



SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA

Date: _May 8th, 2023

Time: _7PM

Location: _EPC – Rm 109D

Attendees:

1) **WELCOME!!**

2) **CALL TO ORDER & SIGN IN**

3) **REVIEW OF AGENDA & MINUTES**

- ❖ Correction: Amendments made as requested to January minutes.
- ❖ Approval:

4) **REPORTS:**

❖ **SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT:**

- i. ASCA Conference attended. Went well. All schools facing same difficulties with lack of volunteers.
- ii. Reset Room implemented and trialing in every school for ELK Island School Division – spear headed by a parent council and new president and VP/Social worker at one junior high. – There is hope for positive change.
 1. Utilized for students who need a MH break during the day, for students requiring slow transition into classroom or back into classroom, not for counselling but funded to have a teacher and an EA for any school assistance during school hours, needed at that time. Decorated and funded by volunteer donations for the space / environment physical needs.
- iii. Science Fair – Thank you to Kathy for spear heading this – How did it go?
- iv. Rural health Care Day put on by RhPAP – went amazing. Nothing but great feedback – “This was the poster child for how it should go”.

❖ **EPC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION REPORT:**

- Staffing Update:
 1. New Superintendent:
 2. New Principal:
 3. New AP:
 4. 2 new teaching positions
- Skills Canada:
 - Two students competed in the Provincial competition
 - Awesome program that supports trades programs
 - more involvement next year

- Timetable:
 - 5 block day
 - JH and SH will be the same next year.
- 3 Year Education Plan
- Grad/ Indigenous Grad
- EPC Budget

❖ **SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE REPORT:**

- TABLED FROM LAST 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?”

❖ **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT:**

❖ **PARENT FEEDBACK: FAMILY LUNCH WAS A GREAT TURN OUT – PARENTS LOVED IT!**

❖ **STUDENT FEEDBACK:**

- Tabled from last meeting to review at initial meeting of next year.
 - Discussed splitting activities between Jr and Sr high (ie 2 dances, 2 student councils) to encourage Sr high participation.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

❖ **June Welcome Tour** – Hosted by Student and Parent Council DATE: _____

- i. Welcome table with info sheets manned by Parent Council Volunteers
- ii. Tour by Student Council members and one administrator?

❖ Discussion on Out of School Suspensions / In School Suspensions – How and When are they deemed the most appropriate first line of discipline?

- i. “This is directly opposite of what Alberta Education and current research shows in effective and appropriate for misbehaviours.
- ii. “Isn’t enough staff to facilitate or monitor in-school suspensions?” “Disciplinary processes for students seem to be inconsistent and not reflective to promote learning after a student makes a mistake”
 1. Ie – a learning plan to ensure growth from mistakes made, and responsibility taken for same.
- iii. How Many Suspension are handed out each month?
 1. In School - ?
 2. Out-of-School?
- iv. Are parents contacted prior to administration having this conversation with the child? Might be a positive way to ensure accountability and common ground for all parties involved?

- ❖ How do we want to spend the remainder of our ASCA Grant money? – needs to be used this school year. How much remaining?
- ❖ Brave Viking Event – May 11/2023 details –
 - i. Looking to ?add this in for rest of year into some phys ed classes.
- ❖ ? Change EPC Staff representative from Principal to VP JH & VP SH for next year? To lighten the load? And increase avenues of communication. Broader conversations? Principal to attend for introductions and by invite if needed?

6) **ROUND TABLE ITEMS (to be added to next agenda):**

- ❖ Master Volunteer List – to discuss at next year initial meeting again, as well as have sign up sheet at June Welcome Tour day.
- ❖ Budget - does it reflect EPC being the largest school in the division? To discuss at next meeting.
- ❖ Concerns brought forward to EPC Parent council – via email/verbal – will continue to be addressed by chair and brought forward on an as needed basis. The council meetings WILL NOT be a platform for heated discussion, attack, especially if that child/family are NOT registered with in EPC.

7) **NEXT MEETING DATE:** _____

8) **MEETING ADJOURNED @** _____