



F.R. Haythorne Junior High School Council Meeting

Wednesday November 17, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

Attendance:		
Shelley Brewer Semple	Colleen Miller-Helwig	Colleen Seward
Jessica Smith	Jennifer Daly	Susan Schwaga
Aaron Tuckwood	Marlene Crippin	Rok Agha
Erin Clark	Colleen Adamic	
Michelle Beck	Jennifer Daly	
Stephanie Vandermeulen	Cathy Allen	
Tracey Hill	Rejeita Kumar	

Agenda

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Wednesday January 19, 2022**

- 1) Call to Order/Introductions - 6:01pm
- 2) Approve Minutes from last meeting
 - a. Approve – Rejeita
 - b. Second - Marlene
- 3) Approve Agenda- additions/deletions
 - a. Approve – Jennifer
 - b. Second - Marlene
- 4) Trustee Report- Cathy Allen
 - Thanks for the events happening in November for Bullying Week – MHCB has been doing solid work and Christmas campaign was awesome.
 - Mark Liguori was reappointed
 - Continued with advocacy with curriculum implementation

- Provided suggestions
 - Approved the Assurance Review report – shown on the website, and submitted to Alberta Education
 - Approved the Budget for 2021-2022 – We wait until winter to see if things are happening as expected. There is currently a large reserve, and that is to be expected. At tomorrow’s meeting we will be discussing the proposal how to use this to support students.
 - We participated in a board retreat and discussed priorities and division goals.
 - Remember to register for next year in February
- 2022-23 calendar
- What is the reason for the modification of the November Break – We would need to do this because making up instructional days. Add in more Professional Learning days.
- Are more diverse holidays being looked at? Not at this time other than National Day for truth and reconciliation.
 - Strongly supported
- Teachers were consulted? - Yes, the data from this will be included in the Board Meeting tomorrow and will be in the board highlights
- Is there an option to leave it as is? It is on the table as well
 - Upcoming motion at the January Board meeting to request a review of the electoral area of Sherwood Park. The proposal is to divide Sherwood Park into 3 wards and have one school trustee represent each ward.
 - From the outside we might not notice any difference, some people felt it was already that way.
 - Realignment of geographic area – no additional trustees would be added

5) Administration Report-
Jessica Smith-

- Fees 2022-2023 School Year Increase
 - MAX 5% (foods can go up to 7%)
 - school council for whole school activities and presentations - How much is this? \$2
 - lunch fee to cover costs
 - grade 9 farewell (no fundraising this year)
 - athletics fees (increase in officials, tournament costs and rental space)
 - Next conversation with costs will be in March, we will be sending a survey again like last year so that all families can see the information. We will answer any questions in March.
- Programs and courses

New staff- asking for their ideas
We are mindful of keeping costs low

- Fundraisers were a hit
Over \$1000 for Purdy's
Unsure the exact amount from western Beef Jerky but successful
Able to support 6 families with Christmas baskets (donations from families)
Lots of donations to the Animal shelters and Safe Place
- Christmas activities before Christmas were a great way to connect staff and students
- Library feedback has been great- this will be shared back to families in the Hawk's View
- Semester 2 starts on Feb 1

Aaron Tuckwood

- Athletics - Two-week delay, back at practice this week- waiting to hear about what moving forward looks like
Fee increase for next year- this year there may be some refunds
- Human Sexuality
Communication coming home before February
This will be taught in health class

Erin Clark

- Black History Presentation- February
Follow up in April with a presentation (P for privilege)
- School beautification
Painting- windows around the office, upstairs pillars to finish
ELA removal of old millwork to expand the class space
- Hot lunch
On hold for now
Stay tuned
Purple Perogy will be added to the rotation

6) Teacher Report- Stephanie Vandermeulen

- Nothing to report
- Vertical Surface – Visible thinking model in Math.
 - Students are broken into groups of three and give them 1 pen
 - Problem is given oral, they all need to be listening
 - They are given a set amount of time, one person writes, and they share and discuss. Promotes collaboration, problem-solving
 - Groups love writing on windows

- 7) Teacher Appreciation – Shelley Brewer-Semple
- Very appreciate
 - Marlene, Jen, and Colleen will continue to spearhead this
 - Admin will share numbers

- 8) Motion to cancel February meeting
Motion- Cecile
Second - Michelle

- 9) COSC Review-

Below is a brief overview of what took place at the last COSC meeting on Jan. 12, 2022.

MAIN AGENDA ITEMS:

- ASCA Update
- COVID-19 Update
- *Annual Education Results Report 2019-20*
- Year In Review Survey
- School Council Grant

ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT 2019-20

EIPS' *Annual Education Results Report 2020-21* and Annual Education Result Report Overview 2020-21 are now available online. The report outlines detailed information about how EIPS is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priority strategies moving forward. Overall, the report demonstrates the Division is meeting the priorities and goals set out in the EIPS Four-Year Education Plan, which centres on enhancing the growth and success of all students. [Full Report](#) | [Overview](#)

ASCA UPDATE

Krista Scott and Jacquie Surgenor, both directors for the Alberta School Councils' Association and COSC members, shared an update with members about ASCA and its operations. As most of you are aware, last year, the province reduced the annual grant it gives the association by 70 per cent. This year, ASCA's receiving \$0 from the province. It's a massive blow to the association and has a significant impact on operations, which the ASCA Board is currently working through. Despite the lack of funding, ASCA still plans to host its annual conference and annual general meeting. Scott and Surgenor will share more details at the next COSC meeting. In the meantime, visit the ASCA website for updates and the latest information. [Learn more](#)

ATA REPORT

Deneen Zielke presented COSC members with an ATA report—she discussed changes to the new K-6 curriculum, and shared some of the Local's and teachers' concerns. Zielke also touched on the province's new e-tutoring hub. COSC members asked that the link to the province's e-tutoring hub be included in the followup email. [Alberta Education](#) | [e-tutoring hub](#)

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES

Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency, and more. [Learn more](#)

DIVISION CALENDAR: 2022-23

Board Chair Trina Boymook mentioned at the meeting, trustees will review the upcoming Division Calendar at the January 20 Board meeting. Yesterday, the meeting took place, and the Board approved the Division calendar for the 2022-23 school year. Highlights include:

- first day of school – Aug. 30, 2022
- November break – November 7-11
- Christmas break – December 21 to January 3
- second semester starts – January 31
- Teachers' Convention – February 9-10
- spring break – March 24-31
- last day of classes – June 27, 2023.

To see the full calendar visit eips.ca.

EIPS OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

The Division recently updated its *EIPS Operations Guidelines 2021-22*. The updates are highlighted in yellow. The most recent update was made on Jan. 19, 2022. EIPS encourages families to review the document on an ongoing basis to be as up-to-date as possible on how schools are operating and the public-health measures in place throughout the pandemic. [EIPS Operations Guidelines 2021-22](#) | [history of updates](#)

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

The EIPS Returning Student Registration process opens on February 1. All EIPS families will receive an email from the Division asking them to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming year by completing the online Returning Student Registration Form—available by logging in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Using the form, families can indicate the school their child plans to attend and apply to attend a non-designated school, if applicable. Requests to attend a non-designated school must be completed during the returning student registration process to be considered for the next school year. All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 28, 2022.

SCHOOL COUNCIL GRANT: From the COSC Chair

Each qualified school council in Alberta has been granted \$500 to better support individual school councils and strengthen engagement with parents. These funds must be used during the 2021-22 school year. [Guidelines](#) outlines what the money can be used for, reporting requirements and more.

EIPS COSC representatives are reaching out to each respective school council to gauge interest in contributing their \$500 allocation towards a speaker series. Based on the diversity of speakers and topics, this opportunity will most likely engage a broad range of family involvement. Taking a collaborative approach will be an amazing opportunity to demonstrate to parents the role of school councils. It's also a more efficient way to manage fund allocation and reporting requirements associated with the grant. To apply for funds, and to indicate you want to pool your school council's grant with other

EIPS schools councils, simply complete and submit the [School Council Engagement Grant Request Form](#)—all approved projects are reported at each COSC meeting.

Proposed speakers:

Jody Carrington – a well-known Alberta-based psychologist, focused on building better relationships. Her engaging presentations are full of passion and laughter. Her talk will focus on mental health and what families can do to support their children, each other and school administrators.

Amy von Heyking – an Associate Professor at the University of Lethbridge and a member of the Alberta K-12 Curriculum Advisory Panel. In her presentation, she'll explain the long-term vision for Alberta Education's the draft curriculum and what a high-quality curriculum should look like.

Alberta School Council Association – ASCA engages directly with Albertas Education and advocates on behalf of school councils from across Alberta. In the presentation, you'll learn more about the Assurance Framework, which replaces the Accountability Framework; the performance measures; and how the framework supports a transparent, responsive and accountable education system.

Thanks,
Lesley Bowman
COSC Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

January 27: Family Literacy Day

January 31: Professional Learning Day (schools closed to students)

February 1: kindergarten and grades 1-12 new student registration opens for 2022-23

February 1: returning student registration opens for 2022-23

February 1: second semester begins

February 2: early dismissal

February 3: International Baccalaureate information session

10) Questions for Administration

- Will there be a Grade 7 Virtual Open House – Yes, in April after student registration closes.

11) Motion to close – 6:47

Motion- Marlene
Second - Jennifer

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 16, 2022- cancelled
- March 16, 2022
- April 20, 2022
- May 18, 2022

