

École Campbelltown School Council Minutes

April 12, 2023 6:30pm – 7:15pm

École Campbelltown School (virtual link available)

In person: Melissa Manolescu, Greg Probert, Taylor Cullum, Letitia Dempster, Shaheen Alarakhia, Kelly Eves, Mike Eisbrenner, Anne Corser, Elizabeth Booij

Online: Andrea Brown, Christina Swabey, Trish Weinbrich

1. Call to Order

- a. Welcome
- b. Introductions: Executive, Administration, Staff and Parents
- c. Housekeeping: quorum - met, Agenda - accepted, Minutes from March 8, 2023 accepted

2. Reports

- a. Trustee
 - Report attached
- b. Principal
 - Tomorrow night is paint night as well as French Immersion information session, please attend to have your voice heard
 - April 17th presenter (Saxophonist) will be there to entertain grades 1-4
 - Next week is Earth Week - one day next week we will have no lights/tech/electricity for 30 min, school yard clean up, video
 - Sherwood Heights coming to visit next Tuesday to speak with Grade 6's
 - School Dance Friday April 28th
 - STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) week will replace Science Fair in May - classrooms will rotate through STEAM presentations; inquiries have gone out looking for STEAM presenters - anyone interested or have connections contact Mme Cullum
 - Grade 6 farewell - last provincial achievement test (PAT) is on last day of school; afternoon could be farewell, or should it be planned for before PATs? - discussion: last day is likely preferable
 - Volunteer tea May 18th - RSVP for numbers please
- c. Committee of School Councils (COSC) - April 5
 - Caregiver Series workshop info will be shared via email
 - ATA Trade fair April 14-16 at Millenium Place
- d. Parent Liaison Association (PLA)
 - County grants - there are 2 - Community Connection grant \$425 (can be used be for events, but must be open to full community) and Community Change grant \$2000 (project based) - must be used for separate events
 - Community Change grant - could fund BBQ as well, but primary use must be a project; ideas: mural that everyone works on, rock garden, fence art/affirmations
 - Will try for Community Change grant - Shaheen to follow up with county regarding more

details (indoor/outdoor space requirements)

- Will keep Community Connection grant in mind for next year
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 7-13 - will plan catered lunch for teachers/staff, budget of \$1000 from PLA - Shaheen volunteered to plan
- e. Committee Updates:
 - i. Literacy - Waiting on new design/sizes from mini library builder, will contact land management once everything is finalized
 - ii. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) - STEM-a-thon coming in May
 - iii. Physical literacy - April 29 EIPS Badminton tournament, floor decals to be put on floors soon (teacher volunteers doing placement)
 - iv. French culture - potentially to be included in STEAM week activities

3. New Business

- a. EIPS French Immersion Engagement Session – April 13 (5:30 – 7:30pm) - Board will share their vision and proposed plan - survey will follow, if you cannot attend in person
- b. Recess scheduling - parent inquiry: Can we go back to 3 recesses? Lunch is an hour now as opposed to 40min which would be allotted if there was a recess in the afternoon - this affects intramurals and lunch recess activities (time is too short), shorter lunch (hot lunch is trickier); also the 10 min afternoon recess is really short and, especially in the winter, kids barely get dressed and outside by the time the bell rings to come in. Teachers do give breaks (especially Div 1) to classes in the afternoon when needed for bathroom, snack or physical activity.
- c. Bylaw Committee update - decisions to make regarding policies, a final draft will be available for viewing at May meeting with vote planned for June AGM
- Mission statement - proposed wording: School Council will undertake discussions and activities that will enhance student learning, foster the well-being and effectiveness of our School community, and work as collaborative partners in school-based decision making.
- Proposal to also include a Vision statement: School Council will work with the administration and staff to create a safe, supportive environment which challenges students to be confident and successful intellectually, socially and emotionally.
- Who do we feel should be members of the School Council?
 - Parents are automatic members; “parent” defined as parent, guardian or primary caregiver of student enrolled in school
 - Principal, but also vice-principals - admin team - to be included
 - Teachers - optional; non-voting
 - School Board trustee - non-voting
 - County councilors should be considered too - non-voting
- Quorum - very difficult with quorum of 10 people (as currently stated) - ASCA recommends quorum is achieved when parent attendees are majority
 - Parents who are also staff must declare their position (parent or staff) prior to the start of the meeting and only represent one role during a meeting
- Length of term for existing board members - leave open for an unlimited number of terms as long as they are still parents of students in the school

- No treasurer required
- Notice of amendments to Operating Procedures (bylaws)- 5 days
- Notice for Special General Meetings - 5 days
- Minimum number of council meetings - 5 (one every other month at minimum)
- Fundraising - School Councils are not to fundraise, but leave as is with School Council helping as historically done with all monies handed to PLA
- d. ASCA Resolutions - to be voted on by School Councils at ASCA AGM - Andrea is registered to by our representative
 - Resolutions (as posted on ASCA website) were discussed and voted as follows:
 - P23-01: Mandating criminal record and vulnerable sector checks for school board trustee candidates - YES; no harm in asking for politicians to make the same declarations as expected of volunteers
 - P23-02 - Supporting integrated education funding - YES; this would be an ideal support system
 - P23-03 - Integrate climate and biodiversity education throughout the K-12 curriculum - NO; already included in curriculum
 - P23-04 - Add rights of victims of bullying and violence to Education Act - YES; valuable to consider, also due to the request for “best practices” in the recommendation
 - P24-05 - Required consultation opportunities for proposed changes to legislation, regulations, or established programs or practices - NO as is, but YES with removal of the word “always” in the recommendation; ASCA should be considered a stakeholder, but it will not always be appropriate for ASCA to be at the table when decisions are being made
 - P24-06 - Setting and meeting a student to school counsellor ratio to improve mental health - NO; unrealistic expectation: not attainable with respect to staffing or funding
 - A23-01, A23-02 and SR23-01 - YES; no apparent concerns or conflicts
 - Motion: To empower Andrea Brown to represent the vote of Ecole Campbelltown School Council at the 2023 ASCA AGM. Kelly moved, Elizabeth seconded, motion passed.

4. Upcoming Meeting Dates (6:30pm)

- a. May 10, 2023
- b. June 14, 2023 – Annual General Meeting (AGM) only
 - AGM will include virtual attendance to accommodate those with other commitments that evening; AGM will be conducted as AGM (not general meeting) and will be a short time commitment

5. Adjourn - 8:42pm

Don Irwin Report

I hope everyone had a good spring break and Easter weekend.

First a couple updates on things from our March report.

The Logos program is going to be combined at Brentwood school due to low enrolment continuing.

The French immersion third consultation will be held on Thursday April 13 at 5:30 at Davidson Creek school. If you are unable to make it, there will be a survey going out after the meeting to collect your input.

The board has requested a extensive report from Superintendent Liguori regarding closing Andrew school due to decreased funding, decreased student numbers and a large capital repair that is needed to the roof and ventilation system.

In April we continue to meet with city councils with City of Fort Saskatchewan on the 26th as well as beginning school tours on the 25th in Vegreville.

We are continuing to work on the budget with another special meeting in April preparing for our submission by the end of May.

Trustees attended a luncheon with Premier Smith on April 11 and will be attending the state of the County address by mayor Rod Frank on April 19.

Student transportation funding formula is changing for more funding for shorter distances. K to Grade 6 minimum distance is reduced to 1 km (from 1.6) and Grades 7 and over to 2km (from 2.6). New fee schedule will be distributed by the end of April.

Sherwood Heights / Campbelltown replacement school building plans have been received and our planning dept is providing feedback.

April Caregiver Education series is now available on cyfcaregivereducation.ca website. The website is sponsored by Alberta Healthcare and includes topics such as how to handle stress, anxiety, harm reduction, and adult caregiving.

April 16 to 22 is Volunteer Appreciation Week and I want to thanks all parents and caregivers who serve on School Council and who volunteer at schools.

Questions / Feedback? - Phone/text me at 587 986 3900 or email me at don.irwin@eips.ca.