



**F.R. Haythorne School Council Meeting**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Wednesday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 @ 6:15 pm**

**Members Present:**

Lonnie	Laura	Louise	
Brandon	Stephanie	Melissa	
Steve	Cecile		
Erin	Ryan		
David	Sherry		
Jessica	Amanda		
Kevin	Barb		

**1. Call to Order:**

Laura called the meeting to order at 6:21pm.

**2. Approval of agenda minutes:**

A motion to approve the agenda was made, approved by Cecile and seconded by Sherry.

Member at large Cecile voted in, Louise motioned, all in favor.

**CARRIED**

**3. School Highlights- David Roper:**

- Halloween haunted house, Grade 9 students hosting Grade 4-5 feeder school elementary, donations and support are always welcome, contact Mr. Lamb if available for either.
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> tours of the school as a haunted house are taking place, all details are on the Hawk view.
- Operation Christmas child is under way; boxes are available to take outside the office.
- Animal rescue will be doing their silent auction again during parent teacher interviews.

- Athletics.... Volleyball midway through season, Sr boys and girls both won bronze at TVT, Jr girls won silver at FR tournament and developmental girls team won gold at St T's tournament. This weekend both Sr and Jr teams are playing.
- Ultimate Frisbee is on hold due to weather
- DATES..... Oct. 21/22 – FR volleyball tournament
  - Oct 25 & 27 – PT interviews, 4:30- 7:30pm
  - Nov 1 – scheduled lock down
  - Nov 10 – Remembrance Day ceremony
  - Nov 11-20 – November break
  - Nov 22 – scheduled lock down

#### **4. School board highlights: Barb McNeill**

#### **October Events and Recap:**

October 3-7 – Read-In-Week

October 5 – COSC Meeting

October 5 – Acknowledgement of all teachers with EIPS  
“World Teachers’ Day”

October 6&7 – System Professional Development Days

October 22 - Literacy and Learning Day

#### **Provincial Achievement Tests/Diploma Exam Results**

- results have been released for information from Alberta Education
- EIPS will generate News Release highlighting specific points of information, to be communicated throughout the Division and local newspapers
- EIPS Board of Trustees will review individual school results during the upcoming School Results Review sessions scheduled for the latter part of November. As well, individual schools will share with respective staff, students and parents within their school community (usually shared at a School Council meeting)

#### **EIPS Board of Trustees – Advocacy Initiatives**

- the Board continues to advocate on behalf of the division the following current initiatives\*, as well, the board consistently reviews areas of concerns which may affect funding and opportunity for the education of all of our students.

\*- Carbon Tax and the affect on school boards specifically the loss of funds related to instructional monies for students and schools.

\*- Student Transportation funding formula – need for change on how province determines scale for allocation of funds

\*- Allocation of Special Needs Student funding

## **COSC Meeting Notes: October 5th**

Key topics discussed at the meeting included:

- Planning for COSC in the 2016–2017 school year
- *Administration Procedure 164, Nutrition – draft procedure distributed for information and request for schools/parents to review and provide feedback to Eileen Zimmerman, Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services.*  
[eileen.zimmerman@eips.ca](mailto:eileen.zimmerman@eips.ca)
- *Administration Procedure 311, Welcoming, Caring, Respectful, and Safe Learning Environments for Students*
- *Administration Procedure 350, Student Conduct*
- Parents as Partners

## **Alberta Education Wants Parent Input: Curriculum redesign**

Alberta Education is embarking on a six-year curriculum redesign process and is looking for parent input. As a result, the Edmonton Regional Learning Consortium is hosting various parent sessions—depending on the subject area. Sessions start next week so it's recommended you register as soon as possible. For more information, or to register, visit [www.erc.ca/programs/focus.php?theme=66](http://www.erc.ca/programs/focus.php?theme=66).

## **Alberta School Councils' Association: A quick overview**

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) is a provincial association that represents parents on school council:

- Its vision is to establish “an effective school council in every Alberta school.”
- Each school council within EIPS is a member of ASCA and as such, each school council can access any of ASCA's resources at no cost.
- All school council chairs are encouraged to submit their name and contact information to ASCA by visiting [www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?contactform](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?contactform).
- Any COSC member who is interested in joining the School Council Engagement Task Force, can do so by visiting [www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?page=SCTaskForce](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?page=SCTaskForce). As a member you will help the board of directors gather parent input to advocate to partner stakeholders.
- Another benefit of ASCA are the educational sessions it offers. A representative will attend your school council meeting and provide free workshops—for example how to establish a school council, meeting management, relationship building, and many more. [Learn more](#).
- Lastly, ASCA has just finished a major review of the School Council Resource

Guide. Previously it was a 104-page binder. The revamped guide is now 20 pages and includes more than 40 links embedded in it and available at [www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?page=SCRGuide2](http://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/?page=SCRGuide2).

### **Limitless Literacy**

Laura Comfort invited all school council members to take part in Limitless Literacy's Imagination Expo 2017. The event is a fun-filled day that involves various imagination challenges, book readings, and a costume contest. The expo takes place on **Feb. 25, 2017** at the Northlands Expo Centre. [Learn more](#).

### **Literacy Day**

Laura Comfort also reminded COSC members about Literacy and Learning Day, which takes place on **Oct. 22, 2016** at the Edmonton Expo Centre. The annual one-day event is for teachers and parents and offers innovative strategies, tools, and resources to support

## **Upcoming Events/Meetings/Workshops - November**

November 1st –

Superintendent's Evaluation – as our only employee and as part of the Board's Roles and Responsibilities, an evaluation is conducted on an annual basis.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – COSC Meeting, EIPS Boardroom – 7:00 pm

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Board Self Evaluation – within the parameters of the Board's Roles and Responsibilities, an evaluation is conducted on an annual basis.

November 7&8 – Central Services Departments, Annual Results Reviews

November 25, 28 and 29 – Individual School Annual Results Reviews, includes school administration, representative EIPS senior administration – Trustees – School Council representatives and parents.

November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) hosts its annual Fall General Meeting (Edmonton) which hosts representatives from all Boards throughout the province (Public, Separate and Francophone) along with association representatives and members from Alberta Education.

## **5. Principal Review: Lonnie Hicks**

- Discussed school ed plan yr. 2 report.... This can be found on the school website under the tab “about” – document – scroll down to SEP yr. 2 rev – pg.’s 4/5..... discussed where the challenges fell and strategies to change them.... The technology challenges are being addressed and staffing has been increased to aid in the 735 students enrolled.
- Any feedback on these pages can be sent to Lonnie Hicks.
- Assessment sessions are a guide to raise knowledge and awareness to achieve the highest levels of success for our children.... on the website main page “guide to reporting student achievement” ....pg 5, ability for all students to rewrite assessments...PLEASE READ THE GUIDELINES FOR THIS
- Blanket exercise was explained to council..... question was asked if council wanted to experience it? Contact Laura if interested.

#### **6. Keys highlights: Erin Dawson**

- Bullying awareness week in Nov.... next council meeting there will be more info on it.
- White ribbon campaign .... Boys / men stand up and speak about violence against women
- This month is “stress” talk with children and parents..... effects, causes and coping mechanisms were all discussed.

#### **7. COSC Review: Laura C**

- Board has included public / staff speaking segment for 5 minutes.
- Report card pilot to all elementary schools
- Read in week was asked to be moved to a different week .... As this yr. it only ended up being 3 days.
- ATA orange shirt day on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Discussing, budget, report cards, school council sharing, school fees, school resources, technology in school updated, fundraisers
- Literacy day this sat., still room available and free event
- Pep talk on addiction and mental health on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Agora
- Nutrition- healthy foods in vending machines, also changes in hot lunch to follow these guidelines..... they are looking for feedback.
- A link on school’s website is available so you can read the whole 2-hour presentation..... feel free to read.

**8. Communication- discussion:**

- Discussion on what is the best way to communicate with the school..... email is definitely the easiest.... google classroom, remind and links to E teacher where some of the other.

**9. Learning & technology framework discussion:**

- A series of questions asked to council.... Responses of yes or no needed in regards to technology.

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**10. Alberta curriculum:**

- Email sent to all parents, this is your ability to have a say.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.**

Next meeting: November 23rd 2016.