# Glen Allan School Council Meeting – Virtual Platform

**May 19, 2021**

**5:30 p.m.**

**In Attendance:**

Judy Anderson, Dustine Vicic, Christy Ravndahl-George, Stacey Robinson, Ryan Fukala, Erin Barrett, Don Irwin, Kersten Morris, Jenn Campbell, Irene Hamm, Jessica Winship, Sheila Connolly, Michelle Reschke, Gina Hartman

**Regrets**:

1. The annual general meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair, Jessica W.
2. **Welcome and Introductions.**

Jessica W. welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roundtable introductions.

1. **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge with respect the history and culture of the First peoples with whom Treaty 6 was signed and the land upon which Glen Allan School resides. We also acknowledge the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation.

We recognize our responsibility as Treaty members and honor the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples.

We commit to moving forward in partnership and working together with Indigenous communities.

1. **Approval of April 15, 2021 Minutes**

**Motion**: Erin B. made motion to approve the April 15, 2021 minutes as is. Jenn C. seconded. Motion carried.

1. **EIPS Trustee Report – Don Irwin**

* The board continues to be very busy with preparing the 2021/2022 budget for the district. A combination of provincial allocation and a two-year reserve plan form the basis of the proposed budget which must be submitted by May 30, 2021.
* Large ticket items include to Covid cleaning and protocols, $500,000 to address learning gaps of 3000 students approximately.
* A two-year plan to assist students with social and emotional needs, career path consultant, CTF junior and senior high consultant, consultants for learning literacy and early learning assessment and curriculum preparation.
* Funding for the junior high honors district program and evergreen (keeping our computers working well).
* We budgeted to complete the air conditioning in all modular units.
* One year of homeschooling support (not on-line learning).
* School fees have been approved and transportation rates for next year (no change from this year.
* My contact information is [don.irwin@eips.ca](mailto:don.irwin@eips.ca) or my cellphone is 587 986 3900.
* Additional information: Curriculum review: board contracted out a study of the curriculum which is being reviewed currently to determine next steps for feedback to the province.

1. **Principal’s Report – Judy Anderson**

* Presented preliminary class configurations for 2021/2022
* Hoping to return to “Normal” operations next year, including buddy classes, recess, etc.
* Staffing to be finalized in the next few weeks.
* Students will be notified of next year’s teacher in August.
* Virtual Kindergarten information night next Thursday, May 27.
* Virtual book fair June 1-13.
* Glenda’s journey video on the website.
* Thank you to Glen Allan School Council.

1. **Vice Principal’s Report - Dustine Vicic**

* FNMI – Jeremy/Cheryl to incorporate a beading project next year to reinforce knowledge and understanding of Metis heritage.
* Elder Wilson will be joining hosting an outdoor drumming session with classes outdoors June 9/10 and will also introduce his books.
* Grade 6 activity scheduled for June 23 will include an escape room in morning, Nitza’s pizza lunch, followed by treats, outdoor games and a nature walk with Jeremy.
* Grade 6 farewell will follow a similar presentation as the DARE grad. Further details to follow.

1. **Teacher Report – Stacey Robinson**

* Virtual field trips booked.
* Jr high virtual parent/student sessions coming up through AHS. Links will be in the Weekly Buzz and on the school’s website.

1. **Glen Allan School Council Year End Reports**

***Programs Vice-Chair Updates*** *– Sheila Connolly, GASC*

* Yearbook Update – Gina Hartman
  + - Sherry Coombes and Lisa Rigney to take over Yearbook next year and will continue with Jostens.
    - 2020/2021 yearbooks are expected during the second week in June.
* Year End Report
  + - Not many programs to highlight this year due to Covid.
    - Pink shirts – while all orders were fulfilled some families requested additional shirts, but our supplier has encountered sourcing issues. **Action:** Sheila will follow up with those families to confirm next steps.
    - **Action:** Annual Pink shirt contest discussion tabled to the September or October meeting.

***Fund Development Committee Chair Updates*** *– Jenn Campbell, GASC*

* Year End Report
  + - June Book Fair – will be buy 1 get 1, June 1 - 13. Book fair sales have earned $460 for the library to purchase books.
    - Art Cards was a successful program this year, earning $1640 in income.

**Budget Vice-Chair Updates** – Erin Barrett, GASC

* Financial Update
  + - Possibly re-evaluate the price for yearbook in the fall – have made a profit two years in a row. Factors to keep in mind: cost of books for retiring staff; cost of utilizing the hot lunch website and variable shipping costs, may not need adjustment.

***Chair Updates*** *- Jessica Winship, GASC*

* Out of Pocket Expenses procedures document
  + - High level guidance, out of pocket expense limits/guidelines for coordinators and volunteers, major purchases must be approved by council. Some suggestions to add teacher appreciation luncheon and year end BBQ/track and field day.

**Action:** Additions made, will implement starting in September and adjust as needed.

* Draft Curriculum Letter (see Attachment 3) shared with meeting attendees for information. No formal Council action was supported.
* EIPS annual report deadline has changed from September to June 25th.
  + - Action: Given GASC’s financial year end is September 30th, Chair will submit the Annual Report to EIPS Superintendent by June 25 and the year end financial statement attachment to the Annual Report in early October to EIPS superintendent.
* May 5 Committee of School Councils Meeting Materials (https://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc/meetings-agendas-minutes )

1. **GASC Elections for 21/22 Council Members**

* Glen Allan School Council members elected for 2021/2022
  + - Chair, Christy Ravndahl-George
    - Programs Vice-Chair, Sheila Connolly
    - Fund Development Committee Chair, Jenn Campbell
    - Budget Vice-Chair, Erin Barrett
    - Treasurer, Ryan Fukala
    - Secretary, Kersten Morris

1. **Parent Feedback/Suggestions**

- Question about whether parents will have an option to purchase a photoshopped class picture like last year.

**Action:** Judy to follow-up.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. Next meeting September 16, 2021 via virtual platform.

May 7, 2021

To: The Chair of the School Council, EICS or EIPS

**Seeking:**

**- input on how we can support any school council in sharing information about the flaws in the draft curriculum**

**-like-minded people who want to connect with other like-minded people locally**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing on behalf of myself and a small group of other grandparents and parents who feel strongly that the draft curriculum, in all subjects, has too many deficits and dangers and is not acceptable. We feel it should be withdrawn and rewritten with more consideration of how children learn and with input from stakeholders, including teachers.

We also believe that the key to fighting the draft curriculum successfully is to involve more parents. Many parents have not looked at the draft curriculum yet, and mistakenly believe that because the teachers and school boards have rejected the draft curriculum, the issue is resolved. Parents need to look at the draft curriculum and react.

We would love to have more people join us in our efforts to increase awareness of the issues with the draft curriculum. This should include looking at ways to support school councils. Does your school council have any innovative ideas to share? Or roadblocks you need help to dismantle?

We also invite like-minded individuals to get in touch. We can brainstorm ideas and act with the goal of making more parents aware of the problems with the draft curriculum. Please share this letter and my contact info as you see fit.

Sincerely,

Karen Green

Please respond to [grnkjg@gmail.com](mailto:grnkjg@gmail.com)

One of our group just launched a “chalk the walk” initiative where we are encouraged to leave chalk messages near high traffic areas like mailboxes and schools. We invite like-minded individuals to join us in this initiative. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/353881362641844/permalink/373473327349314/>

The draft curriculum <https://curriculum.learnalberta.ca/curriculum/en>

A nonpartisan web page sponsored by the Association of Alberta Deans of Education <https://alberta-curriculum-analysis.ca>

SOS Alberta: a non-profit non-partisan advocacy group promoting and protecting public education <https://www.supportourstudents.ca/draft-curriculum.html>

Facebook group: Albertans Reject Curriculum Draft.