

École Campbelltown School Council

Minutes

January 17th, 2024 6:30pm – 8:50pm

École Campbelltown School

In attendance: Melissa Manolescu, Shaheen Alarakhia, Greg Probert, Kelly Eves, Rachel Bruce, Letitia Dempster, Anne Corser, Don Irwin, Sheena Singleton

Regrets: Andrea Brown, Taylor Cullum

1. Call to Order - 6:34 pm

a. Welcome

b. Introductions: Executive, Administration, Staff, and Parents

c. Quorum, Minutes, and Agenda - quorum achieved, Minutes from Nov 15th, 2023 accepted with no amendments; Agenda accepted with amendment: 4c. revisit committees (if time permits)

2. Reports

a. Trustee

- See below

b. Principal

- Cold weather has presented some challenges; classroom heat is acceptable but some hallways have no heat
- Cut-off for outdoor recess is -21 degrees C
- Calendar on website and Weekly emails are the best way to track upcoming events

c. Committee of School Councils (COSC): next meeting Feb 7 at 6:30 pm

- COSC: No one attended the most recent meeting (Jan 10) in person. Education results report was reviewed. Process was smoother than in years past. ASCA conference was discussed (April 26-28). District provides grant money to sponsor registration. Also had a presentation on “reset rooms”.

d. Parent Liaison Association (PLA)

- Motion passed for money collected through Holiday book drive and candy cane sales (\$1458.23) to be donated to PLA for donation to the school’s Christmas Hampers. Kelly motioned, Letitia seconded.

3. Old Business

a. Holiday Book Drive and Candy Cane Sale: donation to Christmas hampers

- Very successful again! Thank you Campbelltown! Motion above (PLA).

b. School Council Engagement Grant – update

- Alberta government provides \$500 to each active school council to host an event that increases parent engagement within their school

- Need to submit request by Jan 31st; Have until end of June to use funds
- Ideas:
 - Presentation on Reset Rooms similar to one delivered at COSC; this is preferred as a presentation prior to a school council meeting (not as engagement session)
 - Melissa to inquire
 - Presentation on internet safety/social media/cyber bullying; two options: one for just parents, one including kids
 - Follow-up: RCMP have contact details but Constable in charge of cybersafety unit has not replied yet; could follow up with school resource officer, DARE Constable
 - Other options discussed: Saffron offers a 2h presentation, cost \$199

Plan:

- Book Saffron for an evening in Feb, 6pm-8pm preferred, for caregivers only at this time. Shaheen to plan.
- Continue to follow RCMP lead but as a presentation prior to a Council meeting (not engagement grant session).
- Remaining grant money could be put towards Family Yoga Night – Letitia will follow up with local practitioner who has already expressed interest.

c. French Movie Night: Jan 26

- Toy Story; doors open at 6:10pm
- concession will be provided (no popcorn machine this time!)

4. New Business

a. Assurance Review (results from 2022-2023)

- Greg Probert discussed the Assurance Review with respect to the numbers for the core subjects across the grades (summarized) and the school goals
 - School goals were met: minimum 1 year growth in literacy, better math performance, and post-covid school community development with increase engagement
 - Some issues discussed, including Division's use of English STAR report (especially for Grades 1 and 2 who are not taught English reading and have limited experience with computer-based tests), excessive use of standardized testing for Div 1
 - Lowest success with Social Studies – working on integrating concepts and vocabulary throughout Grades 1 – 5 in order to help improve understand and success on Grade 6 PATs
 - Questions should be addressed to Mr. Probert

b. School Fee Consultation (for 2024-2025)

- Schedule:
 - Cultural appreciation and field trips to stay the same
 - Ski/snowboard day at Sunridge was not included as an add-on to school fees in 2022-23 which was confusing and some parents didn't pay likely simply because they were not aware; this field trip was included in 2023-24 fees and will be

again next year

- Swimming in Fall 2023 was 8 lessons instead of 6; school absorbed the extra cost which was approx. \$5000; feedback was that 8 lessons was preferred – better chance at succeeding at the level, flexibility if kids miss a session
 - i. Note: if there is inclement weather, it is not difficult for the school to schedule a bus
 - ii. Fees for Swimming in 2024-25 will increase to approx. \$50, aligning with cost recovery for the 8 lessons
- Noon supervision: there was a \$3700 surplus in 2022-23 last year which helped in 2023-24 as there will be a deficit this year due to staffing changes. Supervisor ratio is 1 Supervisor/2 classes. Will increase in 2024-2025 to account for cost recovery.
- Surplus school fees paid: Should go with the student if they leave the school (credit on Powerschool)
- Skating is not planned for this year; issues with number of volunteers that would be required to do up skates, and access to equipment (helmets, skates); could look into CanSkate at an outdoor rink
- Questions about fees should be addressed to Mr. Probert

c. Committee Revisit

- Tabled to Feb meeting
- Purpose: to consider if as a council, we are pursuing everything we want to pursue this year? Please email council (ecolecsc@gmail.com) with questions/comments/concerns.

5. Meeting Dates (6:30 pm)

- a. February 21, 2024
- b. March 20, 2024
- c. April 17, 2024
- d. May 15, 2024
- e. June – TBD (AGM only)

6. Adjourn – 8:50pm

Trustee Report – Don Irwin – January 17, 2024

I hope that you and your family had a relaxing time together over Christmas.

I have enclosed a link to the annual Education and Results report overview which shows that we as a School District are doing very well in providing high-quality student centred education to the 17,760 students in Elk Island Public Schools. You may go to [eips.ca/ planning and results](https://eips.ca/planning-and-results) for the full 80 page document.

The Sport for Life program at Cloverbar Jr. High was adopted as an Alternative Program able to be used by any Junior High in EPIS. Also Developing Personal Values course was approved for use in the District as requested by Next Steps.

The Board heard a report on the use of Artificial Intelligence and working on policy for its use in schools.

A few of the areas that we are working on in January and February include the French immersion plan and also the design of Sherwood Heights school.

A plan for French Immersion in Grades 10-12 will be on the January 25 Public Board Meeting with all details available on Monday January 22 at noon on the District website.

The monthly COSC (Committee of School Councils) meeting was held Wednesday at at 6:30 PM January 10 and the summary of the meeting will be posted on the EIPS website after meeting. Much good information is relayed at these meetings, and I hope you have representative there to collect the information and then inform your school council. The Engagement Grant has been extended to January 31. You can attend in person at the Board Office or virtually on Zoom. February meeting will be held on February 7, 2024.

I would encourage all students, families and staff to be especially diligent about maintaining a healthy lifestyle, especially including handwashing, as we are in the midst of flu season.

If you have suggestions or questions from School Council or on any other items related to the board, please send them to me email preferred at don.irwin@eips.ca or text 587-986-3900