

MINUTES

EPC PAC MEETING

December 7th 7:20 | Meeting called to order by Jamie Dreger

In Attendance

Jamie Dreger, Dennis MacNeil, Jody McGary-Liddell, Mark Neaves, Desmond Nolan, Marilyn Holt, Karen Richards

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were provided as quorum was not met during the meeting of October 5th 2020

School Council Chair Report

Jamie is waiting for news of the Annual School Council conference, typically it is held in April.

EPC Administration Report

Principal Des Nolan reported that the AERR results showed one of the best reports so far considering the conditions the students are learning, the results are mostly in the green and blue indicated that the students are still able to comprehend the curriculum thanks to the outstanding teaching and parents of EPC. The results of the AERR are posted on the EPC website.

November the students and staff of EPC face challenges head on while the students home schooled, Jamie noted it was similar to Northern Lakes Colleges format where you were expected to sign in and be actively listening to the teacher, some teachers permitted the students to continue on their own pace after checking in, Des also note that no subs would be used during this homeschooling time as the staff could prepare the assignments for the students well in advance. Jamie appreciated online learning as a glimpse of college life for her children and discussed with them and how difficult it can be to focus and to make appoint of having a proper workspace and to be dressed, active and eating healthy to be set up for success in that time of life as it too easy to end up simply sitting in front of a computer for most of the day.

During the online learning the staff were in the school, however the students we greatly missed as part of the living school that is so crucial for the teachers and admin. of EPC.

Aspen View Public School Board Trustee Report

Dennis Mac Neil first discussed his and the school boards condolence for Angie Speers, she will be greatly and was treasures person of EPC and Aspen View School Board.

The Board of Trustees reviewed data from a survey, conducted in November, of families with students enrolled in the Aspen View Online School. Responses were received from approximately half of enrolled families, with very positive overall results: close to 80 percent indicated that the Aspen View Online School experience has been positive, and over 86 per cent agreed that their children are engaged in meaningful learning. Deputy Superintendent Dr. Karen Penney provided an update on the new Alberta school curriculum,

based on information provided through the College of Alberta School Superintendents. The Ministerial Order on Student Learning signed in August 2020 includes 14 key skills that represent a shift towards a knowledge-based platform. The Board of Trustees approved its ward bylaw in advance of the 2021 school board elections, and appointed returning officers. Following changes to legislation, nomination of school board trustee candidates now opens on January 1, 2021. Dennis also spoke about the differences between the various school systems in Canada, and that the Public school system is in reality the only truly inclusive education system for the children and urged parents to educate themselves by attending meetings and becoming member of the ASCA are wonderful ways to make a difference is to voice our desires for our children. The secrecy surrounding the new curriculum is creating more distrust and anxiety for parents and is most certainly something families do not during a global pandemic.

Fundraising Society Report

Mark Neaves reported the up coming casino will be March 22& 23. 14 volunteers are required. The yearly audit was completed by Marilyn Holt and Jamie Dreger.

Round Table/ New Business

Everyone bid farewell to 2020, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 2021 will be another full of possibility and opportunity for our resilient and flexible student, staff and families of EPC.

Next Meeting

April 5& June 7th via Zoom @7:00

Motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted @ 7:50