



**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary
Parent Council
MINUTES – January 19, 2022**

Attendance: Shelley Carter Schofield, Charlotte Da Costa (teacher), Pamela Erickson (Assistant Principal), Kristy Germaine, Shelby Labrecque (Principal), Ella Mikulecky (Teacher), Leanne Percy (teacher), Ralph Sorochan (School Trustee Liaison), Lauren Taubenheim, Nicole Way, Caitlyn Zabrick

Call to Order at 5:36 pm – meeting chaired by Caitlyn Zabrick

1. Introductions
2. Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Lauren, seconded by Caitlyn carried
3. Motion to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2021 – moved by Lauren, seconded by Caitlyn, carried
4. Reports
 - a. School Trustee's Report – Ralph Sorochan gave his trustee report- FSE Trustee Report – January 19, 2022 1) APPRECIATION to everyone for coming out, tonight, as your engagement is imperative to the success of our students. 2) REAPPOINTMENT of Superintendent Mark Liguori as Superintendent of Elk Island Public Schools. 3) CURRICULUM – Minister Lagrange has announced three subjects of the draft curriculum including English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Physical Education and Wellness will be implemented in September 2022. These three curriculums are continuing to be updated, while the rest have been put on hold. The EIPS Board of Trustees have sent a follow-up letter to the Minister, advocating that English Language Arts and Math be implemented in Kindergarten and Grade 1 only, starting in 2022. We also requested that curriculum be released early enough to properly provide support to teachers, and that resources be in place for implementation. 4) E-TUTORING LITERACY AND NUMERACY HUB – beginning with students in grades 4-9. The hub is being provided by the provincial government and is supplemental to the great work happening in classrooms across the province. The intent is to expand to all grades K-12, as resources allow in the provincial ministry. Live tutoring is being considered. 5) DIPLOMAS/PATS - Diploma exams scheduled for January have been cancelled; a decision on diploma exams for the upcoming semester will be made at a later date. Provincial Achievement Tests scheduled to be written earlier in the month have been postponed and will now begin January 20. 6) POTENTIAL SHIFT TO AT-HOME LEARNING - In the event we must move a class or grade to temporary remote learning, parents will be immediately notified by the school regarding next steps. Temporary online learning may occur

when it isn't possible to continue in-person learning due to high levels of illness among students or staff. 7) A YEAR IN REVIEW – 2021 STAKEHOLDER ASSURANCE SURVEY – The survey was open to EIPS parents/Guardians, staff members, community partners and Grade 12 students. The link for this survey was sent out to all stakeholders. The survey covers topics including student growth and achievement, learning supports, teaching and leading, governance and resource allocations. The survey was open to January 18th. Hoping you had the opportunity to have your voice heard. 8) KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION – Begins February 01 – for full details visit eips.ca (potential students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2022). 9) RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION 2022-23 - The 2022-23 returning student registration process for all current EIPS students will take place Feb. 1-28, 2022. On February 1 at 9 a.m., all current EIPS families will be sent an email with the link to complete the Returning Student Registration Form available through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. **Parents wishing their child to attend a non-designated school must make the request during the month of February. No exceptions. Fort Saskatchewan Schools with closed boundaries include: James Mowat Elementary and SouthPointe School. 10) Calendar 2022-23 – Thanks to those who provided feedback regarding the calendar survey. A total of 2,170 survey responses were submitted with 546 of the respondents identifying as parents, 831 as staff, and 207 as both. Comments on the three templates were varied and wide ranging. The Board of Trustees is being presented with a status quo calendar, tomorrow, by administration, for consideration and decision. You can see the calendar in the Board Meeting package on the eips.ca website. 11) 2022 HONOURING SPIRIT: INDIGENOUS STUDENT AWARDS! Nomination packages in both English and French are available at: <https://www.asba.ab.ca/about/awards/>. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2022. Hosted by Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), these awards celebrate exceptional First Nations, Métis and Inuit students nominated by members of their education communities, based on their exemplary leadership, courage and commitment to their cultures and educational paths. 12) UPCOMING MEETING –EIPS Board Meeting – January 20th at 9:00 AM.

- b. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report – Caitlyn gave her report. Most of the COSC meeting was regarding the education result. The link to view all this information is here: <https://www.eips.ca/download/378143>
ASCA- stay tuned for more info, is not looking great, staff layoffs, still discussion about the Student Council grant and ideas of where to spend that. We will need to vote on it.

- c. Admin Report - Welcome! - Kudos! Thank you to our Parent Society for providing milk and cookies on our PJ Day in December and to Freson Bros. for their generous donation of \$200 toward this community building event!
- COVID-19 Update - Student and staff masks and rapid test kits have been distributed. Parent Stay at Home Guide- Our Division has shared an updated decision tool for parents and school staff to use when determining isolation requirements for children under 18 and when they can safely return to school.

- EIPS Operational Guidelines 2021-22 An updated EIPS Operational Guideline document for the 2021-22 school year is now available as a link in this report and on the EIPS (eips.ca) website. Updates include changes to isolation, masking and Covid testing requirements.

- Budget - On November 25, 2021 the Board approved the 2021-22 Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) budget.

- Literacy - To date we have purchased and have placed approximately \$850 worth of new books in classrooms, thanks to the funds that the Parent Society allocated for this purpose. We currently have received our second order of books in the amount of \$1024.69 and they will be in classrooms shortly. Staff are continuing to collect feedback from students and colleagues to determine the next selection of books to be purchased to use up the remaining funds. In preparation for receiving learning disruption funding for our grade one students, we have started literacy and numeracy assessments which will help us in determining which students require additional support. We expect more information coming soon.

- Numeracy - On December 9, 2021 many staff stayed after school so that Ms. Frey could share some information with her colleagues regarding a Math Talk professional learning opportunity she attended.

- We are looking forward to having Barb Percy, our Elk Island Public Schools numeracy consultant, present instructional numeracy practices to our certificated staff based on the work of Peter Liljedahl around building thinking classrooms. Vertical math spaces will be explored.

- Assurance Review - We had our Assurance Review on Monday, November 29, 2021. This provided an opportunity for small groups of administrators, School Council members, Central Leadership, and the Board of Trustees to come together and discuss successes, as well as areas for improvement and potential plans to make adjustments moving forward. To this end, I would like to invite all of our stakeholders, including our families, to review our current School Education Plan (SEP) and provide constructive feedback in terms of where you would like to see changes. Feel free to share your thoughts with me via email (shelby.labrecque@eips.ca) or phone me at 780-998-7771.

- Fees - Each year school fees are reviewed with the intention of consulting with stakeholders and obtaining their feedback. To this end, here are the fees from the 2021-22 school year, as well as 2020-2021: Field trip fees are generally calculated based on the field trips classes have taken in previous years, as well as any information we receive regarding cost increases. These fees could include the cost per student to attend plus the cost of bussing to and from the venue. It is important to note that the school fee schedule is the most we would be allowed to charge, however, we may charge less than this fee amount depending on circumstances. For example, during COVID our field trip fees may have been reduced due to the limited ability for classes to participate in such activities. Despite not having a ski field trip in the past few years, these fees are being kept in our school fee schedule in case this is an activity that the school wishes to resume participating in. The same is true for swimming lesson fees. Noon supervision fees for kindergarten are half that of the students in grade 1 to 6 as kindergarten students only attend half the time. This number is calculated based on what seems to be reasonable and affordable for our families. Please note that the fees we take in for noon supervision

is not enough to cover the actual cost of noon supervision. The difference comes out of the school budget. At this time, I welcome any questions and feedback regarding the FSE school fee schedule. In addition, there will be a survey about school fees going out to families asking for feedback on January 20, 2022

- New Curriculum - On December 13, 2021 the Alberta Government announced they would take steps to strengthen the draft curriculum and adjust timelines for implementation. In September 2022 province wide implementation in three subject areas will occur: English Language Arts and Literature, Mathematics, and Physical Education and Wellness. There will be new engagement opportunities for Albertans to provide their feedback on the updated draft content, as well as virtual information sessions being offered beginning in January 2022. Details can be found at alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.

- School Council Grant Alberta Education is providing all school councils with a \$500 grant. The goal: To help school councils engage more families, broaden events and diversify its communication. To reduce the administrative burden for the deployment of the grant money, School Councils will make requests for funds submitted to COSC by the first of every month. All requests that meet the grant criteria will be approved and announced at the COSC meeting during the "For Information" section on a monthly basis. The School Council(s) undertakes the activity and either pays for the expenses themselves or obtains an invoice that needs to be paid. Then they submit to Finance: A copy of COSC approval form; the receipt or invoice; information as to whether it's been paid or not and if the invoice has already been paid, they need to provide the name and address of where they want their reimbursement cheque mailed. Payments will be remitted on a weekly basis.

- As an initiative to support our community, the next Fort Saskatchewan Elementary Food Drive will be from February 1 to 18. All donations are welcome and very much appreciated! Here is a list of the most needed items: Jam - small jars, NUT FREE School Snacks: fruit roll ups or fruit snacks, cookies etc. individual packages, fruit cups, pudding, cookies, canned Meat, oatmeal

- New, returning, and Kindergarten student registration starts on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 9 a.m.

d. Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program)

-bank balance - **\$1330.32**

e. Breakfast Program Report (fundraising) – No update/Account Inactive

5. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

6. New Business - None

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 23 at 5:30

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:02