to covid.

On January 4 the board sent a letter to minister LaGrange to express gratitude in the delay of the new draft elementary curriculum.

9. Next Meeting

February 8, 2022. May need to be changed due to presentation of learning.

10. Adjournment

Darren motions to adjourn at 7:45. Meeting Adjourned.