



**Fort Saskatchewan Elementary
Parent Council
MINUTES – April 13, 2023**

Attendance: Veronica Barton, Shelby Labrecque (Principal), Leanne Percy, Stephanie Stoddard, Lauren Taubenheim, Nicole Way, Caitlyn Zabrick, Kim Zapesocki (Assistant Principal)

Call to Order at 5:32 pm – meeting chaired by Caitlyn Zabrick

1. Introductions
2. Motion to approve the Agenda – moved by Nicole, seconded by Lauren, carried
3. Motion to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2023 – moved by Lauren, seconded by Stephanie, carried
4. Reports
 - a. Admin Report –School Council Report - April 13, 2023
 1. Welcome & Kudos! -Thank you to our Parent Society for planning the cotton candy fundraiser! It was a hit with students! -Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2022-23 Elk Island Public Schools Annual Parent/Caregiver Survey. Your feedback is very much appreciated as it helps inform decisions for our Division.
 2. Registration - As mentioned at the last School Council meeting, FSE is the alternative designated school for students in the James Mowat Elementary School boundary. James Mowat did not have to have a random draw as their enrollment did not exceed the room and resources, they have available. As registrations continue to trickle in, we will continue to work in collaboration to ensure students are registered where appropriate.
 3. Other - We recognize the importance of working collaboratively as team to support our students. As such we are holding a Literacy & Numeracy Night for all Fort Saskatchewan Schools at Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School! All guardians/caregiver's welcome! PLEASE RSVP! Tuesday, April 18, 2023 Doors open at 5:30 p.m. 6 – 7 p.m. Elementary Session. 7 – 8 p.m. Secondary Session. A light supper of sandwiches and salads will be provided, along with child care, as sessions are intended to provide caregivers with ideas to support building literacy and numeracy skills at home. *Note: if the number of attendees is not adequate this event will be cancelled. - The Fort Saskatchewan Multi-School and Community Playground Fundraising Committee. Update: the wooden play structure has been

removed and the committee is planning to meet in the near future to get updates on the grant proposals that were discussed at the last meeting, as well as other fundraising options. Two options have been presented: first, the gift cards available through CREDA and soliciting donations from local businesses. Please share this information with family and friends to see if anyone you know might be willing to generously donate towards this cause. Thank you! -This year classroom teachers have been exploring restorative circles with the intention of building trust and connection to support student mental health. This week we had the privilege of having Caroline Gosling, with the support of EIPS mental health nurse Mardi Hardt, out to demonstrate restorative circle practices with every classroom. Staff then had an opportunity to debrief and see where this practice could be expanded in their practice. Next month, Caroline will be coming out to observe staff completing a restorative circle and staff will once again have the chance to debrief and share their learning and how they will incorporate that into their classrooms. -As reported last meeting, our school counsellor, Sarah Pieterse, is continuing her good work by providing classes two new strategies each week, including a visual for each class to post in the classroom as a reference, with the intention of providing common language and giving students a variety of regulating strategies in their toolboxes. Each class is committed to practicing these multiple times throughout each day. The latest strategies are shared in the Family Weekly so families can use shared language and continue to have conversations with students at home about which strategies work best for them. -A huge thank you goes out to Ms. Bohn, Ms. Percy, Ms. Buhler, Ms. Frey, and our two AFX student teachers, Ms. Moser and Ms. Julio, for kindly volunteering their time to allow our students participate in the EIPS Invitational Relays on May 4, 2023. Tryouts have started and more information will follow for those who are successful at making the team. -Student Advisory Meeting Feedback: a) Students were interested in bringing back a family game night. b) Students wanted to know about Battle of the Books and if it was still happening, if so, they would like to participate. c) Students loved the cotton candy fundraiser! d) Students brainstormed some ways we could highlight strengthening their literacy skills next year. This included buddy reading, playing word games, having a spelling bee, and creating a friendly competition amongst classrooms regarding the number of minutes read. -Looking forward to April 2023 ~ May 2023: April 21 ~ Hot Lunch, April 23 & 24 ~ Parent Society Casino, April 28 ~ Wear your favorite colour day! May 2 ~ Gr.6 Immunization May 3 ~ Early dismissal – Staff Meeting; Hats ON for Mental Health! May 4 ~ EIPS Invitational Relays @ SAP, May 5 ~ Professional Learning Day – no school for students, May 8 ~ class pictures for ECS-A and grades 1 to 6, May 9 ~ class pictures for ECS-B, May 16 ~ Volunteer Tea 11:30 – 12 p.m. May 19 ~ School closure day - no school, May 22 ~ Victoria Day – no school, May 24 ~ Kindergarten Information Night 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. May 26 ~ Tacky Tourist Day! May 26 ~ Hot Lunch

b. School Trustee Report – FSE Trustee Report – April 13, 2023 Ralph Sorochan

1) APPRECIATION – Your participation is valued! Thank YOU!

2) FINANCIAL REPORTS - The Board of Trustees received for information the financial projections for the 2022-23 year, and the Unaudited Financial Report for the period Sept. 1, 2022, to Feb. 28, 2023, for Elk Island Public Schools. All details are within expected parameters. See the complete reports at www.eips.ca.

3) BUDGET 2023-24 – The EIPS Finance Department continues to work hard at analyzing the funding envelope for next year’s budget. The Board has had multiple budget meetings that included details regarding a draft budget and its implications. When the spring budget is finalized and complete, details will be made available to stakeholders.

4) EIPS CAPITAL PLAN – Construction funding has been granted for the new Sherwood Heights/Campbelltown replacement school in Sherwood Park. At the March 16 Public Board Meeting, three Fort Saskatchewan Schools were approved in the top four positions on the school division’s Capital Plan. These include Fort High/Rudolph Hennig replacement school #1, James Mowat replacement school #2, and Win Ferguson modernization #4. The Board is concerned and disappointed that no funding announcement was made by the province for Fort Saskatchewan infrastructure, as we have continually made it clear to the ministry that we are a diverse, rural/urban school division with significant needs outside of Sherwood Park.

5) CURRICULUM IMPEMENTATION THIS FALL - Alberta Education is moving forward with the release of final curriculum for K-6 French First Language and Literature, French Immersion Language Arts and Literature, and Science. Implementation will be in September 2023. The provincial ministry claims it will provide many learning and teaching resources and information about professional learning opportunities to support teachers as they prepare to teach new curriculum.

6) CAMBRIAN CROSSING BOUNDARIES – The following regular program school boundary designations were approved at the March 16th Public Board Meeting for the Cambrian Crossing Area. These are of significance to Fort Saskatchewan residents considering living in this new development.

Regular program designation	Elementary	Junior High	Senior High
Cambrian	Westboro Elementary	Clover Bar Junior High	Salisbury Composite High
Hearthstone	Glen Allan Elementary	F.R. Haythorne Junior High	Bev Facey Community High

7) NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - takes place April 16-22. A huge “THANK YOU” goes out to all EIPS volunteers and school families who help make the Division what it is today. Whether you volunteered for the first time, this year, or have committed many years to EIPS, your initiative, hard work and dedication are invaluable. You build a legacy for others to follow and a memory for students to cherish as they

journey into their futures. Your actions are a direct reflection of the kindness and compassion found in all the communities EIPS serves.

8) UPCOMING PROVINCIAL ELECTION - The Division has developed plans for advocacy around public education during the upcoming election. See the attachments at the end of this report.

9) LOGOS CHRISTIAN PROGRAM - The Board approved the recommendation to amalgamate EIPS' elementary Logos Christian program at Brentwood Elementary, effective in the 2023-24 school year. Amalgamating the elementary allows for a more viable program, with sustainable student numbers and available student capacity, to hopefully, once again, grow the program in future years.

10) ANDREW SCHOOL - At a Special Board Meeting on April 6, 2023, the Board received a Recommendation Report from the Superintendent of Schools regarding Andrew School. The Board passed a motion directing administration to prepare an information report regarding the possible closure of Andrew School and provide it to trustees before the next Board meeting.

11) CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: APRIL - Alberta Health Services hosts a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, depression and technology, while teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NNcv9_YINMQKorou_V4W9224UWNIAG6n/view

c. COSC (Committee of School Councils Report) – No attendee, therefore no update

d. Treasurer's Report (Breakfast Program)

-bank balance – account still inactive, no funds needed

e. Breakfast Program Report (fundraising)

5. Business Arising from the Minutes – None

6. New Business – Caitlyn will not be returning to her position as President for Parent Council & Society. As Nicole's youngest will be moving on to junior high, that will leave Council & Society with two positions needing to be filled next school year. Possibly can recruit interested parents at the kindergarten information night.

7. Next Meeting: Monday May 15 at 5:30

8. Meeting Adjourned at 5:49 pm