

École Campbelltown School Council

Minutes

October 12, 2022 6:30pm – 7:15pm

École Campbelltown School (virtual link available)

In attendance: Kelly Eves, Anne Corser, Christina Swabey, Krista Shepherd McInnis, Nicole Bray, Shea Singleton, Shaheen Alarakhia (Vice-chair), Andrea Brown (Secretary), Melissa Manolescu (Chair), Greg Probert (Principal), Taylor Cullum (Vice-principal), Letitia Dempster, Jennifer Smith, Don Irwin (Trustee), Jolyane Genest (Classroom 4G)

1. Call to Order at 6:34 pm

a. Welcome - Melissa

b. Introductions: Executive, Administration, Staff and Parents

c. Housekeeping: Quorum - yes, Agenda - Approved, Minutes - Approved

2. Reports

a. Trustee - Don Irwin

- See report attached
- 17,460 students in EIPS this year
- ASCA seminars coming up
- 3rd Thursday of the month is a public meeting for EIPS
- P3 - 3 partner build for new schools, might be an issue going forward as the school will be contracted to a private company not the school district
- www.replacesherwoodheights.ca - how to send a letter for concerns on the future build

b. Principal - Greg Probert

- Swimming lessons have been going well
- Lots of parents volunteering for Read-in-Week, thanks to all
- Parent teacher interviews next week Oct 19 and 20th
- Aicha on temporary leave; Amy will be covering for Aicha, Mme Vargas/Mme Ellison to cover Amy's role
- Halloween Dance October 28th
- In person book fair October 17 - 21st, also available online
- Bus safety week October 17-21st
- Grade 4-6 going to cinema
- Kindergarten classes going to Muttart
- Group session (staff) for outdoor learning spaces
- Mme Jolyane - request to PLA for funding flexible seating/working area (between portable & grade 1 entrance) - tables and furniture needed (easy to clean, take apart) to create a positive learning space for everyone to use
- Mme Jolyane - wants to set up growing towers (school has 4) throughout the school; request for volunteers to help set up/clean. Related to STEM (fits with curriculum)!

c. Committee of School Councils (COSC) - Melissa

- COSC met on October 5, 2022; meeting highlights included:
 - Elections were held and Lesley Williams will continue in her position as Chair.
 - Alberta Teachers Association (ATA) holding a public rally – Stand for Education – on October 22, 2022 starting at 1:00pm at the Alberta Legislature to increase awareness of the need to support public education in light of the upcoming provincial election campaigns. FREE bussing is available. More information: <https://standforeducation.ca/>
 - Alberta Health Services (AHS) hosts Caregiver Education Series which are virtual caregiver. information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. More information: <https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home>
 - Alberta Education is providing each school council with a \$500 School Council Engagement - grant again this year.
 - Elk Island Public School (EIPS) district three-year engagement plan and information on the new curriculum and assessment tools can be found on the EIPS website: <https://www.eips.ca/>

d. Parent Liaison Association (PLA) - Melissa

- PLA meeting after this meeting to discuss budget

3. Old Business

a. Literacy Committee update - Andrea

- Andrea Brown appointed chair
- Speech competition - waiting for district wide
- Book exchange, looking for approval from Greg/council, hoping to start asap for xmas
- Book fair volunteers needed, link to go out later tomorrow

b. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Committee update - Melissa

- No chair to appoint as of yet
- Ideas: Science/STEM Fairs (spring), Scratch (coding) competition

c. Physical Literacy Committee update - Letitia

- Letitia Dempster appointed chair
- Proposals:
 - "Don't walk in the hallways" - promoting physical activity in the hallways
 - Jump rope for heart - will plan for Feb (Heart healthy month)
 - Forwarding ideas/support for phys-ed curriculum
 - Open to communication with teachers to see what they would like/need

d. French Culture Committee update - Melissa

- Potential activity: French Movie night
- Any ideas on inspiring French culture in the school? Email us!

e. Halloween Dance update - Melissa

- Committee formed via email
- Oct 28 - poster advertising coming soon
- Budget neutral - Free event! - concession to offset costs
- Les Petits Soleils also invited

4. Upcoming Meeting Dates (6:30pm)

a. November 16, 2022 (3rd Wednesday due to Fall Break)

b. No December meeting

c. January 11, 2023

5. Adjourned at 7:25pm

Don Irwin October 2022 Report

I trust that you all had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends and that you are enjoying our wonderful fall weather.

Sherwood Heights/Campbelltown replacement school. – We are working with our MLA's and the Minister of Education on the planning of this project. We have heard that a number of schools are all grouped together for construction using a P3 model. We are arguing against using a P3 model as we have community partners who wish to join with us in the construction and that would not be possible with a P3 model.

A public engagement session was held at F R Haythorne involving moving all grade 6 students from Brentwood to attend Haythorne for grade 7 to 9 thus not splitting up friend groups.

Salisbury High - we have set up the funding from our reserves to replace the stormwater sewer system as there have been many floods over the years as the sewer system is insufficient to handle the volume of water from the roof over the next three years we hope to replace all of the sewer pipe which runs under the School and through the parking lot which is currently 4 inches to a 12 inch size connecting with the County.

We conducted our annual board review with a consultant last week and the board is operating very well according to provincial legislation and according to policies and procedures. Even with new members the level of trust and satisfaction is very high.

The enrollment in the district is up to 17,460 students.

I would encourage parents and caregivers to look at the free online education seminars offered by the Alberta Association of School Council. The link is <https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.albertaschoolcouncils.ca%2F&data=05%7C01%7CDon.Irwin%40eips.ca%7C74ef90297b7d435642fb08daabc3f665%7C9e47afea5e5740c38443f2df4a2f4b3f%7C0%7C0%7C638011155372305684%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C7000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=j0p%2F%2FQTOF7A%2B3Eixm4xeS77I9%2Fx4JX7apx1nU0fxtDw%3D&reserved=0>.

Also each School Council gets a \$500 per year grant which they can use which you can use individually or combine it with others at the Committee of School Councils (COSC) to put on education seminars for the parents.

Upcoming dates to note November 4 is the date for Remembrance Day services at all schools.

I would ask schools to let me know when their awards nights and concerts are as I would be delighted to attend these events.

Another important upcoming event is a Career Fair for high school students October 19 and 6 to 8 PM at the Agora Center.

The next public meeting of Elk Island Public School's is on Thursday, October 20 and the agenda and discussion items are on the EIPS website on Monday, 17 October.

One of the topics will be the proposed School Calendars for the next two years. If you have questions after reading the agenda on Monday please call and I can answer those questions or get them answered at the meeting.

Also upcoming this month is the EIPS French Immersion review on October 26 Thursday at 5:30.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Logos information meeting last Thursday and the attendance review for families in Summerwood.

Thanks to all schools who attended the Committee of School Councils (COSC). This meeting is held The first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the board office (Clover Bar and Wye Road). Please have a representative attend as there is much useful information for School Councils.

Thanks to the staff at Sherwood Heights for the invitation for the board to visit your wellness day last Thursday. The event was very well planned and operated and there were many and there were many interesting topics for students on mental health and physical health.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or suggestions. My email is don.irwin@eips.ca and my cell 587-986-3900.