

École Campbelltown School Council Minutes

In attendance: Don Irwin, Greg Probert, Taylor Cullum, Melissa Manolescu,
Mike Eisbrenner, Rachel Bruce, Letitia Dempster

Online attendees: Christina Swabey, Kelly Eves

March 8, 2023 6:30pm – 7:15pm

École Campbelltown School (virtual link available)

1. Call to Order 6:41 pm

a) Welcome

b) **Introductions:** Executive, Administration, Staff and Parents

c) **Housekeeping:** Quorum – not achieved, Minutes from February 15 - accepted

2. Reports

a) Trustee

- See attached

b) Principal

- Carnaval festivities were a success; pictures posted online.
- Alberta Education Assurance survey (grade 4 parents) deadline extended to March 17. A letter with an access code should have arrived in the mail. Grade 4 parents that have not received the letter can contact the office.
- Since funding for the Sherwood Heights/Campbelltown rebuild was announced, weekly building meetings have been scheduled with administrators. No details to share yet.
- 4 teams will attend gr. 5/6 basketball tournament this Saturday (Mar 11) at Bev Facey.
- March 14 is Pi Day. Various activities will be held.
- Salisbury jazz band is coming to Campbelltown March 16 and Irish dancers will perform on March 17.
- ECS interviews to be held next week.
- March 20 a French poet will be visiting Campbelltown.
- April 13 paint night with Metis artist Connie Kulhavy. Metis families will be invited to participate in an optional smudge at 5:30pm and the paint night will follow from 6:00-8:00pm. Same schedule of events for the Blanket Ceremony (adults only) on May 11; childcare will be provided.
- School council will also be hosting a family paint night in May.
- Science fair to be held May 25.
- Mr. Probert shared general comments about situations in the school that are happening more frequently where students are experiencing difficulty regulating their emotions and behaviors. This increase in these types of behaviours is noted by numerous elementary school staff throughout EIPS. Discussion was held around provincial funding cuts and their impact on key support programs for these students. AHS programs, such as the Caregivers Series (<https://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca/home>) offers free

online seminars that might be helpful to parents/caregivers; school council to advertise via email.

c) Committee of School Councils (COSC)

- March 1 meeting discussion included topics already mentioned by Mr. Irwin and Mr. Probert, but also included discussion from the ATA on their Education First campaign to highlight funding challenges to public education in advance of the next provincial election.

d) Parent Liaison Association (PLA)

- Nothing to report

e) Committee Updates:

Literacy

- Nothing to report

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

- STEM-A-THON will run in May to overlap with STEM fair day at the school. Activity passport has been created.

Physical Literacy

- Floor decals have arrived and will be installed after spring break.
- Phys. Ed. equipment list has been finalized and was shared with staff earlier this month.

French culture

- Nothing to report

3. Old Business

a) ASCA AGM and Conference

- Secured funding from EIPS for one representative for our School Council to attend; Andrea Brown will attend to represent our School Council.
- If others are interested in attending, registration details and cost are posted on the ASCA website.
- 2023 ASCA Resolutions will be discussed and voted on in April meeting.

b) Engagement Grant update

- As per above, provincial school council engagement grant (\$500) was approved for a family paint night; will be held in May.

c) Dance – April 28

- Spring luau to be held. Further details to come.

4. Upcoming Meeting Dates

- April 12, 2023
- May 10, 2023
- June 14, 2023 – Annual General Meeting (AGM) only

5. Adjourn - 7:38 pm

Trustee Report: Don Irwin

All events continue to occur with minor disruptions from weather.

In February, the Board hired Dr. Sandra Stoddard to replace Mark Liguori who retires at the end of June 2023. Dr. Stoddard served as Associate Superintendent of Student Services for the past six years.

The French immersion program location- this decision will be made at the June 2023 board meeting. Any changes in location will start in September 2024

Logos program decision about the location of the program will be made at the March board meeting if there are any changes they will start in September 2023.

Budget highlights

General information about the budget was released on February 28th and we are cautiously optimistic that the budget contains good news and increases but until the funding manual is released in mid-March we do not know details of increases.

One area that there will be changes in is student transportation as there will be a new formula for those requiring bus transportation. K to grade six students who live 1.0 kilometres or more will now be eligible riders and grade 7 to 12 students who live 2.0 kilometers or more will now be eligible riders.

The funding for construction was approved for Sherwood heights Campbelltown replacement school.

The EIPS parent survey takes place on March 1 - 23 so please take time to complete this so that we can use your input for budget plans plus plans for next year and the coming years.

Questions or concerns - please write or call me at Don.irwin@eips.ca or 587 986 3900.