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## **Virtual F.R Haythorne Parent Council Meeting** **Meeting Minutes- May 20, 2020**

### **Attendance:**

Darcy Vane (Chair)	Jocelyn Rayan
Aaron Tuckwood (assistant principal)	Joy Jacobson
Erin Clark (assistant principal)	Kerri Remeika
Don Irwin (Trustee)	Maryam Fakhreh
Rita Lal (teacher)	Marlene Crippin
Rod Magee (teacher)	Sandy Babiuk
Stephanie Spilchak (secretary)	Murray Pearson
Jessica Smith (principal)	Nolan Pearce
Amanda Heinrich	Shane Derewianka
Collette Wetter	Shelley Brewer Semple
Colleen Miller-Helwig	Sheri Cholin
Gina Hartman	Tracey Hill
Jeff Hanrahan	Tracie Warnick
Jen Kephart	Andrea Moniz
Jennifer Daly	Melissa Himmelman
Jill Beavan	Carrie Hohl
Joanne Gerlack	Cheri McLure

**1.) Meeting called to order online at 6:05pm**

### **2.) Approval of Agenda :**

- Motion to approve: Shelley B.
- Motion passed

### **3.) Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes from April meeting were presented
- Motion to approve: Kerri Remeika
- Second motion to approve minutes: Jocelyn Rayan
- Motion passed

#### **4.) Trustee Don Irwin report:**

**MAY 14, 2020** Business Arising from Previous Meeting **ANDREW SCHOOL: JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM** The Board of Trustees approved the closure of grades 7 to 9 at Andrew School, effective June 30, 2020. Starting in the 2020-21 school year, Andrew School's grade configuration will change to a kindergarten to Grade 6 program, and it will no longer offer a junior high program. The Board also approved a new attendance area for students in grades 7 through 9 who live within the current Andrew School attendance area. As of September 2020, these students are designated to either Lamont High or Vegreville Composite High, depending on where they reside. Before making a final decision, the Board spent a considerable amount of time reviewing and analyzing data submitted by EIPS administration and feedback collected from the community.

**BACKGROUND** In fall 2018, the Board launched a review of the senior high program at Andrew School. Multiple public consultations were conducted with students, staff, families, officials and community members—three working group meetings, a student forum, surveys and four public meetings. The consultations confirmed the low enrolment numbers at the senior high level limits access to enhanced educational opportunities compared to other schools within the Division. As a result, the Board approved the closure of the senior high grades, effective June 30, 2019. What the consultations also revealed: Students in the junior high grades were facing similar issues in terms of access and equity of education. Last year, 26 students were enrolled in the junior high grades at Andrew School. For the 2019-20 school year, that number dropped to 10—a figure that's projected to stay roughly the same for the immediate future. With such low numbers, students don't have the same programming available as other junior highs do within the Division (see "Andrew School Public Consultations: Report Summary"). As such, at the April 23 Board meeting, trustees directed administration to produce a report about Andrew School's junior high program, which included information about enrolment, programming, infrastructure, demographics, transportation and more. Taking all the data and feedback into consideration, the Board decided the best way to address the issue of equity of education for students living within the Andrew School attendance area is to close the school's junior high program. Redirecting students to Lamont High and Vegreville Composite High allows junior high students to have better access to programming options, program specialty teachers, extracurricular opportunities, team sports and a more well-rounded junior high experience. **TRANSITION** Between now and September 2020, EIPS will work closely with families impacted by this decision to ensure the transition to the new school is handled smoothly and with sensitivity. Additionally, the Division will ensure any facility requirements, support services and student transportation needs are dealt with in advance of the first day of classes.

Board Members Trina Boymook, Chair | Heather Wall, Vice-Chair | Randy Footz | William (Skip) Gordon Colleen Holowaychuk | Annette Hubick | Don Irwin | Jim Seutter | Harvey Stadnick **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Trina Boymook, Board Chair | P 780 417 8101 Laura McNabb, Director, Communication Services | P 780 417 8204 [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) | Twitter: @eips | Facebook: [elkislandpublicschools](https://www.facebook.com/elkislandpublicschools)

## **5.) Administration Reports:**

### **Jessica Smith**

- Budget has come out. School has a \$400K loss this year which means that 3 and a bit teachers will need to be cut in this upcoming school year.
- Mrs.Canning has retired
- Mrs.Rypstra will be on maternity leave next year
- Mrs.Knott will be moving into teaching the grade 9 Goals program
- Mrs.Lahl will be teaching in the classroom next year as well
- Fees reimbursements: An email will be sent out to families on June 8
- Textbooks and borrowed chromebooks will need to be returned before any reimbursements are sent out
- reimbursement credits can also be transferred to other students in a family's powerschool account if they so choose.
- Planning for 2021 is beginning: there are 3 options that may occur in September's schooling. These options include online schooling, partial online and in class schooling, or regular back to school with everyone in the building. This will be determined by the province and the chief medical officer.
- Programs and courses next year: A new SEAS program will be offered (Social, Emotional, Academic Success) which will include some behavioural concerns, will be offered at FR next year.
- Focus Class, 3 GOALS classes, and Grade 9 Honors will run next year
- tighter options schedule next year due to budget cuts
- admin is trying to keep classes at around 30 students (one has 34 at this time)
- something will be put together for grade 9 farewell. More info to come via email for those families

### **Mr.Tuckwood:**

- deep clean of the school is being done by the custodians (lockers, library, etc.)
- staff is working hard at beautifying the school right now for Sept 2021
- lost and found items are still being picked up and collected

### **Mrs.Clark:**

- assessment with online learning: students will receive a letter grade rather than a percentage as their final mark (A+, A, B, B+ etc)
- formative assessments and marks on these assessments will be used to determine a student's final grade
- honors will still be recognized
- letter grades will only be used for this year due to the online platform

-grade 9 student marks are used to determine the route in grade 10 that a student will be academically in. If there is anything inconspicuous or that doesn't seem to fit a child's academic profile, it will be flagged.

### **7.) Teacher Report (Rita Lal)**

-3 student voice meetings have continued since the online learning platform, however, attendance is very low and not a lot of students have come out

-meetings are Wednesdays at 12pm

-students are encouraged to come out and share their ideas

-Mrs.Davidge posts the meeting times in the lunch options folder if anyone is interested

### **8.) COSC Review**

-There was an excellent [presentation](#) done at COSC last week regarding how students will be assessed at this time.

-Also the Alternative Learning website is excellent with many enrichment and activities to do at home as extras. The link to it is - <https://www.eips.ca/alternative-learning-toolkit>

### **9.) Questions for Admin:**

-Jeff Hanrahan reached out to COSC to see if online meetings going forward would be an option for school councils as the attendance has been great and people seem happy with it

-Grade 7 students from this year will have the option to apply to move into grade 9 honors next year (when they are in grade 8)

-Jeff Hanrahan asked if there was going to be a review of the operating procedures being looked at with the Education Act. Mrs.Smith said she wasn't sure and would need to find out more info.

### **10.) Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:58pm**

- Motion to approve: Sandy Babiuk
- Second motion to approve: Jeff Hanrahan
- Motion passed and meeting adjourned