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Glen Allan School Council (GASC)
Thursday, October 19, 2023, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Minutes

Attendance: *In attendance - Jen Ference, Chrissy Appleby, Erin Barrett, Rosa Bull, Caitlin Burkholder, Kris Kasawski, Jenn Campbell, Grant Glowinski, Drie Suelzle, Trina Boymook, Stacey Robinson*

Call to order 6:30pm

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Approval of May meeting minutes

Council executive (Motion- Jen Campbell. 2nd Kris Kasawski)

3. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees report (10 minutes)

Welcome Trina Boymook - summary report to be hyperlinked.

- *EIPS Board meeting today, discussion on French Immersion program. Superintendent will be taking more time before making recommendations about the program.*
- *Last month EIPS Board annual retreat. Maps out the year for the Board's work and planning. They worked on implementation of elementary curriculum. Analysis of provincial mandate letters to help leverage different Ministries for educational needs.*
- *New MLA for Sherwood Park. MLA Kasawski is an opposition member which presents new opportunities for EIPS to advocate.*
- *Complexity funding received from Province. \$858K was focused towards early learning and specialized supports.*
- *Last EIPS had a \$5Million mandated Reserve draw which greatly contrasts this year's \$875,000 for provincial Complexity funding.*

4. Principal/Assistant Principal's report (15 minutes)

Jen Ference & Chrissy Appleby

- *original to be hyperlinked.*
- *Ms Ference welcomes everyone and relays her guiding principles.*
- *September - There was number of student assessments to gather data on students.*
- *School photos. The school welcomes any feedback on the new school photo platform.*

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- Oct 6 PD day. Entire division gathered at Millenium Place. Students, Stories, and Strengths for EIPS highlighted. New Superintendent shared their vision.
- Glen Allan Budget 2.2 million (95% staffing). A tight budget but some targeted intervention support will still be achieved through some focused learning groups.
- School Fees are posted.
- Alberta Education looking for parent focus group. Info in last week's Buzz.
- Conferences and Book Fair upcoming.
- Christmas Concert - 3 different showcases to be held at the school. Week before xmas break. Each child should be able to allow 4 guests. Wed Dec 20 possible date. More info will be shared in BUZZ
- Assurance reviews happening at the end of November. Results will be in Principal's report.
- Mrs Appleby - Orange shirt day was a moving and memorable day.
- Giant floor map has arrived at the school. Inuit Day and Indigenous Veterans day will be celebrated before Fall break. Metis week will happen right after Fall break.

5. Teacher report (10 minutes)

Stacey Robinson

- *Pawsitive Referral programs assemblies were a success. Helped reinforce citizenship goals.*
- *Teachers received some education with Cheryl Miles (FNMI).*
- *Volleyball practice and tryouts will be happening over the next few weeks for the 5s & 6s.*
- *READ IN week was a success with a good variety of guests.*
- *Take Me Outside Day was a beautiful day.*
- *Upcoming Thursdays D&D club with Ms Budney for Division 2 students.*

6. School council updates (30 minutes)

Chair update

Erin Hamilton - Relayed by Erin Barrett.

- *Attended the EIPS School Council Meet and Greet (COSC). Found it very enlightening. Info shared about Alberta School Councils (great info on the website) She initiated for EIPS will help to register GASC members. She also Initiated the process for GASC grant application.*

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Fund Development Committee Chair update

Jenn Campbell

- READ A THON happening right now. 1 volunteer required for Nov 1st 3:30 to help count up all the funds collected. Prizes need to be confirmed. Jenn will work with Ms Ference on whole class prizes. Indigo gift cards will be given to top fundraisers per class. Funds need to be in by Nov 1.
- Playground fundraising committee. Subcommittee needs to be formed. Funds need to be raised by May 2024 for the CFEP grant.
- Art Cards - Mandy McWha has taken the lead. Jenn will coordinate with Mandy on this project.

Budget Vice-Chair update

Erin Barrett

- Previous Year's budget was reviewed from year end Financials.
- Operating, Fundraising, and Casino Draft Budget for upcoming year for review.
- Motion to approve the Budget - Jenn. Second - Rosa.

Programs Vice-Chair update

Caitlin Burkholder

- Discussion about GASC representation at upcoming school events. At Christmas concert, Book Fair, etc. Freezies at the year end were positive.
- More specific ideas will be presented by Caitlin at the upcoming meetings.

7. Parent feedback/suggestions

- Rosa asks if it is possible to earn interest on our Casino funds. Erin and Rosa will explore this idea.
- Discussion about Playground Fundraising Goal visual prop. Aim is to have visual prop on display for Christmas concert. Grant Glowinski will look into options from Design program at Bev Facey.

8. Invitation to next meeting (November 16, 2023),

9. Meeting adjournment 7:50 pm

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