

**Virtual F.R Haythorne School Council Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes- Nov 25, 2020**

Attendance:

Jessica Smith (principal)	Jessica Winship
Erin Clark (vice principal)	Cecile Palm
Aaron Tuckwood (vice principal)	David Zeckto
Shelley Semple (vice chair)	Pam Smith
Shheri-Dawn Annett	Tracie Warnick
Marlene Crippin	Jessica Winship
Jennifer Daly	
Kim & Shane Derewianka	Leslie Luke
Irene Hamm	Don Irwin
Jeff Hanrahan	Stephanie Spilchak
Jen Daly	Rita Lahl
Amanda Heinrich	SDMA Annette
Colleen Miller- Helwig	
Tracey Hill	

Regrets: Darcy Vane has stepped down as chair, Shelley B tabled it to see if anyone would be willing to step up. Will look at this in the New Year at the January meeting.

- 1.) Meeting called to order online at 6:02pm
- 2.) Approval of Agenda :
  - Motion to approve agenda: Marlene Crippin, Cecile Palm
  - Motion passed
- 3.) Approval of Minutes from Oct 2020 mtg.
  - Minutes approved by: Marlene Crippin, Cecile Palm
  - Motion passed
- 4.) Trustee Don Irwin report:

I hope all families and staff had a good November break. It was a timely rest for families and staff.

November is a busy month for school trustees with board meetings hours, our fall meeting of Alberta school board association (ASBA). As well as results review for central departments and all schools this month.

Despite the fact that school divisions were given an option by Alberta education to either proceed with provincial achievement tests or opt out altogether Elk Island Public Schools has made the decision to have all of it in school learners take the provincial test this year. For students who have chosen out of school learning options, writing the provincial exam

achievement exams will be optional and contact your school for details. The Board of Trustees believes that having EIPS students write provincial achievement tests are the right decision. Results will give us much needed information about student programs and learning gaps so that we can put resources towards Student needs.

We are petitioning the Alberta government to change the funding formula for next year due to the reduction in students this year. With fewer students we would be scheduled to have reduced funding and we are asking the Alberta education to keep our student number the same as last year so that funding is not reduced as we are now on a three-year rolling average for funding. The board has considered the junior high honours program this month and has received the results from the well participated in survey in regard to entry and locations of the program. More information will be coming in the next month.

We also received the value scoping information on Sherwood Heights, Campbelltown, Pine Street, Clover bar and Salisbury. Again we are working on this more in future months to strategize on how to get funding for a new Sherwood Heights school.

Questions comments please bring these up at the meeting or text or email me at 587-986-3900 or Don.Irwin at [eips.ca](http://eips.ca).

Tracy Hill asked about the reduction of 400 students- do we know where they are? Don replied that the majority of school districts are in this boat and the gov't hasn't answered these questions as to where they've gone.

Please contact me with questions or comments.

Don Irwin

Sherwood Park Trustee

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#### 5.) Administration Reports:

Jessica Smith

-We had the Results Review parent engagement survey and the other 7-9 schools were a part of the conversations. Focused in on the three goals. Results were really good at FR Haythorne. Shifted the goals a little bit to more of a culture goal. Everything is posted on the website if anyone would like to read them.

-Literacy: Put a lot of money \$1400 into novel sets and new books for classrooms. Wanted to ensure students had great quality literature. Asked ELA teachers what books they thought the kids would like to read and they were all assessioned in the library. STAR data has been used by teachers to assess where students are in their reading level. Textbooks tend to be at a higher level of reading.

-Furniture, the U shaped tables were purchased as well to enable conversations with students. PD was also done with the whole ELA dept. And worked on film analysis and how you can turn that into a reading and writing activity for students

[WWW.frhaythorn.ca?download/304689](http://WWW.frhaythorn.ca?download/304689)

Mr. Tuckwood

- Culture is the third goal. Culture speaks to the whole feel of the school- when kids feel safe and have a sense of belonging they learn better.
- Art with positive messages has been hung in the hallways
- Culture is difficult to measure but they used attendance as a benchmark, suspensions as well. Specific kids have needed support with this. Working on this in health and bionic, how are you acting at school, who are reaching out to if you need help.
- Postcards and phone calls were a great way to welcome kiddos in grade 7 and phone calls home were discussed as a way of connecting with parents and kids.

Mrs. Clark

- Numeracy: looking at the areas and strands for information about students and areas that are strong and weaker. Targeted measures were used and PD was done with teachers. Non permanent vertical surfaces (whiteboards were purchased) to help teachers see student thinking. Training with benchmarking, the MIPI to see where a student might need direct help. Lots of math is cross curricular such as measuring in foods. Trends in grades that are strong in certain areas. Looking at Scope and Sequence as a staff. Learning strategies that can benefit from having a specific math strength.

Mrs. Lal (teacher report)

- cards were written to all staff by leadership students
- Metis week- posters were made and insight and knowledge was shared
- Food Bank is encouraged but donation online is encouraged instead
- This Friday, they are doing Pyjama Day before their last day to keep positivity happening in Dec.

8.) COSC Review- Jeff Hanrahan

COSC

November 4th minutes unavailable- will be shared at the January meeting

9.) Questions for Admin:

- Transition to online learning- at this point there was an online meeting today with the Superintendent and seeing how they can make the next 20 days of school the best possible
- No other info has been shared via Human Resources
- Trying to keep options as part of their day, Mrs. Smith pushed for a regular schedule. Face time with teachers to ensure kids are showing up for the whole day.
- Weekly updates for mental health- Hawk's View will also be shared with students to encourage conversations between parents and kiddos.

10.) Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:51 pm

- Motion to approve: Marlene Crippin, Jen Daly Seconded
- Motion passed and meeting adjourned

Next meeting TBD