



Cherishing and Challenging Every Child

Glen Allan School Council (GASC) Hybrid Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2025
Agenda & Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions (5 minutes)

Land Acknowledgement

In Attendance: Grant Glowinski (Secretary), Jenn Campbell (Fund Development Committee Chair), Rosa Bull (Treasurer), Crystal Brownlee (Assistant Principal), Lana Lastiwka (Principal), Erin Barrett (Vice Chair), Stacey Robinson (Teacher), Sheila Connolly (Family Dance Coordinator)

2. Approval of January 16, 2025 meeting minutes (1 minute) *Council executive Motion to approve: Jenn Campbell; seconded by Rosa Bull*
3. School council updates (40 minutes)

Council Chair update

Erin Barrett, on behalf of Erin Hamilton

- **Playground RFP update**

- Playground committee (Erin Hamilton, Grant Glowinski, Lana Lastiwka and Stacey Robinson) met with Strathcona County to review the six successful bids in the RFP.
- We were each asked to score the bids on the variety of play types (social, sensory, physical), variety of challenges for different types of abilities, the flow of play/ease of movement from one structure to the other, and the inclusion of community input/feedback into the design.
- The committee scores accounted for 75% of the total rating, with Strathcona County's score the other 25%. Their score included things like safety, materials used, company references, etc.
- Winning bid was selected last week!
- Since then, we were able to request a few modifications to the design, so will be sharing the updated design with everyone as soon as we have it. But to give you an idea, think brighter colours, accessible structures (and swings) and a pretty impressive new tower.

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- **Bylaws update**

- Shared details via email with council, but in a nutshell we need to work on bylaws specific to the fund development committee, as what we have are council bylaws. (AGLC needs fundraising bylaws in order to issue a casino license)
- The entity registered with the corporate registry uses the name "Glen Allan School Advisory Council", but is actually the fundraising society. In drafting new bylaws, we may wish to consider making a name change, so that things are really clear. GASC is the advisory council and fundraising is completely separate, which should be named accordingly and match what is registered with the corporate registry.
- As such, we can not vote on amending the bylaws today as more work is required.
- The wait for Camrose casino is currently 40 months, which unfortunately means the school will not get a casino for a few years. This is not a result of our current delays, rather when we got bumped off the list in 2022. This was likely an honest mistake at that time, as the amended bylaws did not comply nor were they filed with the corporate registry (only posted on the school's website).

Budget update

Erin Barrett, Vice Chair

- Financials: Only big change is increase to Yearbook with increased orders.

Programs update

Erin Barrett, on behalf of Caitlin Burkholder

- 2025-26 welcome event/playground grand opening ideas: traditional BBQ (rental, food purchase, volunteer hours) vs. food truck (can do large quantities, puts expense on families, have given vouchers to families for fries, etc.)
- Yearbook orders update: a number of new orders, restricting to Hot Lunch website made whole process much smoother.

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

Trina Boymook

No update provided for this meeting.

5. Principal/Assistant Principal's report (10 minutes)

Lana Lastiwka and Crystal Brownlee

1) Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews – thank you for engaging in your child's education.

- EIPS Parent Engagement Information handout

How does your school council support the goals outlined in your School's Education Plan?

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BUSSING

Our Core Work: Glen Allan School Education Plan 3 Goals

GOAL #1: By starting with a primary focus on connection and relationships and utilization of a trauma sensitive approach, more students will engage in positive interactions with all people at Glen Allan Elementary as measured by the Alberta Education Assurance Survey, EIPS Engagement Surveys.

GOAL #2: By building capacity for all staff to regularly implement evidence-based practices in literacy, specifically:

- written expression, focusing on content and
- reading, focusing on vocabulary and comprehension, all students will demonstrate growth as measured by the Government of Alberta literacy screeners, common writing assessments administered three times in the school year, and on student progress reports in December 2024, March, and June 2025.

GOAL #3: By building capacity for all staff to continue implementing high-leverage instructional strategies, specifically incorporating daily number sense activities into math classes, all students will demonstrate growth in number sense as indicated by GOA Numeracy screeners, and on student progress reports in December 2024, March, and June 2025.

- 2) Dance 2026 date – book off gym
- 3) Review and returning student registration update
- 4) Assurance Survey – grade 4 families, students and all teachers
- 5) Meetings move to the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.?
- 6) The Board will fund the cost of one registration fee per EIPS school council for the 2025 Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM). Interested councils must have one member fill out the Board-sponsored registration form by April 7. EIPS administration will register school councils for the conference and AGM through ASCA after April 7.

IMPORTANT NOTE: After connecting with ASCA, EIPS has learned that councils will receive one Zoom meeting link—however, there's a limit to the number of attendees on Zoom. As such, school councils are encouraged to sign on early and attend the events from the same location. For example, instead of having multiple members log into Zoom from their devices at home, councils should try to have members meet at one person's home, the school or another appropriate location to log into one device from there. There remains no limit on how many school council members can attend in this way.

6. Teacher report (10 minutes)

Stacey Robinson

- Students had a chance to experience the Fur Trade Edukit by enjoying various activities during part of their library time.
- Students have been learning about Black History Month - why it is important, and some of the contributions of black people both past and present.
- The basketball team has been practicing, and we did a get date for the tournament of March 15th. Many students have provincials and tournaments for other sports

that weekend so we will give that as feedback, however, it was that weekend the last couple of years also so it may be what works best for Facey. We are also running a basketball club on Fridays.

- February and Valentine's Day activities have been focused on kindness and doing things with buddies.
- The Teachers' Convention was great! One of my favourite sessions was Canadian Space Agency astronaut and Royal Canadian Air Force Colonel Joshua Kutryk
- Tomorrow, February 21st, some grade six students will be attending the WISEST Conference virtually to conduct investigations with the help of Ms. Barry. It is a Nancy Drew science mystery theme.
- It is Pink Shirt Day on February 26th.
- Students were excited to hear about the Pi-a-thon and the Family Dance coming up.

7. Parent feedback/suggestions

- Pink Shirt Day t-shirt design for next year

8. Invitation to next meeting (April 17, 2025)

GASC meeting adjournment at 7:15 p.m.