

EPE School Council Meeting

May 25, 2022 @ 7:12pm | Meeting called to order by Amanda Shand

In Attendance

Dan Verhoeff, Amanda Shand, Shelley Boswell, Ralph Sorochan, Meghan Anderson, Leanna Bechtel, Amy Archibald

Land and People Acknowledgement – Shelley B.

We acknowledge with respect the history and culture of the peoples with whom Treaty 6 was entered into and the land upon which Elk Island Public Schools reside. We also acknowledge the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation.

We recognize our responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples.

We commit to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.

Additions and Approval of Agenda

Approve: Leanna B.
2nd: Meghan A.

Approval of April 27, 2022 Minutes

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Principal's Report – Dan V.

Budget News & Update – Update deferred to next meeting

Literacy Update – First reading of the PAT results are looking very promising!

School Clubs – Dan & Shelley busy running clubs for the kids.

COSC Update – Leanna B.

No updates

Elk Island Trustee Report – Ralph Sorochan

Report below

Old Business – Amanda S.

Teacher Appreciation – Discussion deferred to Fundraising Society Meeting

Green Space & DOW Grant – Jennifer D.

Stencil Update – Stencil Date Change – May 30th @ 3:30pm unless the weather foils us again

ASCA Conference Documents – not uploaded yet

New Business – Amanda S.

Final Report - We are required to submit a final report to EIPS regarding all our activities and accounting for the 2021/22 school year. Jenn D. will be working on it in June and present it at our last meeting.

Board Intentions for 2022/23 - At our last meeting in June we would like to get a sense of who is interested in board positions for next year. There are two boards – school council and fundraising society and historically the same people do both as we have not had enough volunteers. However, it is possible to be the Chair, or Secretary, or Vice Chair, for just school council and not fundraising society if there are willing volunteers to fill the positions. There is also the Hot Lunch Coordinator, Casino, and Green Space Coordinator roles. So, between now and June 22 please give some thought to what you may be willing and able to volunteer for in September. We know a lot can change over the summer but this will just give us a rough idea of what we are looking at and how much active recruitment we will need to do at the end of August. If you have any questions about a role please reach out to those currently doing them and/or read the operating procedures on the website.

Questions & Comments

Adjournment @ 7:42 pm

Next Meeting June 22, 2022 @ 7:00pm

EPE Trustee Report – _May 25, 2022

Ralph Sorochan

1) **APPRECIATION** to everyone for coming out, tonight.

2) **RECENT BUDGET REALLOCATION** - \$400,000 was recently reallocated out of the current Division budget to support schools division wide, for enhancing student achievement and school supports.

3) **Policy Updates** – _A number of policies had minor vocabulary adjustments made over the last several Board meetings to strengthen clarity and understanding.

4) **SUMMER PROJECTS ECOLE PARC**

ECOLE PARC ELEMENTAIRE		
	Fire Inspections & Deficiencies	Spring
	Elevator Inspection & Maintenance	Summer
	Geotechnical Investigation	Summer
	Custodial Services - Annual Cleaning Regime	Summer

	Gym Floor Refinishing	Summer
	HVAC System Preventative Maintenance	Summer
	Grounds Maintenance	Summer

Ecole Parc Elementaire		
	Front Entrance Concrete Repair	\$ 30,000.00
	Remove the Science Lab benches (islands)	\$ 60,000.00
	Remove computer tables to provide more space	\$ 25,000.00
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5) **EIPS 3-YEAR ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY** – _Over the next 3 years, EIPS will engage the community about several important topics, identified as areas of concern, - categorized into four specific projects.

Project 1 – _Three-Year Strathcona Engagement (Attendance Areas, French Immersion Review, System Program Review, Balance Senior High enrolment)

Project 2 – Enrolment pressures (James Mowat and possibly Davidson Creek)

Project 3 – LOGOS Program Review

Project 4 – _Value Scoping Session - Vegreville (- used to identify solutions that provide highest value while maximizing utilization and functionality of school infrastructure to create optimal learning environments).

6) 4-Year Education Plan was passed by the Board, at today’s Board meeting.

7) **SPRING 2022 BUDGET** – _The Board took part in multiple budget working sessions over the last few months to present a spring budget (\$202,416,333) to the government by May 31. A special Board meeting was held on May 19, at 9:00 AM, to publicly review the entire budget prior to submission and today, the spring budget was passed. All details are available on www.eips.ca.

- **_Reserves:** New in 2022-23, the province defined the Operating Reserve Limit parameters. School boards must keep operating reserves within a certain percentage of the operating expenses. Alberta Education will recover any money school boards hold in excess of that set limit—in December 2023. For EIPS, the limit is 3.15%, or an estimated \$6.07 million. Administration will ensure operating reserves are below that number.
- **_Expenses:** The Division anticipates overall expenses to increase—mostly because of rising fuel, inflation, insurance, and Federal Carbon Tax costs. These increases mainly affect Student Transportation budgets, school fees and utility costs.

8) **UPCOMING EIPS BOARD MEETING** – _June 16th at 9:00 AM.

9) QUESTIONS