



**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary
Parent Council
MINUTES – May 18, 2022**

Attendance: Jenny Clish, Pamela Erickson (Assistant Principal), Shelby Labrecque (Principal), Leanne Percy (Teacher), Ralph Sorochan (School Trustee Liaison), Lauren Taubenheim, Tracey Thompson (Teacher), Nicole Way, Caitlyn Zabrick

Call to Order at 5:30 pm – meeting chaired by Caitlyn Zabrick

1. Introductions
2. Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Nicole, seconded by Caitlyn, carried
3. Motion to approve the Minutes of April 6, 2022 – moved by Caitlyn, seconded by Nicole, carried
4. Reports
 - a. Admin Report – School Council Report - May 18, 2022 - Welcome & Kudos!
 - Thank you to everyone attending our last meeting of this school year! To our executive, we are very grateful that you have volunteered so much of your time this year to support all of our students and staff. We truly appreciate all of your efforts in making Fort Saskatchewan Elementary a wonderful place to be! And thank you to Trustee Sorochan for taking time out of your busy schedule to come to our meetings and share all the important information related to our Board and Division. I look forward to working with all of you again next year in some capacity.
 - A huge shout out goes to our neighbourhood Co-op who kindly donated cupcakes, water, and cookies to help make our kindergarten Mother's Day Tea a success. As well, students were gifted with a reusable bag and 'play clay'. Thank you so much Co-op!
 - Home Depot will be donating bird feeders and work aprons to our kindergarten students so that they can build bird feeders for Father's Day. Thank you for your generous donations, Home Depot!
 - Another community superstar, local realtor Tom Allison, has donated \$1000 to support our breakfast program until the end of the school year! We are very appreciative of your generosity, Mr. Allison! Thank you!

- I also wanted to thank Dustine Vicic who was the acting principal in my absence recently. Dustine and the entire FSE staff did a wonderful job keeping things running along as usual and ensuring my transition back was a smooth one.

- Announcements - Joanne Brown, one of our kindergarten educational assistants, will be retiring at the end of this school year. We wish Joanne all the best in her next adventure and were very relieved to hear she plans on coming back as a volunteer as her grandchildren still attend FSE.

- Literacy & Numeracy - In May our kindergarten to grade 3 teachers are participating in two full day workshops whereby they will be a part of a group of Elk Island Public School teachers who are coming together as grade cohorts and creating a document to align the new Alberta curriculum with the Units of Study in Reading and Writing Workshop and Units of Study in Phonics. - We have approximately \$750 left to spend on our decodable books and are still in the process of completing this process. -Thanks to additional funding that we recently received from the Alberta government, Ms. Properzi was hired and has been working with students in kindergarten and Grade One to support building students' literacy and numeracy skills and will continue to do so until June 17, 2022. As well, Ms. Percy has had her division one support time extended to full days with the intention of reducing learning disruption due to the pandemic.

- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit - We are in the process of completing our proposal for next school year to continue on with the incredible work FSE does to deepen our ways of knowing and doing as it relates to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

- Upcoming School Activities - A reminder we have our Bottle Drive happening on Tuesday, May 24 in the south corner of our parking lot from 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. -Friday, May 27 is Hot Lunch and we are having our Tacky Tourist Theme Day- Friday, June 3 will be our last Hot Lunch of the year. - Friday, June 17 will be "Not A Backpack Day" - this is a day for students to be creative in the ways they bring their personal belongings to school. Some examples students have already shared with me include using a cereal box, toy shopping carts, doll strollers, and a briefcase, just to name a few. - Our grade 6 PATs will be completed in June: Wednesday, June 15, 2022 Part A Math Monday, June 20, 2022 Part B Math Wednesday, June 22, 2022 Science Thursday, June 23, 2022 Social

- b. School Trustee's Report - FSE Trustee Report – May 18, 2022 - Ralph Sorochan
- 1) APPRECIATION to everyone for coming out, tonight.
 - 2) FRIENDS OF EDUCATION AWARD UPDATE – The Board of Trustees recently approved a nomination for Shell Canada in Fort Saskatchewan, for the 2022 Friends of Education Award; an annual Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) recognition for organizations that contribute to education within their local community. We have recently received word, that Shell Canada in Fort Saskatchewan has been selected for the award. We congratulate and thank them for their dedicated work.

3) **ADVOCACY LETTER for FUEL SUPPORT UPDATE** – The Board recently sent an advocacy letter to the Minister regarding rising fuel prices and the challenges school divisions are facing, as a result. We have asked for the fuel-price contingency fund to be reinstated. The fuel-price contingency fund provided insulation from fuel-price fluctuations for school divisions provincewide. We recently received a letter from the Minister declining our request.

4) **IMPORTANT EVENTS RECENTLY CELEBRATED** – April 27 – Administrative Professional’s Day; Week of May 2 – Bus Driver’s Appreciation; Week of May 2 – Education Week; Week of May 2 – Mental Health Week

5) **RETIREMENT, LONG SERVICE AND EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION** – EIPS employees were recently recognized in May, for retirement, years of service and achievements related to education or their role as an employee. Congratulations to each of them and a huge “Thank You” for their service!

6) **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK** took place April 24-30. Within EIPS, hundreds of volunteers offer their time and expertise on an ongoing basis. Collectively, these efforts help support the success of EIPS schools and make a difference in the lives of students and their learning environments. In recognition of National Volunteer Week, the Board thanks all EIPS volunteers for the many ways they give their time, skills, and resources to the division.

7) **ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NEW SCHOOL DESIGN FUNDING** – The Government of Alberta recently announced it is proceeding with design work on an Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) facility for Sherwood Park students. Sherwood Heights and Campbelltown Schools will combine to become one new school. EIPS will begin work with the provincial government designing the new building and a public engagement process will take place in the coming months. A new jr/sr high school for Fort Saskatchewan, remains next in line on the Division 3-year Capital Plan.

8) **SCHOOL TOURS** – The Board of Trustees have resumed in-person school tours, in the month of May. The tours began with the schools in Sherwood Park, as these schools were to be next in the rotation, prior to covid.

9) **CURRICULUM ANNOUNCEMENT** – On April 13, 2022, Adriana LaGrange, the Minister of Education, announced the new mathematics and English language arts and literature curriculums, for kindergarten through Grade 3, and physical education and wellness curriculum, for kindergarten through Grade 6, are now finalized. By September 2024, it's anticipated all remaining subjects will be implemented at the elementary level. Up to that point, we will continue to carefully assess the materials, provide constructive feedback to Alberta Education and advocate for the best interests of EIPS students. The Division encourages all school families to continue reviewing the draft curriculum in the remaining elementary subjects, and to share their thoughts and suggestions with Alberta Education.

10) **LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENTS EARLY YEARS** - The Minister recently announced that starting in the 2022/23 school year, school authorities will be required to administer literacy and numeracy assessments to all Grades 1–3 students. Grades 2 and 3 students will be assessed in September 2022, and Grade 1 students in January 2023. Student results will then be reported to Alberta Education

11) GRADE 1 LEARNING DISRUPTION FUNDING - EIPS has finally been approved to receive \$357,544 in learning disruption funding to support students in Grade 1 for the 2021/22 school year. This is based on a per-student funding rate of \$478. The learning disruption funding is intended to provide between 12 and 16 weeks of targeted programming during this school year. School authorities will have flexibility to design this programming to best meet their local needs. Final reporting on student gains in learning and numeracy achievements is due to Alberta Education by June 15, 2022, and funding can be revoked if AB Ed is not satisfied with the results. 1) RECENT BUDGET REALLOCATION - \$400,000 was recently reallocated out of the current Division budget to support schools division wide, for enhancing student achievement and school supports. 2) SPRING 2022 BUDGET – The Board took part in multiple budget working sessions over the last few months to present a spring budget to the government by May 31. Multiple budget decisions were voted on and approved at the April public board meeting. A special Board meeting is scheduled for May 19, at 9:00 AM, to publicly review the entire budget prior to submission. • The Board of Trustees approved the 2022-23 school fees, as presented. Schools will post fees on their websites. • The Board of Trustees approved the Facility Rental and Lease Fees for the 2022-23 school year, as presented. While rental and lease fees are increasing, all EIPS after-hour rentals remain significantly lower than other school boards and other community lease space providers (After-Hour Fee Schedule:2022-23). • The Board of Trustees approved the Student Transportation Fee Schedule for the 2022-23 school year, as presented. (EIPS Transportation Fees) • The Board of Trustees approved 2022-23 funding in the amount of \$6,430,598 from the Division Allocated Operating Reserves for Focus on Unfinished Learning, Curriculum, Mental Health of Students and staff, Consultants: Assessment, Numeracy, Early Learning, Career Pathways, and Professional Development, and other projects. • Reserves: New in 2022-23, the province defined the Operating Reserve Limit parameters. School boards must keep operating reserves within a certain percentage of the operating expenses. Alberta Education will recover any money school boards hold in excess of that set limit—in December 2023. For EIPS, the limit is 3.15%, or an estimated \$6.07 million. Administration will ensure operating reserves are below that number. • Expenses: The Division anticipates overall expenses to increase—mostly because of rising fuel, inflation, insurance, and Federal Carbon Tax costs. These increases mainly affect Student Transportation budgets, school fees and utility costs. • Inflation: EIPS anticipates significant increases in non-salary inflationary costs based on the overall consumer price index—furnishings, equipment, supplies for Careers and Technology Studies. Schools and departments will cover all added inflationary expenses.

12) UPCOMING EIPS BOARD MEETINGS – May 19 and May 25th at 9:00 AM. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report – Nothing to report as the COSC meeting was directly after the Parent Council Meeting.

c. COSC (Committee of School Councils) Report: Nothing to report as Caitlyn was unable to attend the meeting.

d. Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program)
-bank balance – \$1329.16

e. Breakfast Program Report (fundraising) – We will add more funds through fundraising next year as the school will need them to run the breakfast program.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

6. New Business – None

7. Next Meeting: AGM in September, date to be decided later on

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:01 pm