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**Glen Allan School Council
Thursday September 16, 2021, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Virtual 'Teams' Meeting - Minutes**

In Attendance:

Jennifer Ference, Dustine Vivic, Christy Ravndahl-George, Stacey Robinson, Ryan Fukala, Erin Barrett, Don Irwin, Kersten Morris, Jenn Campbell

Guests: Jessica W, Ally F, Jody T, Sherry C

Regrets:

Sheila Connolly

1. Call to order 6:35 p.m.

2. Welcome and introductions – Christy welcomed everyone to the meeting with round table introductions.

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.

3. Virtual Meeting Etiquette - reviewed

4. Approval of May 19, 2021 Minutes (Attachment I)

Motion: Erin B. made motion to approve the May 19, 2021 minutes as is. Jenn C. seconded. Motion carried.

5. EIPS Trustee Report – Don Irwin

“I hope all parents and staff had a restful summer and we are looking forward to the next school year and returning to near normal.

The board has been busy in August with school start up discussions and then bringing revisions later in August and early September as the fourth wave of Covid has affected schools and the community.

We felt it wise to institute a full masking program on an interim basis until the number of cases

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turns around. This decision will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

School sports and field trips are proceeding as normal and all other school activities are fully functioning.

Municipal elections for Mayor Council and School board trustees will take place on [October 18](#) and more information will be coming about advanced polls and voting locations.

[September 30](#) has been declared as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples and will be a school holiday.

We have added \$200,000 to the homeschool budget for this year.

Please be free to ask questions during Parent Council meetings or contact me directly at 587-986-3900 or email me at don.irwin@eips.ca.

Looking forward to a great school year together. “

Question: Who was consulted about the use of elementary schools as polling stations considering the risk of covid to unvaccinated students?

Answer: Jen F. was not asked for permission; she was unsure about who made those decisions. Protocols will be put in place. Outside gym doors will be used as entrance and exit with line up down the ramp as there are no kids in that area. Washrooms will only be available if required, they will be asked the daily checklist questions before entering.

6. Principal's Report – Jennifer Ference

Principal Introduction

- Welcome New Staff
 - o Tammy Joly – Educational Assistant working in Grade 4
 - o Alison Taverner – Grade 1 and Grade ½ teacher
 - o Kris Szydowski – Grade 5 Teacher
- Enrollment
 - o Current Enrollment is 335 students. A little under projected with fewer kindergarten students than expected. Reviewed class and teacher assignments, as posted in the Buzz
- COVID Protocols / Reentry Plan
 - o Re-Entry Plan Highlights:
 - Masking requirement for all staff, students and visitors

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- Daily screening checklist for staff, student and visitors
- Continuation of hand sanitization and cleaning practices
- Continue to practice physical distancing where possible
- Designated entrances and exits
- Volunteers and visitors are allowed in the school when prearranged and for specific purposes but limit the number of visitors (eg. Yearbook, hot lunch)
- Change in how we are cohorting compared to last year
 - Joint Recesses with special designated areas at recess
 - Classes are still cohorted however for instructional purposes we are permitted at times to un-cohort students (example – literacy intervention, some split class purposes)
- No more contact tracing
- o With respect to yesterday's announcement, at this time because we've already established many good practices with our masking, hygiene, general cohorting and physical distancing protocols the news yesterday will not change much of what we do.
 - As Superintendent Liguori's afternoon email today stated, we are still awaiting more specific directives from the ministry as they write the health order specific for schools. With that there may be more changes that we will be asked to accommodate. When and if that time comes, we will adjust, as necessary.
- o What happens when we are notified of a confirmed COVID-19 case
 - Confidentiality matters
 - AHS will not be notifying us and we are not required to notify EIPS
 - Persons who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for minimum 10 days or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer)
 - Proof of negative test is not required to return to school when isolation is completed
 - Quarantine of close contacts no longer required by AHS therefore whole classes will not be sent home unless specifically directed to do so by public health official
 - When a case is reported to the school we will provide general notification to affected staff, students and families so that they can monitor for symptoms and stay home if unwell.
 - Students/staff without symptoms come to school regardless of whether or not they are close contacts.
 - If our absentee rate is 10 percent or higher, AHS investigate and determines next steps. If an outbreak is declared, the province will recommend additional measures for us to follow.
- Communication
 - o Weekly BUZZ school messenger
 - o Weekly BUZZ Blog Post
 - o Feedback?



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- Proposed GLN Funding Requests
 - o Classroom Discretionary \$10/Student x 335 = \$3350
 - o Clubs and Miscellaneous Requests \$250
 - o Library Fund \$500
 - o Return in October as we will be discussing future activities/projects with the staff

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- First Nations, Metis and Inuit
 - o Global News Story with Elder Wilson
 - Elder Wilson recommended EIPS and Glen Allan Elementary when Global News approached her about who was making positive change. As a result, on Sept. 23rd, Global News will be onsite filming on this project with one grade 6 class, and joining one kinder class on their forest walk. This is a very big honour to be chosen and part of this project.
 - o National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day
 - Sept. 30 has been added as a school closure day. There were enough hours that an additional day will not be required except for adding June 28th for one Kinder class. Flags will be at half-mast, and at 9:30am there will be an online moment of remembrance across the district. More information will be shared with anything happening in the community on the 30th that families can participate in.

7. **Teacher Report – Stacey Robinson**

- Teachers and staff are excited to be back with in person learning, visiting the library and music rooms again.
- In lieu of the cancelled in-person meet and greet, videos were sent out to all parents to introduce teachers and learning spaces.
- Terry Fox run - Sept. 24th. Watch for twitter updates. Classes will be running 2 classes at a time in rotation throughout the day.

8. **School Council Updates**

- *Programs Vice-Chair Updates – Sheila Connolly (not present)*
 - Programs for 21/22 discussion (i.e. Hot lunch, Yearbook, family dance, etc.)
 - **Tabled** to next meeting
- *Fund Development Committee Chair Updates – Jenn Campbell*
 - Fund Development discussion
 - Update on fundraising and questions for discussion
 - Book fair

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- Jenn will meet with Jody T., new coordinator of the book fair.
 - Timing is usually around parent/teacher interviews. Online book fair didn't raise any funds but new books were added to the library.
 - Jenn is working with the librarian to brainstorm ideas to potentially have an in-person student-only sale in conjunction with the online sale.
 - Art Cards
 - Tamara is coordinating and working with the new coordinator (Michelle Reschke). Volunteers are allowed in the school for specific purposes, therefore art cards could return to the school for printing coordination.
 - Spell-a-thon
 - Spring break will be the timing for the spell-a-thon this school year. More info to come.
 - Projections for 2021/2022 – see budget
 - Update on Coordinators – as written above
 - *Budget Vice-Chair Updates – Erin Barrett*
 - Review of final 2020/21 budget
 - Will wait till end of fiscal year (September 30) to complete the financials for the annual report to be submitted to EIPS.
 - Approval of the final budget will be **tabled** to October meeting.
 - Proposed budget for 2021/22
 - Discussion around the spell-a-thon. Budget line was adjusted to \$8000.
 - **Tabled** to October meeting.
 - Review 21/22 disbursement requests from Glen Allan Elementary
 - Council supports the disbursement requests as presented.
- Motion:** Erin B. made a motion to approve 2021/22 disbursement requests as presented. Seconded by Jenn C. Motion carried.
- *Chair Updates – Christy Ravndahl-George*
 - Plan for 2021/22 (Council Meeting dates, platform)
 - 3rd Thursday of each month, except December, March, or June
 - Parent notification of meetings will be shared via Buzz and blog posts
 - 21/22 Reporting: Annual Report, Society Annual Return
 - Erin B. and Christy will be working on these after year end, September 30.
 - COSC meeting attendance will continue to be on a rotating schedule



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9. Parent feedback/suggestions

- Ally – shout out to the school for all the indigenous truth and reconciliation work. Keep the parents up to speed with amazing learnings and opportunities
- Jessica – great job and kudos to the school with the covid protocols and yet another wave of covid

10. Next meeting (October 14, 2021) and Adjournment @ 7:50pm

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