

AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:

April 17, 2023

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Microsoft Teams and Ardrossan Elementary School

53131 Range Road 222, Ardrossan, AB

Attendees: Lana Lastiwka, Tandy Atchison, Susan Miller, Darren Wright, Tina Zerebeski, Chelsea Pretzlaw, Kari Ludwig, Jami McLaren, Tanya Doran, Layla Pretzlaff, Dennis Hodgins, Vania Lloyd

1. Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 by Chelsea Pretzlaw

2. Land Acknowledgement Lead by Chelsea

3. Review Agenda

Darren motions to accept the Agenda for April parent Council meeting. Tanya seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

4. Approve Meeting Minutes

Tanya motions to accept the minutes as written for the March School Council meeting. Tina seconds that motion. All in favour, no one opposed. Motion carried.

Information Reports

A. AEPSA Report- Vania Lloyd

No report

B. CPF Report - Chelsea Pretzlaw

Meeting is next week, no current report

C. COSC Report - Chelsea Pretzlaw

D. Principles Report Lana Lastiwka & Tandy Atchison

Admin Report - April 17, 2023

1. The Ardrossan Elementary Track Team will be participating in the Elk Island Invitational Relay event on Thursday, May 4th. We will be participating in the 4 runners x200m relays. As well, there is a medley relay, which has 4 runners running different distances...200x100x100x400m! There will be a team of boys and a team of girls from each grade, 4, 5, and 6, participating in each of the events. We are so proud of the commitment and dedication of our team of 32 athletes.

2. We are excited to have sent ten AEL Bison students to the Young Author's Conference that just took place this past weekend. This conference celebrates creative writing for aspiring writers as a joyful and rewarding art. Professional authors and illustrators provide hands-on workshops for students as they arrive for a day of celebrating the art of writing and illustration. Students will develop their writing skills and confidence.

3. Swim lesson follow up
4. Assemblies
5. School Photos Tanya motions to change photography company to Edge Imaging for individual student photos. Dennis seconds that motion. All in favour, none opposed. Motion passed.
6. Friday April 21 - Volunteer appreciation and Gr 6 Badminton Tournament

E. Trustee Report - Susan Miller

After completing a Canada-wide superintendent search, the Board approved the appointment of Sandra Stoddard as the next EIPS Superintendent as of July 1, 2023. Stoddard has been with EIPS for over six years as the Associate Superintendent of Supports for Students. On March 2, the Board began its budget planning discussions. We are taking into consideration the Divisions assurance reviews, stakeholder surveys, and the reserve status while building the 2023-24 budget. The deadline for submission to Alberta Ed is May 1st.

For almost 60 years, the Edwin Parr Award has been presented on an annual basis to outstanding first-year teachers across the province. At the March 16th, Board meeting, the Board approved the nomination of Rae-Lynn Billingsley, a first-year teacher at A.L. Horton Elementary who was selected for her outstanding commitment to education.

Now that Sherwood Heights Junior High and Ecole Campbelltown have been approved for construction, the Divisions new 3 Capital Priorities are: Priority 1: Replacement school for Rudolph Hennig Junior High and Ft. Sask. High (7-12) Priority 2: Replacement school for James Mowat Elementary (K-6) Priority 3: Modernization and expansion of Veg. Composite High to accommodate K-12 The Division will submit the Three-Year Capital Plan to the province for funding consideration.

On March 16, the Board toured Heritage Hills Elementary school as part of its 2022-2023 Trustees' School Tours. The 2023 Long Service and Retirement dinner event has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd, at the Strathcona County Community Centre Agora. Employees with 20 plus years of service and retiring employees will be honoured for their contribution and commitment to our students.

On April 11, the Sherwood Park Chamber of Commerce held a luncheon with the Premier, which the Board attended. Every year, the Board of Trustees, by way of work led by the Advocacy Committee – determines the focus of advocacy efforts in alignment with the Divisions goals and priorities. For the next few weeks the Board will be busy meeting with all the candidates that have declared they are running in the next Provincial election. Our message will be that a strong education system promotes growth and prosperity in Alberta.

F. Music update - Layla Pretzlaff

Format of Grade 5-6 Christmas concert may be unique for next year unlike previous years

7. Next Meeting May 15, 2023

8. Adjournment

Chelsea motions to adjourn at 710. Meeting Adjourned.