

Glen Allan School Council Thursday January 20, 2022, 6:30 - 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting – Minutes

1. Call to order

6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Jen Ference, Christy Ravndahl-George, Stacey Robinson, Erin Barrett, Kersten Morris, Sherry Waldner, Cathy Allen, Ryan Fukala, Ally Fukala, Jenn Campbell, Jonathan Kuprowsky

Regrets: Sheila Connolly

2. Welcome and introductions

Christy welcomed everyone to the meeting with round table introductions.

3. Approval of November 18, 2021 Draft Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as written made by Erin, seconded by Ryan

4. EIPS Trustee Report – Cathy Allen

Thank you to the staff of Glen Allan School for the activities and events that were part of Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week November 15 – 19. The theme of One Kind Wish was a wonderful way to plan for this week.

Enjoyed seeing the social media posts for the Kindness Board Game and Roc Your Moc. Well done on your Christmas charity donations for the Strathcona Food Bank.

Reappointment of Superintendent

Superintendent Mark Liquori has been reappointed as Superintendent and CEO of EIPS.

<u>Draft Curriculum</u>

The Board of Trustees continues to advocate for revisions of the draft curriculum. In our most recent letter to Minister LaGrange, we requested consideration for these changes to the implementation plan:

Kindergarten and Grade 1 ELA and Mathematics

Kindergarten to Grade 6 Physical Education and Wellness

Annual Education Results Review

The Board of Trustees approved the EIPS Annual Education Results Review Report 2020-21. This report includes detailed information about how EIPS is doing relative to Alberta



Education's performance measures, how the Division is supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes, and highlights its successes, challenges and priorities moving forward. The report has been submitted to Alberta Education and is posted on the EIPS website.

2021-22 Fall Budget

The Board approved the EIPS 2021-22 Fall Budget that operates for the period of September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. Updated student enrollment numbers, revenue changes, actual carry forward amounts, expenses and planned reserve spending are considered in this approval process.

EIPS operating budget is \$198.26 million Student enrollment – 17124

<u>Assurance Reviews</u>

The information that the Board of Trustees received from the Assurance Reviews was informative and highlighted the celebrations, achievements and challenges that schools are facing. Thank you to Principal Ference and her team for the work that went into their preparation for the Assurance Review.

Board Retreat

The Board of Trustees participated in the annual board retreat on December 6-7, 2021. The trustees and EIPS Senior Administration discussed the Board's direction, priorities and work plan for the 2021-22 school year.

January 20, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

The January Board of Trustees meeting will be reviewing the recommendations from Finance for the expenditure of reserve funds as well as setting the 2022-23 calendar.

Upcoming Important Dates

February 1-28, 2022

Student Registration for 2022-2023

Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns. Cathy Allen cathy.allen@eips.ca 780-417-8109

5. Principal's Report – Jen Ference

• <u>Click here</u> to read the full report



Questions:

- Parent support for virtual parent/teacher meetings, in addition to the phone call option
- Additional communication required for parents, a reminder to pay for the agenda, and better way for describing this payment fee at the beginning of the next school year.

6. Teacher Report – Stacey Robinson

- We hope you enjoyed the concert. The kids were so excited!
- o Jan. 28 is spirit day: denim and plaid day
- o PD Jan 31
- Grade 6 can still go to SPCC for curling, rebooked for March
- Minecraft EDU plans kids love it
- This week the giant floor map takes up almost the whole gymnasium floor. The map interactively teaches the students of Indigenous culture, language groups, and Canadian history.

7. School Council Updates

- Programs Vice-Chair Updates Sheila Connolly
 - Family Dance Cancelled due to covid protocols
 - Hot Lunch Update Dates are being planned for next spirit day
- Fund Development Committee Chair Updates Jenn Campbell
 - Book fair update Jan. 28 books arrive and the book fair will be virtual again with student in person access and purchases
 - Art Cards update great success with a net income of \$3900, minimal expenses this year; next year Michelle will be coordinator
 - Next fundraiser math/spell a thon tentative dates to go out Mar. 25 during spring break to collect pledges.
- Budget Vice-Chair Updates Erin Barrett
 - Update on the budget; reviewed
 - Barbeque in the spring could be planned for families in leau of no dances, etc.
 - Dates for the casino should be coming this spring; casino funds could be allocated to new technology for the school as per requested by admin.



ACTION: Christy to circle back to review action item from Nov. about signing authorities.

ACTION: Feb. agenda to include chromebook request.

- Chair Updates Christy Ravndahl-George
 - The annual society return was accepted so we are good for another year.
 - Council positions for 2022/2023 think about if you would like to stay in your position – to be discussed in February. Confirm other coordinator positions.
 - Teacher Appreciation last year we did the charcuterie boxes from Italian Centre. Jen will talk to Michelle about coordinating something. This year there are 37 staff and we budgeted \$1500.

ACTION: Jenn to discuss teacher appreciation with Michelle and add to agenda for discussion at the February meeting.

- COSC meeting update (COSC meeting packages can be found here: https://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc/meetings-agendas-minutes)
 - GRANT for \$500 on how to get the parents engaged and involved. Any ideas?
 - Workshops available; Christy will send out to the group.
- **8.** Parent feedback/suggestions No questions
- 9. Next meeting (February 17, 2022) and adjournment at 7:50pm