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Glen Allan School Council Meeting  
November 20, 2019

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**In Attendance:**

Jessica Winship, Erin Barrett, Irene Hamm, Ryan Fukala, Sheila Connolly, Jenn Campbell, Cecile Palm, Michelle Reschke, Tracey Arbuthnott, Karen Kotlarchuk, Don Irwin

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Jessica Winship.
2. **Review and additions to the agenda**
  - Add website updates to Fund Development Committee Chair– Jenn Campbell
3. **Approval of meeting minutes**

**Motion:** Ryan made motion to approve the October 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Erin seconded. Motion carried.

4. **EIPS Trustee Report – Don Irwin**
  - EIPS Board meeting [agendas and minutes](#)
  - The district budget was released late October and learned there was a reduction of \$4 million in operating revenues and a \$1.5 million additional cost for insurance for our facilities.
  - A new budget will be coming out in March 2020 with the new funding
  - Due to the budget adjustments we have decided to postpone the individual school results review until the spring. Results for the district continue to be very strong in all areas well ahead of provincial averages.
  - This month as well we have responded to the government’s request for input on choice in education and we fully believe that there is sufficient choice available in public education and that there should be no more funding for choices outside of public education as this would only weaken public education by having less available funding.

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**5. Principal's Report – Tracey Arbuthnott**

- School Goals – currently working in year 2 of 4 of the [School Education Plan](#).
- New curriculum preparation
  - o Teachers continue to prepare for the new curriculum release. Staff are participating in professional development opportunities during staff meetings and district led collaboration days.
  - o Partnering with Wes Hosford on May 16, 2020 for a workshop on Metacognition and Mindfulness
- Budget Information
  - o Staffing will remain at the current level
  - o \$26,340 were reduced from the supplies and materials section of the budget
  - o 96% of the budget is for staffing and 4% for supplies and materials
  - o We anticipate substantial changes in the way we do business in the 2020-2021 school year.
  - o Tracey to inform council with updates to budget information as it becomes available.
- Facilities
  - o fire inspection went well
  - o A toilet was replaced in one of the washrooms
- Parent Teacher Interviews
  - o All teachers were available both evenings
  - o Traffic seemed more consistent throughout both evenings
  - o Positive feedback from parents who attended
- School Fees
  - o Current outstanding fees are \$19,549.00
  - o Projected fees for 2020-2021 will be discussed at the January meeting
  - o Not anticipating an increase in fees
  - o A letter will be sent to parents in early December seeking feedback on fees
- Student Learning and Engagement Measures
  - o Tracey presented results from the 2019 PAT exams
  - o Student engagement survey outcome were presented
- Christmas Concert
  - o Since the concert is a public event, GASC is permitted to record and/or stream the event. Additionally, copies of the recorded event can be made available to purchase.

**6. Teacher Representative – Karen Kotlarchuk**

- Halloween parade enjoyed by all students
- Glen Allan collected 753 pairs of shoes for the Strathcona Shoe Drive
- Grade 5 students participated in the blanket exercise with Elder Wilson
- School Spirit day on Friday
- Smencil sale first week of December

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## **7. School Council Updates**

- Chair Updates – Jessica Winship
  - o Jessica asked administration “What can GASC do for funding for Glen Allan?”
  - o Tracey suggested that parents contact MLA’s but indicated that GASC is doing quite a bit for the school. Group discussed returning to this conversation in the spring.
  - o Erin asked how GASC can fund/support the return of school patrollers.
    - Council is not permitted to fund staffing activities. The school patrol program must be staff led (due to insurance reasons) and is not discontinued this year due to funding, but rather time commitment.
  - o 2018-2019 Annual report was submitted to the EIPS Superintendent.
  - o ASCA – Fall online Member Engagement opportunity, November 23, 1 – 4 pm. Sheila will participate.
- Budget Vice Chair – Erin Barrett
  - o Presented current financial position
- Fund Development – Jenn Campbell
  - o Book fair earned \$1000 in books
  - o Art cards – printing has started
  - o Fundraisers
    - Bottle drive to coincide with February book fair
    - The bottle depot will drop off and pick up the trailer each night
    - Volunteers are required to supervise the bottle collection and load the trailer
    - GASC will include information on the bottle drive in the December newsletter
- Programs Update – Sheila Connolly
  - o Attended the November COSC meeting and provided a summary to Council
  - o Next COSC meeting is January 8, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM. Next meeting is January 15, 2020, at 7 pm in the Glen Allan School Library.

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