

# MINUTES

## EPC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

*CALLED TO ORDER @ 19:07*

*Jan 9, 2023*

*Meeting called to order by Nicole Schweer*

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### In Attendance

Kathleen Butler, Michelle Purdy-Hemmons, Andrea Bickerstaff, Melanie Crossland, Janelle Duplessis, Karen Richards, Desmond Nolan, Jody McGarry-Liddell, Nicole Schweer, Annie Karczmarczyk, Dennis MacNeil

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### Approval of Minutes

Approved. No corrections.

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### School Council Chair Report by Nicole Schweer

#### **School Council Chair report:**

- Volunteering for dance, Footloose, pancake breakfast went well, but definitely need to start a Volunteer list to increase engagement. Great Feedback from staff, with hopes of more help for future engagements.
- School Council Terms of Reference have been posted on the school site.
- Social Media Live Intro Video – in the process of being arranged. Will introduce the school council, as well as volunteer list for upcoming activities. Will be on Facebook- comments will not be allowed.
- Zoom option for Meetings – Des arranged. Used tonight- successful.  
Learning Opportunity: Purpose of school council- Jan 19th at 7:00pm via zoom. Email has been sent with info to register. Must register and request for recording if scheduling conflicts. Council has \$500/year for seminars/ education with ASCA Grant.. Also courses on ASCA website. May partner with other schools.
- Faith Based Preds Time – lots of excitement about this from students/staff/parents. Still in the organizing stages. Dayna Neufeld will lead. Teacher will be present. Other faith groups welcome at Preds as well, if vetted through Mr. Nolan.
- Newsletter- Maybe Student Council can do this from the Students perspective and we can formulate them an email when it is time with our updates? Creates involvement between groups? Nicole in conversation with Student Council Representative for fluent conversation between groups.

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### EPC Administration Report by Dez Nolan

#### **EPC School Administration report:**

- New teacher- Mrs. Sharron- from Edmonton public. To cover Mrs. McGregor.
- 7 basketball teams, 2 cheer teams, 2 archery teams.

- 2 school trips planned:  
New York trip next year to Broadway. Meeting Wednesday at 6pm for info.  
Ecuador/Galapagos International trip next spring- needs board approval first.
- Bullying- new document to review as council and give feedback. Mr. Nolan will share with Nicole and she will distribute.
- Athletes/Parents handbook reviewed. Extracurricular involvement based on grades (per student ability) and behavior. Please review.

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## Aspen View Public School Board Trustee Report by Annie Karczmarczyk

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### School Board Trustee report:

- Board highlights- see attachment
- Calendar for 2024/25- see attachment
- Health Care Career Fair- to happen before spring break.
- Lobbied politicians for transportation autonomy and to take out 2.4km bus limit for fees
- Some PD days now on Mondays
- ASCA conference April 21/22
- Cheerfest Feb 4- need volunteers. Meeting Jan 16<sup>th</sup>

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## Fundraising Society Report by Michelle Purdy-Hemmons

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### Fundraising committee report:

- Casino March 28/29 in Fort McMurray. Volunteers needed. Also, there's a Fort McMurray Casino volunteer page to pull from, if not enough local interest
- Casino funding can only be used for specific purposes

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## Student Council Feedback Report from Mrs. Leriger/ Mrs. Anderson

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### Student council report:

- *"Participation and enthusiasm this year in EPC's Student Council has been nothing short of amazing. Because of all the students involved, we have successfully hosted a Terry Fox Run barbecue, a Halloween dress up contest, a dance fundraiser (OVER \$1500 was raised for Ukrainian relief and many people requesting a second one!), and a wonderful holiday hot chocolate/cookie giveaway! They have arranged many successful theme days and a few other "goodies" for the new year (stay tuned). All students should be very proud of themselves! We look forward to working with Student Council in the second semester to plan more exciting events, including a second dance at the beginning of March, some spring and end of year events!"*
- Tentative spring dance: March 2/23. Will need parent volunteers for admissions/snacks

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## Round Table/ New Business

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- “Volunteer Pool” – fan out list of parents / community members willing to volunteer at school events as needed. ?EPC to send out an email/text/Questionnaire?  
epcparentcouncil@gmail.com – waiting clarification if Volunteers at group events would need CRC and Vulnerable Check.
- Cell phones- Benefits vs risks? Ex. Gathering for protest organized by snap chat / cyber bullying / spreading of Sexual assault accusations of staff / students.

Mr. Nolan to bring topic to staff meeting to discuss. Meeting is Jan 30<sup>th</sup>.

He will also discuss with colleagues at Elk Island Park Division as they trialed no cell phones.

- School council Facebook page initiated

For next agenda:

1. Engagement activities
  - Jackie Shank presentation. All agreed anxiousness/coping/resiliency/stress would be great topic. 1 hr presentation. Michelle to look into. \$125/hour for first 2 hours.
  - Family lunch idea
  - Literacy ideas
  - End of year school tour for newcomers (including parents)
  - Junior High Science fair- April 27 9:30-12pm- need 8 parent volunteers to judge- lunch will be provided to volunteers
2. Lanyards/shirts for parent volunteers

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*Next Meeting – March 6/2023 @ 7pm*

*MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:53pm*

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