

Division School Council Meeting MINUTES

May 1, 2023 6:30 pm

Education Centre Board Room / Microsoft TEAMS

6:30-7:00 Parent Learning Session

All parents are welcome to join the Parent Learning Session.

This Monday featured our new Digital Wellness team, Cason Machacek and Sydnie Erlendson. Cason and Sydnie discussed the purpose of the Digital Wellness project, their roles within the project, and the nature of the work they are doing for schools, students, and families. You will learn about some of the universal strategies being implemented, targeted intervention and problem solving with students, and potential presentations to parents.

Thanks for the informative and inspiring presentation Cason and Sydnie. You can review their slides by clicking <u>here.</u>

7:00

- 1. Land Acknowledgement
- 2. Welcome and Introductions
- 3. Approval of the Agenda
- 4. Approval of the Minutes of April 3, 2023
 Cynthia Young and Carrie Boschman approved the minutes.
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes
- 6. Trustee Report
- At the last Board meeting the Trustees:
 - o Reviewed Superintendent and Associate Superintendent reports.
 - Honoured gold medal wrestlers.
 - o Received a presentation from a parent on cell phone use in schools.
 - Updated policies- non-resident students, school fees and student transportation.
- Budget update is ongoing.
- Recognizing technology in schools is a hot topic and a unanimous motion was passed to create an Ad Hoc committee to explore current practice and develop technology strategies.
- Discussion was had around next steps in creating procedures to go with the Anti-Racism Anti-Oppression policy.
- Election Advocacy- a postcard and candidate question document was developed for the public communicating the Board's top advocacy priorities for education. The Board is working with

Holy Spirit School Division and the ATA local to host candidate forum focusing on Education in May.

Community Conversations May 4th 6-7:30PM at the Crossings Library

7. Alberta School Councils Association

- a. ASCA Resolution Outcomes from the Annual General Meeting held in April.
 - Resolution Results package can be reviewed <u>here.</u>
 - Any resolutions you would like to bring forward to next year should begin the conversation early.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Policy Advisory Committee April 5 (Jamie Walburger)
 - School Attendance area
 - Attendance at schools
 - Cocurricular extra curricular honoraria
 - The wrong policies were sent for feedback in April. As such, these will be sent out for feedback this week to go back to the Policy Committee in June. Additional policies will be added after the meeting on May 3rd for parent feedback.

9. Superintendent's Report

- a. Upcoming topics in June SOGI Guidelines review
 - At the June Division School Council meeting, the SOGI guidelines will be presented. If parents have questions regarding the guidelines they will be provided opportunity to send a question online and responses will be posted.

b. Election Forum Dates and Locations

- Lethbridge West Education Forum will be Friday May 12 at 4:00PM at G.S. Lakie Middle School. 50 Blackfoot Blvd W.
- Lethbridge East Education Forum will be Thursday May 18 at 6:30PM at St. Paul School. 1212-12 Ave N.
- Lethbridge School Division, Holy Spirit School Division and ATA Local have worked together to co-host this event.
- Election Advocacy documents can be found <u>here.</u>

c. School Council Reporting Requirements

- School Council annual report will be submitted to Kristin, and will include council positions, meeting dates and what was discussed as well as the financial reporting sheet to outline how you spend the school council engagement grant. Please do not include any information from your society.
- You can find the forms <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.
- Please have these complete by the end of June.
- Cheryl will review the reporting requirements with administrators so they will be aware and ready to help you with any questions.

d. Learning Opportunities for Parents

i. Jody Carrington – "Boundaries" workshop – "What they are and how to set healthy ones." There is a cost, but it is fairly modest - \$25.00

- Link to registration page: <u>Begin Registration: Workshop Series: Boundaries:</u> What They Are and How to Set Healthy Ones (swoogo.com)
- ii. Self Regulated Learning Through Student Goal-Setting May 4th. No charge https://crcpd.ab.ca/program/10495
- iii. Where Did My Calm Child Go? May 2nd. No Charge. https://erlc.ca/programs/details/?id=12090
- iv. Burnout It's real AND skills CAN help! May 4th. No Charge https://erlc.ca/programs/details/?id=11883
- v. Encompass your wellbeing and Self-Satisfaction for Parents Finding your Ikigai May 9th. (Part 2 is May 16th) No charge https://erlc.ca/programs/details/?id=12132
- vi. Working with Perfectionists. May 18th. No Charge https://erlc.ca/programs/details/?id=12093
- vii. Building the Adolescent Brain- June at the Library hosted by the Family Centre

10. Roundtable Reports

Theme – What are you doing for Education Week?

Reports are included with the agenda: an opportunity to highlight a very significant event or for questions from the representatives about information in a written report.

- Shelley brought resources and ideas to use for Education Week.
- Board members will be delivering apples for all staff members to their liaison schools.
 Shout out to Tisha Elford and Lethbridge Fresh Fruit for supplying our beautiful apples.

11. Adjournment

Division School Council 2022-2023 Meeting Dates:

- June 12, 2023- Change of Date from June 5th.
 - A year-end dinner will be provided. Please watch for a link from Kristin to RSVP and let us know of any dietary restrictions.

2022-23 Division School Council Representatives

Chair Shelley Roest
Vice Chair Carrie Boschman
Recording Secretary Kristin Solowoniuk

Policy Advisory Committee Jamie Walburger and Alternate Shelley Roest Poverty Intervention Committee Jamie Walburger and Alternate Lindsay O'Brien

Division Wellness Committee Edna Asem and Alternate Sara Bond

Community Engagement Committee Shelley Roest, Cynthia Young – ALL parents welcome