

**Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
November 23rd, 2015**

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Glenys Boe @ 6:32.

In Attendance: Tamia Richardson, Glenys Boe, Kallen Boe, Teri-Ann Trohubiak, Mackenzie Trohubiak, Rod Leatherdale, Darby Hanson, Kathy Gunderson, Cathy Farnell, Spencer Farnell, Treena Stafford, Angela De Jong, Dave Gunderson.

Adoption of Minutes from September 21st, 2015 meeting:

- Kathy Gunderson moved to adopt the September 21st, 2015 meeting, seconded by Cathy Farnell, unanimously passed.

Teacher Representative: Tamia Richardson

1. Bison's Football team won provincial Tier IV Semi Final game this past weekend and will go to the Tier IV Provincials against Willow Creek.
2. Volleyball season is almost over. All teams have done well. Basketball tryouts have begun.
3. Bullying Awareness Week was last week – students were involved in various daily activities in their classrooms – all students were encouraged to sign the Stand Up to bullying banner outside of Student Services.
4. Remembrance celebration was on November 6th before the break.
5. A variety of students and their families attended the Career Fair last week at the Holiday Inn in Sherwood Park.
6. EIPS Improvaganza workshop will be held this Friday at Ardrossan.
7. Over a nine week period from November 2nd to December 20th, 2015, schools across EIPS were delegated two week time slots to collect as much e-waste as possible. EIPS has teamed up with Global Electric Electronic Processing to launch the E-Waste Collection Challenge. Our weeks are November 16th to November 27th. Students can bring a variety of electronic devices from home (anything the size of a microwave or smaller that can be plugged in or is battery operated).
8. Parent Survey was sent out. We will be hosting an Alberta Health Services session on February 24th, 2016. At this point the chosen session is Keeping Scattered Adolescents on Track: Supporting Students with ADHD. Survey deadline is November 25th, 2015.

9. Post-secondary visits recently – NAIT last week and MacEwan University on December 2nd, 2015.

Student Representative: Mackenzie Trohubiak

Concern raised respecting peanut and fragrance allergens. The Administration staff will take steps to assist in raising awareness in the school that there are students with severe allergies, including considering including it in the next newsletter as a reminder.

Administration Report:

1. Follow Up:
 - a. DELF Exam – the cost is \$275 and is not covered any more
 - b. Guest Speakers
 - Constable Rick Green speaking after the meeting to parents and students
 - Mental Health Seminar to be held at the school, but open to any school. Flyers will be distributed. The topic will be dependent on the parent survey and the surveys have had a fairly good response.
2. PAT and Dip Results:
 - a. Some feeder schools have had trouble with Grade 6 PAT results and are asking for some assistance in increasing the success of their students on those exams.
 - b. School results were very strong. In most categories the results exceeded both the Province and EIPS averages.
3. Ardrossan SEPR – 2015-18, Year 1
The school is discussing timely assessment feedback and appropriate timelines for that feedback.
4. Class Sizes
The averages for option class sizes are 26 students in grades 7, 8 and 9 and 25.5 students in grades 10, 11 and 12. Looking at just core classes those averages are 24.1 for grades 7, 8 and 9 and 26.1 for grades 10, 11 and 12. The administration is working to deal with large classes that fall outside of those numbers.

5. Accountability Pillar Survey
There are 16 measures and on 15 of the 16 measures we were above the measures. The diploma exam participation rate was 56.6% which is lower than the EIPS average, but Mr. Vanderburgh is following up on that result to ensure it is accurate.
6. Food Drive and Clothing Drive
The school is combining the two drives and they will be led by Mrs. Birkbeck and Mrs. Childs. Administration will do what they can to motivate the students.
7. Great Kids
Next year Mr. Vanderburgh will look for the program details in September to provide sufficient time to nominate students.

COSC Report: Kathy Gunderson

September 23rd (Wednesday) 4:30 – 6:30 pm (Mix & Mingle)

- Was an opportunity to meet with EIPS Central Office Staff – Superintendent Marc Ligouri, principals and parent council representatives.

October 7th, 2015 (Wednesday)

- Organizational meeting – elections for Chair, Vice, Secretary and Planning Board Report
ATA Report
- Presentation – Parents Empowering Parents
Organization Supports families dealing with substance abuse
Sessions offered every 2nd Tuesday at Health Unit and are free
- Information was shared on the traffic safety roundtable
2 reps from EIRS, EICS, County, Province and suggestions were shared around increasing traffic safety at schools.

November 4th, 2015

Board Report

ATA Report

- Information provided on:
 - Communication protocol developed and used by one School Council
 - Playground vs. school zone information

- EIPS Parent Survey – available until November 24th
- Great Kids Awards – nominations for 5-18 yr by November 27th
- Excellence in Teaching nominations put on hold by new government
- Fort Saskatchewan Boundary Review process
- Presentation on Elementary Report Card Update
- Information on School Results Review Process by Mark Ligouri

Old Business:

We understand that Universities are still looking at blended marks for students and not just 100% diploma results.

New Business:

There was a question about school fees and the \$20.00 student council fees. What does that cover? As we had Constable Rick Green waiting to speak the item was tabled for next meeting.

Next Meetings:

- February 22nd, 2016
- May 16th, 2016

Adjournment: 7:25 p.m.