

École Campbelltown School Council Minutes

September 18, 2024 6:30pm – 7:15pm at École Campbelltown School

In attendance: Melissa Manolescu, Kelly Bertocini, Rosie Chew, Christina Swabey, Don Irwin, Amanda Smith, Anne Corser, Karen Willsher, Paul Willsher, Kara Urness-Pottle, Natalie Hanninen-Pathirana, Andrea Brown, Matt Schneider, Shaheen Alarakhia, Christine Broughton, Samantha Skelton, Taylor Cullum, Greg Probert, Sam Kafrouny, Sheena Singleton, Neve Deol, Jamie Cronin, Katrina Vanderleck, Jennifer Summers, Katie Wells

1. Call to Order 6:32 pm

a. Welcome

b. Introductions: Executive, Administration, Staff and Parents

c. Quorum - achieved

Minutes (May 15, 2024) and Agenda - accepted as presented

2. Reports

a. Trustee

- See below

b. Principal

- Barbeque went great, wonderful to see everyone attend
- Swimming lessons (grades 1-6) start next week (week of Sept 23)
- Picture day tomorrow (Sept 19)
- Orange shirt day Sept 27th
- Terry Fox Run Sept 26th
- Read-in week activities happening at the school (Mme Skelton): Oct 7 - 11
 - Theme: Reading is for Everyone
 - Bingo challenge - prizes will be school book fair vouchers
 - Whole school read aloud with emphasis on descriptive language
 - Dress as your favourite book character day
 - Buddy reading
 - Parents invited to read in classrooms - details to come from teachers
 - Flashlight reading - bring flashlights and stuffed animals
 - Crusaders (Sherwood Park hockey team) coming to read to students
- Kindergarten - Safety City Oct 10th/11th
- Parent Teacher interviews Oct 16/17; Kindergarten Nov 27-29th
- Norman Foote Concert at Festival Place Oct 24th; 124 students have volunteered to be in the choir (Gr 1-6), practices will be Tues and Thurs in the gym during lunch recess
- Professional Development (PD) for Gr 3-6 teachers - handball coaching by parent volunteer
- If you have a personal interest to share with staff or students (such as handball), reach out to teachers or Taylor/Greg
- Hallowe'en Dance - November 1st
- Questions about replacement school? Just ask Greg! Information changes daily

c. Committee of School Councils (COSC): next meeting Wed Oct 2 at 6:30pm

- Andrea and Melissa will attend regularly to represent Campbelltown

d. Parent Liaison Association (PLA)

- Nothing new to report (yet!)

3. New Business

a. Lending Library for parent resources

- Alberta School Council Engagement Grant money was used to purchase some parent resource books for School Council; books can be signed out at our meetings or from Aicha in the office

b. Committees: literacy, STEAM, physical literacy, French culture, leadership

- *Literacy* - current initiatives include parent book club, lending library, little free library, Holiday Book Sale, Read-a-thon (overlap with read-in-week Oct 7-11th) - information shared in handout and weekly School Council emails
- *STEAM* - historically activities happen during Inspirational Week of Math (March 13th, Pi Day)
- *Physical Literacy* - introduction to new sports, snowshoes, curling, recess bins
- *French Culture* - French family movie nights typically in January
- *Leadership* - helping with hot lunch, recycling, composting, bottle recycling
- If you have an idea for an initiative you would like to facilitate at the school this year, please let us know! Talk to or email School Council

c. Bottle recycling

- Our school collects empty bottles, cans, etc, traditionally managed by grade 4's; school will no longer be using the blue bin at the front of the school
- Looking for a family (or families) willing to come in to return bottles to the depot and return funds to the school - if interested, email School Council

d. Makerspace

- New recess option for students to participate in; still in early stages of planning
- Involves collecting recyclable materials (egg cartons, cardboard, etc) for creative building challenges
- If interested in helping to organize or be involved, contact Taylor

e. Read-a-Thon

- Fundraiser that encourages students to read during Reading Week and raises funds for literacy needs in the school
- Oct 7-11; involves a pledge booklet and prizes
- Volunteer to help organize: Christina S.

f. Halloween Dance

- November 1st - a fun night for families (lights, music, prizes)
- Details to come via weekly email
- Volunteer to organize: Katie W.

4. Meeting Dates (6:30pm)

- a. Confirmed: third Wednesday of each month
- Next meeting will be October 16, 2024

5. Adjourn - 7:27 pm

Don Irwin Report:

Welcome back to all students parents and staff members. I trust that you had a relaxing and refreshing summer break.

The fall session for school trustees started on August 22 when we prepared breakfast for all of the central office, transportation, and maintenance staff. This annual event is a opportunity to meet returning staff and new staff and for the trustees to interact with our staff members.

In the first week of school we had 17,968 students as of September 5th and would be expecting over 18,000 once all families return.

School start up went very well especially with the staggered starts between grades and schools.

The board held its planning meeting for 2024-2025 on the 22nd of August as well and Cathy Allen was re-elected as chair and Susan Miller was re-elected as vice chair for this year. We organized all of the committees and the dates for the year including the school and central office assurance reviews in late October and November.

The board reviewed the new personal mobile device policy sent out by the provincial government that that is very similar to the policy that the board set last year.

The board also reviewed the building security and door locking administrative procedure that we have now established for all schools in the district.

Also in September we reviewed the naming process for the Sherwood Park replacement School replacing Sherwood Heights and Campbelltown. More detailed information will be coming out to parents as to how to submit your preference for the name of the new school that is set to open in September 2026.

On September the 12th the official groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new school with Representatives from the provincial government, the mayor of Strathcona county and representatives from the two schools.

The board also heard a presentation for students on violence threat risk assessment to better help plan for the possibility of various risks.

The Council of school councils has their first meeting on Wednesday October 2nd with a meet and greet at 5:30 and a full meeting at 6:30. Hopefully each school can have a representative present to hear helpful information to schools as well as relay information back to the schools..

We value your questions and ideas. Please send them to me at Don.irwin@eips.ca or call or text me at 587 986 3900.

Working with you for the best school year yet.