

EPC SCHOOL COUNCIL – Minutes of January 14, 2019 Meeting

Meeting commenced at 6:45pm

Attendance: Irene Fitzsimmons, Jamie Dreger, Carrie Patry, Josie Auger, Carmen Jensen-Tebb, Marilyn Holt, Jennifer Eastman, Greg Crosland, Mirella Popowich, Des Nolan, Brenna Liddell, Dennis MacNeil, Anne Karczmarczyk

Agenda (January 14, 2019) and Minutes of last SC meeting (November 05, 2018): distributed prior to and at meeting for review;

Motion to accept Agenda and approve Minutes – Carrie P.; Seconded – Brenna L.

Reports:

School Council Chairperson: Irene Fitzsimmons

*Thanks to Paula G./office for adding the requested link for School Council information on the Predator Preview newsletter.

*Alberta School Council Association/ASCA's annual Conference and AGM – *"School Council – Building Bridges"* April 26-28 in Edmonton; IF distributed information and asked if any parent(s) interested in attending on behalf of EPC SC. Both Josie Auger and Jamie Dreger indicated interest. Discussion as to funding for more than one parent – Division office budgets to cover one parent from each council to attend; Carmen indicated that Casino funds no longer eligible to assist with supporting parental participation in conference. Both trustees present indicated that perhaps could be funds available should other councils not send representation, for example. They indicated that they could be of assistance in checking into this if necessary. Irene suggested that both Josie and Jamie follow-up with Tammy L./Division office to confirm interest and registration procedure...and funding available. Both parents thanked for their interest. EPC Council rep will get 1 vote at the AGM on Sun, April 28th to any resolutions brought forward to be voted on. These will be distributed to all parents to review prior.

*Next Council of School Council meetings for our Division: Irene and Carmen spoke together and IF followed up with Tammy to let her know that should no other school come forward to host, we would be able to do this in March. Discussed date of next regular SC meeting as Mon, Mar 04th so decided by group to host COSC meeting the following Mon, March 11th. Irene asked Admin if tours of the new school might be available (by students?) starting at 4:30pm that day, prior to supper for participants starting at 5:00pm with meeting to follow at 5:30pm.

Agreed. Irene will follow-up with Tammy.

EPC Administration Report: Des Nolan and Brenna Liddell

Breanna – follow-up to the discussion of LGBTQ2S group - shared that the students have created a safe group and have started meeting at lunch; 'no label' and open for anyone who wishes to join. Des – offered a power point presentation on Edwin Parr's school performance results and comparisons provincially. A key concern here is the concerning results re: First nation, Inuit and Metis students. Des indicated that there are action plans underway not only to look at the academic performance but also to assist with students feeling a greater sense of belonging and cultural sensitivity (i.e. smudge group).

Des is interested to see the 3-year Plan reviewing teacher collaboration in all subjects to set students up for success as well as the staff. Teachers are encouraged to have collaborative discussion periods with their colleagues and pods are set-up to maximize these connections for both staff and students.

Exams for semester 1 have begun and reports that everything seems to be going well. With Dianne Schmidtke away for an extended period of time, other Admin staff covering to help students with reviewing course work for Semester 2, next year, and applications for post-secondary and grants. Des is interested to see the 3-year Plan of the teacher collaboration in all subjects to set students up for success as well as the staff. The teachers are encouraged to have 1-hour discussion periods on assignments each day.

Aspen View School Board Trustee(s): Dennis MacNeil and Anne Karczmarczyk

Dennis: Presented the approved calendar, Board Highlights, including a trustee's attendance at the ASCA's April Conference (*School Council: Building Bridges*) in Edmonton (AK). Trustee(s) will also be attending the Alberta Rural Education Symposium (*Schools and Communities – Partners in Action*) March 3-5, 2019 in Edmonton.

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Anne: The old EPC school building will be used for Fire Training before being knocked down.

The Asset Garage Sale for the public will be held on Sat, Jan 19th - first come first serve on all items.

Note: Purchased items must be removed that day.

Fundraising Society: Marilyn Holt

Marilyn (for Carmen – had to leave early): Shale running track – lots of discussion at the FS meeting earlier tonight, including different options to consider for support of 2nd Admin priority presented i.e. possible minimum payment discussed at Division level (Amber O.) with CJT to bring to parent group. No decision made at meeting but vote on options will be brought forward for vote at the March 04th meeting.

Casino Feb 8-9: spots filled for Feb 8-9; discussion and feedback re: communication back to parents who volunteered – noted for next round.

New Business:

Josie Auger - proposed incorporation of the Cree language in EPC as an option choice. Discussion of benefits and challenges of capacity to do this (Des). Irene will forward name of instructor (teacher) who provided Cree Language classes about 2 years ago through the ANFC. Des will follow-up and discuss this further with appropriate people; Josie offered her assistance to see this happen in the future.

Motion to adjourn meeting @7:45pm – Jamie D.; Seconded – Marilyn H.

Next Meeting March 4, 2019 Rm. 109F 6:30pm