

École Campbelltown School Council

Minutes

May 15, 2024, 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm
École Campbelltown School

In attendance: Don Irwin, Greg Probert, Taylor Cullum, Melissa Manolescu, Andrea Brown, Kelly Eves, Shaheen Alarakhia, Rachel Bruce, Letitia Dempster, Kelly Bertoncini, Rosie Chew, Christina Swabey, Sheena Singleton, Krista Shepherd-McInnis, Anne Corser, Mike Eisbrenner, Janessa O'Reilly, Nicole Bray

1. Call to Order 6:35pm

- a. Welcome
- b. Introductions: Executive, Administration, Staff and Parents
- c. Quorum, Minutes and Agenda
 - Minutes (April 17, 2024) and Agenda accepted as presented

2. Reports

- a. Trustee
 - See attached
- b. Principal
 - Kindergarten open house was this evening 48 students currently enrolled
 - School budget remaining status quo
 - Planning for similar classrooms configurations next year with the addition of a grade 1/2 split class
 - French Consultant spending remains the same; Mme Gourley will be returning in this position for K - 6 support
 - Many maternity leaves - Mme Vargas has returned to school to teach grade 5
 - Staff have been more consistent with sending out weekly communication
 - Sports Day is June 7
- c. Committee of School Councils (COSC):
 - Trustee report includes topics covered at last COSC meeting
 - EIPS received achievement award from Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)
 - next meeting is next school year!
- d. Parent Liaison Association (PLA)
 - Playground (See 4a.)

3. Old Business

- a. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2024 Conference and Advocacy Resolutions report

The resolutions were voted on as follows:

P24-01 - Yes 52.7%

P24-02 - Yes 88%

P24-03

1) Yes 77.6%

2) No 51.11%

P24-04

1) Yes, unanimous

2) Yes, unanimous

P24-05

1) Yes 71.4%

2) Yes 83.94%

3) Yes 76.69%

4) Yes 73.68%

5) Yes 83.48%

6) Yes 81.25%

7) Yes 70.97%

P24-06 Yes unanimous

P24-07

1) Yes unanimous

2) Yes unanimous

ER24-01

Rec# 1 - Withdrawn

Rec#2 - Yes 70%

Rec#3 - Motion carried 58.7%

ER24-02 Yes unanimous

ER24-03 Yes unanimous

Rec#3

Andrea attended 3 break-out sessions:

Navigating Education System While Advocating for Your Child

Emotion Coaching

Bully, Bullied and Innocent Bystander

Links to the information on the ASCA website to be provided in weekly email.

4. New Business

a. Replacement school playground – Melissa read emails from EIPS outlining who will be involved from EIPS, tentative timelines and the opportunities for parental engagement; we will work with interested parents from Sherwood Heights, but likely the bulk of the input will be from interested parents/caregivers with elementary-aged students.

- School Council will be an avenue for parental input into the playground project, but the playground committee and fundraising will be done by our parent fundraising group ECPLA.
- A playground committee will be formed and further discussion will occur in the ECPLA meeting.

b. Staff appreciation lunch

- Instead of a staff lunch, suggestion to purchase Campbelltown branded clothing for all staff
- Approx 27 staff at Campbelltown
- Majority in agreement; will forward to ECPLA for consideration and change of spending

c. School Council Engagement Grant

- Melissa will inquire about using grant funds to purchase parenting books for loaning out to interested parents
- Any other ideas, please send an email to School Council

d. Committee reports: literacy, STEAM, physical literacy, French culture, leadership – each committee reported on what was accomplished this past year and shared thoughts for next year

Literacy

- Christmas Book Sale helped contribute to the \$1458.23 donated for Christmas Hampers
- Little Library (leave a book, take a book for parents/caregivers) at the front credenza has books in it; took a while to get there but we did it!
- Book Club was a success! At least 4 people showed up to meetings, but once sports season started less people came.

Books we read were:

The Boat People

Everything Here is Beautiful

Billy Summers

Sourdough

Maus

CYOA

From The Ashes

Secondhand (June)

STEAM

- Inspirational week of Math - BINGO cards, Math stations, pie throw
- Next year – could help organize and develop challenges for Maker Space project

Physical Literacy

- Maintaining recess bins – ask students to help with this next year
- Collected donated used items for recess bins - was successful!
- Sports teams
- Cross country skis were donated to the school - need to be looked over and organized before being used

French Culture

- Movie Night - hoping to do 2 movies next year

Leadership

- Inspired classroom leaders, with help of teachers, to take classroom compost to the bins
- Students are now successfully doing hot lunch delivery to their own classrooms
- Next year hope to have students more involved in garden towers

E. Communication initiative – Friday School Council emails - feedback

- Weekly emails are appreciated
- Subject line should clearly state 'School Council' first as on a phone the email reads 'Ecole Campbelltown' first and has led to confusion with the school's email
- Could be a different day of the week; lots of teachers send Friday emails
- Could be more visually appealing – newsletter format – would need someone to volunteer to help though as already can be very time consuming

5. Meeting Dates (6:30pm)

a. June – AGM will be **June 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm**

6. Adjourned at 8:10pm

Don Irwin Report

We are in the homestretch for the 2022-2023 school year- continue to hang in there students, parents, and staff. You are making a positive difference.

Budget allocations have been released to schools this week. Tough budget year- Superintendent Studdard's full budget report is in the COSC summary.

On Friday we joined in Bus Driver Appreciation Day at the Dow Centre.

This week we do our final school tours in Ardrossan, Castle and Brudderheim.

Look forward to celebrating Long Service Awards and Retirements at the Agora Centre.

Attended the Fort Sask community meeting on handling growth including the exciting Collegiate Model.

Thanks to Bev Facey for hosting the excellent seminar on Student Anxiety and What we can do to help.

Attended the Sherwood Park Chamber Luncheon with Mayor Frank outlining all the good things happening in Strathcona County.

Elk Island Public Schools received an Engagement Award from Alberta School Council Association for the excellent way the Board and Administration engaged with parents in the last year.

School Council yearly reports are due June 26.

Questions, ideas, suggestions- please call, text, or email me at 587 986 3900 or don.irwin@eips.ca.

Have a great finish for the year- we are here for you.

Don Irwin
Sherwood Park Trustee