

École Campbelltown School Council Minutes

November 20, 2024 6:30pm at École Campbelltown School

In attendance: Melissa Manolescu, Letitia Dempster, Krista Shepherd, Kelly Bertoncini, Paul Willsher, Kara Urness-Pottle, Rosie Chew, Christina Swabey, Andrea Brown, Glenda Pickering, Taylor Cullum, Greg Probert, Anne Corser, Don Irwin, Neve Deol
Regrets: Shaheen Alarakhia

1. Call to Order – 6:32pm

a. Welcome

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

c. Quorum – achieved

Minutes (October 16, 2024) and Agenda – accepted as presented

2. Reports

a. Trustee

- See below

b. Principal

- Mme Pickering with Christmas Concert updates:
 - Title: North Pole's Got Talent
 - Thursday Dec 12, at Park Church; doors open at 6:00pm, concert 6:30-7:30pm
 - Guests to a minimum (suggest 4 per family) for evening concert; dress rehearsal will be during the day at Park Church and audience welcome (ie grandparents)
 - Dress rehearsal will be grades K-3 in the morning and grades 4-6 in the afternoon
 - Concert will be video-recorded like last year with link being available soon after the concert
 - Volunteers needed for moving equipment/props in am, dress rehearsal, ushers and moving again after the concert (including returning risers to Mills Haven) – SignUpGenius to be sent out via Friday email
 - Volunteers will have their names added to the draw for front row seating at the concert as a way to say thank you!
- Skiing - split into two days this year: Div 1 on Dec 10, Div 2 on Dec 16
- Dec 16-20 - theme days: red and green, Santa hat, ugly sweater, PJ, dress-up
- Replacement school update – color palettes being chosen, but very limited opportunities for input as government-managed build
- Nov 22 - Assurance review results will be presented to EIPS/Board of Trustees; results will be shared at January School Council meeting
- School-wide science project – how is it going? Feedback provided to admin; need to clarify that the project can be completed in English or French and teachers will use classroom time to work with students to produce a final French version

c. Committee of School Councils (COSC): next meeting Wed Jan 8 at 6:30pm

- Last meeting discussion: Caregiver series (AHS), EIPS surveys (2025/26 calendar, French Immersion and high school boundary transitions), ASCA virtual workshop Nov 23 (posted on ASCA website), Engagement Grant

d. Parent Liaison Association (PLA)

- Under Old Business

3. Old Business

a. Lending Library for parent resources – reminder

- Lending Library is going well – books can be signed out from the office

b. Read-a-thon – update

- \$1314 raised this year to offset online reading subscriptions that the school purchases (Je Lis, Je Lis and Raz Kids)
- ECPLA will donate to school

c. Halloween Dance – update

- Attendance was lower than usual likely due to Halloween the day prior, but was still well-attended
- \$41.40 cost overall – concession profit minus cost of prizes, decorations and speakers
- ECPLA will cover cost from School Community Events budget

d. School photo company – update

- Offspring Studios was contacted and will replace Lifetouch as the photography company used next year
- Will inquire if Offspring can take the spring classroom photos this year

e. AB School Council Engagement Grant - \$502.03 (2024/2025 school year)

- Discussion around hosting a family sports workshop/tournament (ie handball), book club or theatre workshop
- Tabled until January

4. New Business

a. Ho-ho-holiday Book Sale

- Book collection is now underway – bins located in front of the office
- Book sale will begin week of Dec 2
- SignUpGenius will be sent in Friday email for volunteers to help

b. Candy Cane Sale

- Support to repeat event again – candy canes will be sold as a fundraiser for the Campbelltown Christmas Hampers for Campbelltown families and for each candy cane purchased, one entry into a draw for front row Christmas concert seats will be given
- Classroom sales will be Dec 9 (Dec 10 for KMB) and lunchtime sales will be Dec 11
- Draw will take place Dec 11 and winners will be notified by a phone call from the office
- Sign-UpGenius will be sent in Friday email for volunteers to help

c. January Movie Night

- Keeping it as one movie night for both Div 1 and Div 2 - January 31
- Volunteers appreciated for snacks and set up
- Movie must be G or PG - school appropriate and in French with English subtitles

5. Meeting Dates (6:30pm)

(no December meeting)

a. January 15, 2025

b. February 19, 2025

- c. March 19, 2025
- d. April 16, 2025
- e. May 21, 2025
- f. June – TBD – AGM only

6. Adjourn - 7:53 pm

Don Irwin's Trustee Report

Welcome back - hope you had a relaxing and restful fall break.

November is the Fall General Meeting of the Alberta School Board Association, held November 18 and 19th in Edmonton. Professional Learning topics include Artificial Intelligence.

Also in November are School Results Review where the Board meets with every school to review student and school results from 2023-2024.

Advocacy - Our advocacy committee is preparing a plan to pursue support for from the Provincial Government and other agencies and organizations. Thanks for the great input from school leaders in your Results Review document - they greatly assist the Board of Trustees.

Caregiver Series - Some helpful information for parents and caregivers. Link is - www.protection.outlook.com.

School Transition Plan Survey - we continue to engage with parents and stakeholders on the transition of French Immersion locations. Survey open to Nov 20 at Elps.ca.

School Calendar - continuing discussion on our consideration of whether to change next year's calendar. A final decision is expected at the December 19 Public Board Meeting.

School Engagement Grants of \$500. Have you decided on how to spend your grant?

Elections for School Trustees in October 2024.

All nine trustees are elected every 4 years. There are three from Sherwood Park, two from Fort Saskatchewan, 2 from Strathcona County rural areas and one from Lamont County and one from Vegerville/ Minburn County. See the Elps website for more details or contact me.

Next public Board meeting - Thursday Nov 28 at 10am. Agenda and discussion materials will be on Eips website as of noon Nov 24.

Suggestions, input, questions? - You are welcome to contact me directly by text / phone - 587 986 3900 or email Don.irwin@eips.ca.