

MINUTES

EPC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

CALLED TO ORDER @ 19:02

Mar 6, 2023

Meeting called to order by Nicole Schweer

In Attendance

Kathleen Butler, Michelle Purdy-Hemmons, Andrea Bickerstaff, Melanie Crossland, Janelle Duplessis, Karen Richards, Desmond Nolan, Jody McGarry-Liddell, Nicole Schweer, Brenna Kowalchuk, Curtis Creaser, Tracy Holland, Andrea Kocher, Trisha McGregor, Lee-Anne Rehm

Approval of Minutes

Approved.

One correction- the council has \$1000 total in their account- not \$1000 per year.

School Council Chair Report by Nicole Schweer

School Council Chair report:

- Anxiety workshop with Jackie- good feedback. Well received. Parents asking for another one that includes the children. Michelle will contact Jackie.
- Executive members names/positions and parent council email link will be added to EPC website. Members in agreeance.

EPC Administration Report by Dez Nolan

EPC School Administration report:

- School dance was a success. 130 students attended. Mostly Jr. high.
- Cell phone use in school. Discussed with Admin Association and at staff meeting. Consensus is that usage should be monitored by parents, not the school. Up to each teacher to manage their classrooms. Part of learning is digital citizenship.
- 4 new names on volunteer list so far.
- Parent survey- closes March 7th. Please complete- the data is used to direct the next school year. Parents discussed the need for a comment section and to have different surveys for Jr vs Sr high.
- Follow up on sports and anti-bully policies- no objections- well received.
- Sr high registration was completed last week. Planning for upcoming school year. More students so may need more teachers.
- Peds time- discussing a few different options going forward with teachers at meeting on Friday.
- Mr. Nolan has resigned as principal as of the next school year. Will be full-time teaching.

Aspen View Public School Board Trustee Report

School Board Trustee report:

- Unable to attend. Will address the following at the Next School Council Meeting.
- Bussing boundaries. French Immersion Students being “denied bussing to EPC due to boundary set by Aspen View. If our community is the closest community offering FSL studies – why is this not given, especially since our busses go right by some of those locations?” Can we have greater discussion with this, for all children - drop off location? – potential of small community school closing? What will happen then. “People have moved to our community because of our great FSL program and its reputation. Which I believe we take pride in.... only to be denied due to bussing and being told that only option is to switch to English as small local school. “
- With the new budget out, as emailed on Feb 28/23, from Education Minister Adriana LaGrange - “\$414 Million for local authorities to put towards transport, will this help these students gain access to our bussing?”

Fundraising Society Report by Michelle Purdy-Hemmons

Fundraising committee report:

- Casino March 28/29 in Fort McMurray. Volunteer positions filled.
- School priority list discussed.

Student Feedback

- Discussed splitting activities between Jr and Sr high (ie 2 dances, 2 student councils) to encourage Sr high participation.
- Cheer team at games/ pep rally. To look at an invitation next year to see if interested.
- Student council comment: “Continue to raise money to put on more spectacular events for EPC students. There will be several theme days and events planned for the rest of the year at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 7.”

Round Table/ New Business

- RAP work experience – homeschooling students in our area can access the program. They should contact Sean Morrison at the CAVE for more info.
- IXL math- teachers are not using it as an instructional part of their courses. So won't prioritize it.
- No Bus Days- Discussed that teachers don't introduce new material as so few students attend. Great time to catch-up, get extra help from teachers. Snow days are accounted for in instructional hours. Still over the needed number of instructional hours.

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- ASCA grant money- \$540 remaining. To use some for next session with Jackie. To brainstorm more ideas. Nicole will attend the ASCA conference. Doesn't come out of that fund.
 - Family lunch- May 5th/23. 11:14am-12:34pm. Using Peds time for it as well.
 - Literacy ideas – more to come. Lots of ideas for the future.
 - End of school year tour for new students/ parents. Plan for June.
 - Junior High Science Fair- April 27 9:30-12pm. Need 6 parent volunteers to judge. Lunch provided. Trisha and Kathleen volunteered.
 - Lanyards being made. Find event coordinator and they will have them. Hand them in after volunteering.
 - Rural Health Care Day- March 23rd. 30 students signed up- full. All have interest in health field.
 - Predators Athletic Banquet- Brenna to discuss further with teachers.

Next Meeting – May 8/2023 @ 7pm

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:10pm
