

## **AEL School Council Meeting Minutes:**

January 9, 2024

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Ardrossan Elementary School

53131 Range Road 222, Ardrossan, AB

**Attendees:** Tina Zerebski, Val Ulliac, Cheryl Popik, Layla Pretzlaff, Dan Verhoeff, Chelsea Pretzlaw, Carla Kokotailo, Candice Lapointe, Susan miller, Jami McLaren

**1. Meeting Called to Order** at 6:33 by Chelsea

### **2. Review Agenda**

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

### **3. Approve Meeting Minutes**

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

### **4. Grade 5 student Presentation**

School Dance proposal by Savannah, Mya and Alexis

Divison two, parent drop off option as long as adequate volunteers available. Proposed for March, 8th, 15th, 21st from 7:00-9:00pm in the school gym. Option to sell food for fundraising. Some things the students need help with are decorations, DJ, and supervision

Discussion to include all grades to make it more inclusive for school families

### **5. Christmas Concert Feedback**

a. Stage was AMAZING!!!!

b. Tickets for 2024-25 Concert and capacity

c. Other, video recording vs. Streaming, babysitting services from high school students next door

### **6. School Fees**

### **7. Information Reports**

**A. AEPSA Report-** Will discuss in next meeting

**B. CPF Report** - Chelsea Pretzlaw

Previous meeting cancelled. January 22 next meeting

**C.COSC Report** - Chelsea Pretzlaw

January meeting is tomorrow. Will discuss at the next meeting

School Council may be interested in the following sessions that were shared with Principals:

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) offers the following workshops:  
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops>

#### **E. Principles Report** Daniel Verhoeff

Here are a few other points regarding the fees:

- a. All the school fees are “targeted funds” and need to be used for the purpose they have been collected, if there are reserves at the end of the year, greater than \$10.00 per student, families will be reimbursed. ie, we can't collect money for a field trip and use it to buy school furniture.
- b. Increase or decrease in fees would mean an increase or decrease in the services provided. ie, if families would like to reduce field trip fees, then the classes would go on less field trips, or field trips with a lesser cost (bussing takes up a good chunk of these field trip funds).
- c. Some schools have not charged for things such as sports fees or Young Authors Conference, and WISEST conference. This could mean one of three things:
  - i. The schools do not send students to these events.
  - ii. The school pays for the items out of the school budget, which takes away from funds that can be used to support instruction.
  - iii. School Foundations pay for these costs.
- d. All parents are asked to fill out the following survey regarding fees: (It will be sent out in the next Bison Tales) We had 24 respondents last year; I would LOVE to hear from at least 50!
  - i. <https://forms.gle/TRP1TZksm7eLoBVu8>

#### **F. Trustee Report** - Susan Miller

Last trustee meeting included discussion on Assurance Review process. The outcome lead to additional items being added to the list of advocacy strategies.

The board approved the EIPS Annual Educaiotn Results Report 2022-23.

At the November 30th meeting the board accepted the resignation of Jim Seutter.

A survey by Alberta Education showed that residents are hoping for a stronger focus on history and global events in the new social studies curriculum. The study was completed by 13000 residents.

**8. Next Meeting** February 13, 2024 at 6:30

#### **8. Adjournment**

Chelsea motions to adjourn at 7:24. Meeting Adjourned.