

## School Council Meeting – November 21, 2022

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm

**Attendees:** Melissa Kerr, Colleen Holowaychuck, Rick Patrie, Maria Dytiuk, Ashley Rietveld, Leanna Richard, Linda Werter, Patricia Koch, Christy Luimes, Natalie St. Amand, Jackie Yakubow

Opening remarks and welcome were given by the Chair, Maria Dytiuk

### **Approval of the Agenda:**

Leanne Richard motioned to adopt the agenda as presented, Maria Dytiuk seconded the motion.

### **Approval of the Minutes (October 17, 2022):**

Leanne Richard motioned to adopt the Minutes as presented, Maria Dytiuk seconded the motion.

### **EIPS Board Trustee report presented by Colleen Holowaychuck**

**2023-2024 and 2024-2025 EIPS School Calendars** were approved.  
Both consist of Fall Break and a before Labour Day start.

### **2022-2023 EIPS Modular Classroom Plan was approved.**

The Board of Trustees directed administration to request funding to:

- Relocate two B-Type modular classrooms from École Campbelltown to SouthPointe School,
- Add two new B-Type modular classrooms from Alberta Education to SouthPointe School,
- Demolish three modular classrooms and reclaim the site at Uncas Elementary.

**2022-2023 Enrolment Report** was received for information. As of Sept 29, 2022, EIPS enrollment is at 17,460. Lamont County is up 30 students.

### **Assurance Reviews**

Central Department Assurance Reviews were held October 31, and November 1, 2022. All departments reported on their greatest success, greatest opportunity for growth, challenges, and shared areas they felt the Board could assist with advocacy. School Assurance Reviews will be held in early December 2022. A School Council rep is encouraged to attend their school review. More info will follow.

## **Reminder: Committee of School Councils (COSC) Meet and Greet**

The next COSC meeting will be held Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at Central office from 7:00-9:00 pm.

**The 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements** were approved by the Board on November 17, 2022.

## **2022-2023 Fall Budget**

The Board approved a \$206.21 million operating budget drawing on \$8.23 million from reserves.

In the spring we had approved transition funding for our three small rural schools (Andrew, Mundare and Bruderheim) as they were to drop funding levels. However, Andrew increased a level from what was expected, Mundare dropped one instead of two and Bruderheim did drop the one level it predicted. This is great news and allowed those dollars to return to the division.

## **Mental Health Grant**

EIPS applied to the province for a grant for a Mental Health Pilot Project throughout our Junior High Schools. We were successful and received \$1.9 million (\$970, 000 each year for two years). This will complement the Board's earlier investment in the student mental health strategic plan for K-12.

## **James Mowat Elementary Enrolment Pressures in Fort Saskatchewan**

The Board approved a two-year Random Selection Process Pilot to address the enrollment pressures at the school. Fort Saskatchewan Elementary has been approved and the alternate designated school for the attendance area.

## **Board Retreat**

Date changed to November 29/30, 2022, from early December. Will be held in Camrose.

## **Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting**

Will be held in Edmonton on November 20-22, 2022. I will be sworn in as Director again for a 2-year period (November 2022- November 2024.)

**A Special Board meeting** will be held on November 24, 2022, for the approval of the 2021-2022 Annual Education Results Report which is due to the Government by November 30, 2022.

**EIPS Superintendent Ligouri is retiring at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.** The Board of Trustees will be undergoing a superintendent search in the new year.

## **Administration Report presented by Melissa Kerr:**

1. Welcome
2. [School Education Plan](#)
  - a. Focus on Numeracy
  - b. Focus on Literacy
  - c. Focus on Safe and Caring Schools

### **Looking Back**

3. Book Fair
  - a. Earned \$1500 in Scholastic Rewards to purchase books for the library
  - b. Thank you so much for your participation
4. Metis Week
  - a. November 14 - 18
    - i. 3 days of embedded beading lessons within math classes
5. Anti-Bullying and Prevention Week - aka Kindness Week
  - a. Highlighted how students show kindness to themselves, others, and the world around them.

### **Looking Ahead:**

6. Illness Rates
  - a. Keeping kids home when not feeling well
7. Report Cards - November 25
  - a. K-8 Reports are published online through the parent portal
  - b. Please check in with Mrs. Bartsch if you have any questions about your PowerSchool account.
8. Lords Prayer Conversations
  - a. Religious practices on the announcements potentially moving to moving to Christian Ethics
  - b. Parent Feedback
9. EIPS Student Voice Forum
  - a. A day for students in grade 5, 8, and 11 to share their perspectives on school-related topics and issues
  - b. Mundare School will send: 2 grade 5 students, 2 grade 8 students
10. Provincial Funding for grade 2-4 will be directed to schools shortly with more information
11. Christmas Around the World Evening
  - a. December 15 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
  - b. An RVSP will be sent out to families

12. Assurance Review with the Board of Trustees - December 6

- a. School Council Chairs are invited and it's a good opportunity for them to be a part
- b. Preparations for the assurance review - review data from last year such as the EIPS parent and staff surveys, the Alberta Education Assurance Review – awaiting the PAT data, and our school data
- c. Alberta Education Assurance Survey Overall Summary - see Appendix A below
- d. EIPS Parent Survey 2021-22 results from the spring

13. Upcoming events and important dates:

- November 25: Elementary and junior high report cards available on PowerSchool
- December 1: School wide pancake breakfast
- December 7: Early Dismissal
- December 9: Winter Family Dance from 5:30-7:00 put on by Mundare School Society
- December 15: Christmas Festival from
- December 20: Last day of classes before the break
- December 21 - January 3: Christmas Break
- January 4: Classes Resume

**\*Include Appendices (from PDF sent by Melissa)**

**Committee of School Councils (COSC) Report**

Maria Dytiuk was unfortunately missed in the invitation and did not attend the meeting.

**Old Business**

**Winter School Dance**

Council discussed having a Winter School Dance in the month of January considering the busy Holiday Season coming and the high rate of illness right now. This would also provide some fundraising opportunities.

Planning will commence after the Christmas Break, including communication to families

This item and other fundraising events will be brought forward at the Mundare School Society meetings for further discussion.

**Parent Involvement through shared activities**

At the October meeting, the Council discussed various activities to increase parent involvement and connection. This will be added to the Agenda for January for further discussion.

**New Business:**

No items were brought forward for discussion

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

