

Glen Allan School Council Thursday May 25, 2023

Attendance: Cynthia Cassidy, Christy Ravndahl-George, Sheila Connolly, Erin Hamilton, Erin Barrett, Cathy Allen, Jennifer Ference, Chrissy Appleby, Rosa Bull, Kris Kasawski, Jenn Campbell, and Stacy Robinson.

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes as presented made by *Cynthia Cassidy*, seconded by *Jen*

2. Trustee Report – *Cathy Allen*, Trustee, Elk Island Public Schools

- **Original to be attached hyperlink**
- The Board is exploring ways to enhance French Immersion programming by increasing secondary-level retention, addressing anticipated enrolment pressures in Ardrossan and balancing enrolment at the elementary level. Trustees will review all the written feedback and survey data before making decisions.
- Andrew's School has been closed due to low enrollment and many repairs required
- The Spring Budget has been approved.
- Transportation fees may be reduced due to an increase in the budget.
- Details for the upcoming budget are attached.

3. Principal Report – *Jennifer Ference*, Principal

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- Parent engagement survey went was successful and results will be posted o the website
- Overall, almost 90% of parents are satisfied in all areas of the school
- New Curriculum K-3 Science, 4-6 Language, Literature and Math.
- Fine Arts and Social Studies are on hold without a timeline for implementation
- We have been selected for the *Adopt a School Program with Indigo Love of Reading Foundation*. It will run September 10 – October 1 with Indigo Sherwood Park
- Meet the Teacher Wednesday August 30th also students can bring in their supplies
- 2023-24 Enrollment – 288 students
- Although it is still early in the staffing process, we know that our community likes to be kept informed as to what to expect for the upcoming school year. We would like to thank Mrs. Kaiser, Ms. Kowalchuk, Mrs. Moes, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Moncrieff, Ms. Nent, Mrs. Peichel, Mrs. Roach, Ms. Richter, Mrs. Taverner, Mrs. Wever, who will not be returning next year.
- 11 Classrooms next year, one combined class for grades 1/2 and one grade 4 class with 35 students. These decisions were made after many consultations
- Information regarding class placements for the coming year will be shared with families in late August when teachers return to school. In compliance with FOIP, class lists will not be posted in August.

4. Assistant Principal Report - *Chrissy Appleby*, Assistant Principal

- Inuit Edukit with resources and materials was shared with classrooms
- Planning for next year is still coming
- Pow Wow dancer for Fitkids in June
- Family Picnic June 21

5. Teacher Report – *Stacy Robinson*, Principal Jennifer Ference

- Wild North helped with the relocation of Glen and Glenda and a donation was made
- K Open House was a success
- Field trips are very active
- DARE grad June 15
- Basketball coach in Fitkids

- Drama club is working on their performance
- Grade 6 PAT's go to the last day of school
- Battle of the Bands in June 2
- Sports Day June 9 and Neon clothes day
- Grade 6 Farewell is June 19
- Grades 3, 4, 5 are going swimming the last day

6. Glen Allan School Council (GASC) Sheila Connolly

- No current activity updates
- Teacher Appreciation lunch, suggested the teachers rather to receive a gift card instead or have the sit-down lunch. (Stacy said that she feels whatever works for GASC)
- **Voted** to go with Gift Cards \$40 each
- GASC participating for Sports Day providing a treat.
- **Voted** Sports Day treat will be Freezies, Jen to check the freezer space. Sheila has also volunteered to pick up and her freezer space.
- Yearbooks has not been invoiced to GASC yet. Erin has requested the invoices for the budget for next year
- Yearbooks are expected the 2nd week of June

7. Chair Update Christy Ravndahl-George

Playground Timeline:

1. From now until May 2024 - Fundraise for the playground. Maximum \$25k.
 2. May 15 2024 - deadline for CFEP grant, I will work closely with whoever is assigned to this grant. The County will provide the budget documents and previous school applications. The County also puts in their funds to match for operational purposes. Usually in February or so I can start working with this person.
 3. From May 2024 until Nov 2024 - The group comes up with a wish list of playground equipment. Get the kids, teachers, and parents involved to see what kind of equipment they would like. I can send you a list of playground companies/six elements of play on the playground at a later. This will help you guide the feedback you receive from the school.
 4. February 2025 to March 2025 - Three to four people are then part of the playground proposal evaluation where you get to evaluate designs that are submitted to the County. This will consist of three or so meetings and you will have one week to evaluate the proposals (most times it is eight to ten proposals). This does take up a bit of time as it all happens within two weeks. But it is also fun since you get to see the designs.
- Have 1 person specifically in charge in that fundraising
 - Casino grant can also go towards the \$25,000 fundraising
 - County will replace the base and our fundraising is for enhancements
 - To run playground specific fundraisers but also take from the other fundraisers
 - Also, a visual representation of the fundraising like a thermometer or a slide
 - Involve the Grade 6's as a Leadership/Citizenship training in the fundraising
 - Surveys for the kids to help decide which designs will be used on the playground

8. Fundraising Jenn Campbell

- Casino is coming June 8th. Enough volunteers have now signed up
- Fundraiser for Readathon being pushed to September. Financially GASC budget is able to do so. And to run it in conjunction with the Indigo as well.

9. Chair Updates – Erin Barrett, Budget

- No major budget variances
- \$1500 for staff appreciation
- \$1500 for treats
- Approximately \$4000 in the operating budget for next year
- To end the year \$9700.00 fundraising budget as the Readathon has now been re-scheduled
- Family Dance to be moved back in to the Fundraising budget
- **VOTE:** Family Dance to be moved Voted Kris and Seconded Jen

- 750 Cookies for \$937 last year so if ordering for the first day.
- Erin B to order 500 cookies for August 30th open house.

10. Election Results (Verbally repeated 3 times as per the Election By-Laws)

Chair: Erin Hamilton

Vice Chair: *To be determined*

Fund Development committee Chair: Jenn Campbell

Budget Vice Chair: Erin Barrett

Treasurer: Rosa Bull

Secretary: Kris Kasawski

Congratulations!

We wish all the best to Sheila, Christy and Cynthia and thank them for their service

Next Meeting will be September 21, 2023
Adjournment at 7:51 pm

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