



Cherishing and Challenging Every Child

Glen Allan School Council (GASC)
Thursday, September 19, 2024, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

Erin Hamilton, Caitlin Burkholder, Adrian Singh, Jennifer and Justin Allan, Jenn Campbell, Jinelle Seniuk, Grant Glowinski, Stacey Robinson, Jen Ference, Crystal Brownlee, Erin Barrett, Rosa Bull

2. Approval of May 25, 2024 minutes

- Rosa Bull motioned to approve, seconded by Jenn Campbell

3. EIPS Board of Trustee report – Trina Boymook (see separate report for more details)

- First EIPS board meeting was Aug 22
- Over 18,000 students in Division total
- \$1.6M will be distributed to Elk Island schools – most from Province, balance from reserves
 - o dollars focused on classroom complexity/class size as this was a large issue to both parents and teachers
 - o Next Step (not funded on per student basis) block funded \$50,000
 - o \$66,000 for second year of EA pilot program
 - o Algorithm (factors include PAT/diploma marks, socioeconomic, FNMI, ESL, students in care, school population size) determines how much each individual school receives
- Sept 12 – finally broke ground on Sherwood Heights replacement school!
 - o Spring 2026 projected date to get keys
 - o Dual track school (English and French)
 - o Mid-October survey coming to name the school
- Board met today and have approved a motion to direct Administration to develop alternate, potential, calendar options, that are aligned to research, for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school years, for consideration.
 - o No calendar approved for upcoming school year – this is unusual
 - o Research on collaborative learning time (for teachers) says micro doses of collaborative is best for teacher efficacy and this benefits students the most
 - o Option 1 = early dismissal every week (best option based on research)



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- Option 2 = one full day off/month with no early dismissal
- Maintain November break
- Board to consider thing like 7 full PD days – do we still need these? Financial implications?
- Board will send survey to parents once options are finalized
- Trustee's compensation reviewed every Sept – zero % increase because collective agreement with teachers has expired
- Mobile device policy – in alignment with Ministerial Order
- First COSC meeting is Oct 2 – meet and greet with pizza – at Board office
- Nomination process for election next fall has begun – Trina will not be running again

Q: How will time be made up if there is early dismissal each week?

A: Instructional time will remain the same – number of factors to consider including urban/rural mix that Elk Island Division is

4. Principal/Assistant Principal report – Jen Ference and Crystal Brownlee (see separate report for more details)
- Ms. Ference's purpose "is to lead the school, her passion is to make students feel seen and heard"
 - She welcomes questions/conversations from parents
 - New staff
 - Crystal Brownlee – AP
 - Chantal Harry – counsellor
 - Andrea Nent – Gr 6 teacher
 - Amy Barry – Gr 6 teacher
 - Kathy Roche – EA (Kindergarten)
 - Amber-Lea Parker – noon hour supervisor
 - 24-25 school budget = just under \$2.2M
 - Current enrollment is 284 students (plus 3 starting Oct 1) – continued decline over the past years but hopefully Hearthstone community will bring new students over the next few years
 - Class Composition
 - 2 classes = K (40 students total)
 - 1 class = Gr 1 (26 students total)
 - 1 class = Gr 2 (25)
 - 1 class = Gr 2/3 (26)
 - 1 class = Gr 3 (29 students total)
 - 2 classes = Gr 4 (49 students total)



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- 1 class = Gr 5 (35 students total)
- 2 classes = Gr 6 (58 students total)
- Weekly BUZZ school messenger will continue
 - Pictures are only of kids who have given permission but less faces (to protect from images being manipulated)
- Over the summer
 - Roof repairs
 - New windows
 - 4 new vestibules
 - Current work being done to fix water damage from broken pipe
 - Cleared stage (potential drama club/space for classes to use/winter showcase)
- What's New
 - Fit Kids will be less often this year because Mrs. Delainey is teaching Kindergarten this year
 - Playground design process underway – survey opened Monday
 - Library – Mrs. Brownlee and Mrs. Camp as well as parent volunteers will run
 - Winter Showcase – Save the Date (Dec 10 & 11 – split between Div 1 & 2)
 - Stage will be used to see the performance better
 - Volunteers for decorating
 - Big Brother Big Sisters mentoring program
- Funding Request – grateful for GASC contributions
 - 287 students x \$10 = \$2,870
 - Clubs = \$750
 - FitKids = \$5,000
 - Bussing for Field Trips = \$2,600
 - Total = \$11,220
- Mrs Brownlee very excited to be at Glen Allan this year – very welcoming community here
- FNMI
 - approved for \$5,480 – focus this year on 13 Moons Learning, Land Acknowledgment and land-based learning
 - hoop dancers and drummer presentations planned for the year
 - Sept 27 is Orange Shirt Day (Sept 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
 - Giant floor map returning, blanket exercise (Gr 5), smudging = opportunities for students and parents



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- FNMI will also be built into library time
 - Monthly smudging for self-identified students
5. Teacher Report – Stacey Robinson
- Dot Day on Monday
 - Terry Fox Run on Friday
 - New student lunches with admin have taken place
 - First assembly introduced Be PAWS program
 - Sept 24/25 = picture day
6. GASC Update
- Chair – Erin Hamilton
 - Proposed meeting dates = 3rd Thur of every month 6:30-8:00pm
 - Playground next steps – design phase!
 - For 25-26 school year
 - Raised \$25K last year, applied for matching grant in May 2024 – hope to hear in Oct and Nov if successful
 - Survey out to school community now
 - Created a GASC email last year to communicate with parents (in addition to the weekly email from the school) – hopefully monthly, timely for volunteer requests
 - Programs Chair – Caitlin Burkholder
 - Yearbook
 - Would like to have families order in the fall instead of spring
 - Would like to minimize cash/e-transfers as it got confusing last year – just use hot lunch website
 - Caitlin will make the yearbook again but would like help with the ordering process
 - Volunteer(s) for photographers
 - Could save pictures on GASC Google Drive or set up separate yearbook email that parents could send pictures to
 - Public events – ok for anyone to take pictures and could share, private events – volunteer (who the admin knows) to come to school on event days
 - Budget Vice Chair – Erin Barrett
 - GASC fiscal year Oct-Sept so next month will have final 23-24 actuals
 - Operating account



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- Yearbook lost a bit of money this year (budgeted to net zero),
- hot lunch revenue covers costs of website,
- Operating account topped up from Fund account to cover expenses
- Fund account
 - Additional fundraisers last year because of playground
 - Funds raised are general but we will use the casino money to pay our portion of the \$25K raised for the playground because gaming money is more restricted
 - This leaves a healthy cash balance in the fund account to start the 24-25 year
- Casino account
 - \$18,800 from casino invested into GIC which comes to term in Nov 2024
 - Proceeds from 50/50 in this account too as per AGLC
- Draft budget for 24-25 year
 - Erin B. to investigate how much a Playground Grand Opening BBQ for Sept 2025 will cost prior to budget approval next month
 - Will host a Read-a-thon in March (fall is too busy with sports fundraising) – winner to participate in Pi Day (Read-a-thon more successful than Math-a-thon but everyone loved Pi Day hence the mash up)
 - Dance – date to be determined
 - Janelle offered to help Sheila (Jenn C. to confirm Sheila is still interested in coordinating)
 - Grant suggested Glen Allan grads from Facey could help out at dance too
 - Art Cards – put out a call to see if people still want these, if so, then we will need volunteers
 - Jenn C. to investigate online options
 - 50/50 very easy to run – may do again right before Christmas
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- Fund Development Committee Chair – Jenn Campbell
 - Lots of overlap with Erin B.'s report

7. Elections

- Secretary position – Grant Glowinski elected

Meeting adjourned 8:21pm