

Glen Allan School Council Thursday February 23rd 6:30pm

Attendance: Michelle Reschke, Sheila Connolly, Lindsay Frank, Erin Hamilton, Erin Barrett, Cathy Allen, Jennifer Ference, Chrissy Appleby, Adrienne Suelzle, Rosa Bull, Mandy McWha

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Welcome and introductions

1. **Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes as presented made by *Sheila*, seconded by *Michelle*
2. **Trustee Report** – *Cathy Allen*, Trustee, Elk Island Public Schools
 - **Original to be attached hyperlink**
 - Schools need to show 85% utilization rates (full details in her report)
 - EIPS Board approved school fee parameters for 23-24
 - Approved change to Ukrainian bilingual program in Vegreville – no longer a bilingual program but a language and cultural program
 - Value scoping activity in Vegreville (two buildings not highly utilized)
 - Hopeful that next week’s budget will have money for Sherwood Heights School (build money)
 - Did have to reallocate funds for this year (need to stay below \$3.15M reserve cap) – to purchase new busses for certain schools – schools pay back school over 10 years
 - Dr. Sandra Stoddard is the new Superintendent – start date on July 1, 2023
3. **Principal Report** – *Jennifer Ference*, Principal
 - **Original to be attached hyperlink**
 - Good number of responses for both fee and mid-year response surveys
 - Majority of respondents read Buzz, newsletters, websites – not much use for Twitter – want to drive people to the website so will keep emails short so that people go to the website instead (increased hyperlinks so people can jump to specific topics easier)
 - Kids like coming to school because of connections with friends and teachers
 - Parents most engaged via PT conferences, Meet the Teacher – looking for more volunteer opportunities
 - 85% participate in majority of events
 - Suggestions: school dance, sport clubs, family picnic, school BBQ, drama club, lunch with the principal, etc. – most already planned!
 - Returning registration is due Feb 28
 - PL Day in Jan – focused on numeracy; new dice games for kids to have fun while learning
 - PL Day in March will focus on literacy
 - Gr 4 Assurance Survey codes have been sent out – kids filled them out today – parent should have received codes – deadline is March 17
 - Reports cards coming out March 17
 - Two parent nights in partnership with Wes Hosford
 - Apr 26 at Wes Hosford – Saffron presentation on how to communicate with youth, boundaries, consent, social media
 - May 17 at Glen Allan - Strathcona County Family Resource presentation “No Such Thing as a Bad Kid “

4. **Assistant Principal Report - Chrissy Appleby, Assistant Principal**
 - Just received Metis kit – she will be going into classrooms next week and doing some lessons
 - Save the Date – Mar 21 for a blanket exercise (adults only due to heavy content) – priority booking for GASC members
 - Mar 6-7: Krista Leddy coming in to do jiggling with the classes

5. **Teacher Report – Stacy Robinson absent, Principal Jennifer Ferrence**
 - Thanks to the parents who attended PT conferences last week!
 - Feb is Kindness Month
 - Feb 14 – red/pink day AND Have a Heart Day (what makes our school safe, warm and cozy)
 - Random Acts of Kindness Day
 - Pink Shirt Day
 - Book Fair shopping was a success!
 - Clubs are active
 - EIPS Basketball Jamboree coming up – teams for kids who can go the tournament as well as a club so everyone can still participate
 - Drawing Club for Gr 2
 - Cartooning Gr 4
 - Lunch Helpers Gr 6
 - Office Helpers
 - Many more!

6. **Fee Consultation- Jennnifer Ference:**
 - Thank you so much to everyone who completed the survey
 - Last year only 3 filled out, this year 31!
 - 84% feel the noon hour supervisor fees are sufficient
 - 68% feel that field trips are sufficient
 - 100% supported co-curricular experiences
 - Min of 3 field trips, at least one off site
 - Field trip fees only charged when trip happens (so the amount is the MAX that will be charged throughout the year)
 - Increases over 5% are due to increased bussing and admission costs and will have to be approved by the Board
 - New fees for new activities and clubs
 - School can support students who may not be able to afford
 - Could GASC maybe support bussing for one field trip per grade? This request may come at end of this school year but wouldn't need to be paid until next school/fiscal year.
 - Will submit to Board for approval

7. **Glen Allan School Council (GASC) Vice-Chair Updates – Sheila Connolly, GASC (online)**
 - Hot Lunch is going awesome!
 - Once a month for rest of the year
 - Yearbook – under control – sales are looking pretty good
 - Family Dance, Mar 10 from 6-9pm

- 484 person capacity
- Only two volunteers so far - maybe add specific time and task to next Buzz and/or Cheri Peichel can set up a form like PT Conference sign up
- Jenn – absent, no update
- Erin
- Not much new to report since last month
- Sheila advanced \$1,000 for dance expenses

8. **Chair Updates** – Rosa, GASC

- Positions for next election to be discussed at an upcoming date

9. **Parent Feedback**

- Class pictures will be taken in the Spring

Next Meeting will be April 20
Adjournment at 7:28 pm