

AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:

February 1, 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), Vania Lloyd (Vice-president), Jill Herbert, Tina Zerebeski, Christi Ross, Ady Arbuckle, Layla Pretzlaff, Rachel Burgemeister, Lynn Stickle, Kari Ludwig, Pamela Prosser

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

2. Previous meeting minutes

Jill motions to accept the minutes as written for the January School Council meeting.

Vania seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

3. Operating Procedure Christi Ross

AGM and regular meetings outlined (minimum number, schedule and communication of time and date)

Member elections and voting

Proposed changes to bylaws and policies and procedures

Committees outline

Annual Report must be provided to super intendant by September 30. Includes summary of school council activities from pervious school year

AEPSA outline

Conflict resolution policy

Dissolution

Christi will finalize edits and submit to Kyla. It will be shared in BisonTails for review by all parents and then will be voted on at the next meeting

4. Playground Darren Wright and Rachel Burgemeister

A. Grant update- we did not receive the grant that we applied for.

B. Funds - we have roughly \$151 000 in funds to be used. Based on our plan we are roughly \$100 000 short. If we eliminated the shade structure we could still go ahead with project and stay within budget.

C. Direction to go- approach Strathcona County and let them know we will proceed with everything except the shade structure. Begin fundraising again to see if we can raise more funds for the shade structure. Small playground is up for renewal in 2023 as well.

Jill motions to move forward with all proposed playground enhancements excluding the shade structure. Tina seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

5. Information Reports

A. **AEPSA Report**- Vania Lloyd

Discussing upcoming jerky fundraiser, parade contributions, and teacher bravo's. Still working on policies and bylaws

B. **CPF Report** - Jill Herbert

Grade 4 French hoping to do their camp in May (will be sending grade 5 and 6 as well as they have missed previous years). Crispy Cream donut fundraiser coming soon (all online). Beginning to plan an outdoor modified carnival in March which coordinates with Rendezvous week. Bottle drive yielded \$658.80

C. **COSC Report** - Jami McLaren/ Darren Wright

All schools will be receiving \$500 grant but school councils do not have a bank account so trying to figure out how to accept funds. Some schools may pool their money to bring in a guest speaker (such as Jodi Carrington) to reach a wider audience and better use these funds. Jami will attend tomorrow evenings COSC meeting and report back in March.

D. **Trustee Report** - Susan Miller

Notice of motion at last caucus meeting, which was defeated, was to divide Sherwood Park into 3 election zones. This was to divide Sherwood Park into voting wards rather than a large area with a free-for-all vote.

EIPS calendar was approved for next school year 2022-2023.

2022-23 Calendar has been approved and posted

Board approved fund surplus reallocation.

D. **Principles Report** (Fees Update)- Kyla Harding

Fee Survey Feedback: (37 people responded)

- *Field Trip feedback:*
 - 59% prefer pay as you go for field trips - we'll adopt this
 - 78% would like 3, 4 or more field trip per year
 - 46% would pay \$20/trip
 - 19% would pay \$30 or more
 - 19% would pay \$15/trip
- *Question for the school council: Should we increase the base field trip fee to \$60?*
 - Our fees are currently \$52.50/child, if we do as suggested in the survey, with 3 trips a year at \$20 each that would cost \$60/child which is an increase of \$7.50/child (14% increase). Would you support an increase in this way?

- Alternatively, with pay as you go, we would charge per trip until we hit the maximum current fee amount.
- *Noon Supervision Feedback:*
 - A couple of comments indicated they felt fees were too high as students do not always go outside (due to weather, hazardous ice conditions, or other situations that put kids at risk)
 - We hope to clarify that even when kids are inside, they require supervision from an adult at lunch. The adult doing the supervision (inside or outside) still needs to be paid.
 - Another comment inquired about the possibility of adding the noon supervisor to the payroll. Doing so has educational consequences for our students - since our funding is finite, we would have to take away time from supporting students in their learning to pay the cost of supervision when kids are not learning. We do not feel this would not be an ethical decision!
- *Agenda Feedback:*
 - 60% of respondents said the agenda makes them feel more connected to the school
 - 49% of respondents want us to buy agendas for all next year
 - 10% want us to buy for Div 1 (K-3) students only and
 - 8% want us to buy for Div 2 only
 - 10% did not want us to buy them for next year

Celebrations:

- Finished our 2nd round of literacy screeners!
- As compared to last year at this time of the year, each cohort of kids has shown a minimum of one year's growth in word reading, fluency and comprehension. In some grade level cohorts they are 2 or 3 years ahead of where they were this time last year. This means that as a school, we are shifting in the right direction of improving reading overall across time!
- Overall, we have improved our results by 1 year and 9 months as a whole school in all 3 measures!

Upcoming Events:

- Check the school calendar as all of the theme days are on there for the month of February!
 - Twosday, Pink Shirt Day

6. Mental Health Capacity Builder Pamela Prosser

Has been working with grade 4 and grade 1 students. Looking forward to working with the other grades. If you have any specific mental health needs please bring your Ideas forward. Are you looking for supports, classes, learning opportunities/ strategies and workshops? Pamela is here to support mental health needs at the school. Currently working with grade one students about feelings, taught at an age appropriate level, identified through characters to teach us lessons about feelings, emotions and behaviours.

7. Next Meeting March 8 2022, 6:30pm

9. Adjournment

Darren motions to adjourn at 7:34. Meeting Adjourned.