

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
February 24th, 2016

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Leslie Kiist @ 6:45.

In Attendance: Dan Vanderburgh, Leslie Kiist, Skip Gordon, Darby Hanson, Adrian Footz, Terri-Ann Trohubiak, Joanne Dewart, Jennifer Mailer, Kathy Gunderson, Treena Stafford, Cathy Farnell.

Adoption of Minutes from November 23rd, 2015 meeting:

- Cathy Farnell moved to adopt the November 23rd, 2015 meeting, seconded by Kathy Gunderson, unanimously passed.

CPF Report: Jennifer Mailer

- Carnival is coming up and the lack of snow has resulted in some changes to the plans.
- The French Family Fun Weekend is in Jasper the weekend of November 25-27, 2016.

Teacher Representative: Adrian Footz

1. Student Forum – there were 10 representatives from the school, mostly from grades 10 and 11.
2. LEGO League Championship – Five grade 7 students won the Strategy and Innovation award at the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) LEGO League Championship.
3. Wednesday February 24 is pink shirt day. The school is not selling pink shirts this year.
4. AHS Parenting Teens presentation is Wednesday February 24. There are about 40 people signed up to attend.
5. The Drama Production Father of the Bride runs March 16-19
6. March 11 is Jazz Night. There will be a Silent Auction to benefit the Jazz Band
7. There is a Pilot Project of a small group working through the curriculum in relation to The Fourth R.
8. Mr. McKinnon's archery program has been very successful. There are 35-40 junior high students involved and they are at the NASP Tournament in March where teams from across Alberta will compete.

Trustee Report: Skip Gordon

1. February 16 was the Student Forum
2. April 14 is the deadline for boundary exemptions
3. School Status Report 2014-2015 – the average cost per EIPS student is \$7,340. EIPS currently has 19 schools operating above that average and the Division's utilization rate is 76% which is an increase of 1% from the previous year.
4. The projected opening of the Elementary School in September 2017 continues to be on schedule.
5. April 22-24 is the ASCA Conference. The School Board will pay the registration fee for 1 student council member from each EIPS school.

Administration Report:

1. Follow Up

Student Council Fee: Examples of what the money is used for include; Young Authors Conference, Young Scientists Conference, Concrete Theatre, Company Family Theatre, SAFFRON, Bully Performance Project, Week of Welcome, School Spirit Activities, Western Days, Read in Week, Expecting Respect

2. Boundary Exemption Process:

Request to change schools need to be made by April 14th, 2016. The form can be printed off the EIPS website, forms to be taken to the non-designated school of choice.

3. Proposed Fees for 2016/2017

Proposed fees are being finalized. Some fees have increased to reflect increases in rising costs of materials such as food in Foods class, festival passes for Drama classes and art supplies for Art classes.

4. Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Monday, March 21st, Tuesday March 22, 5-8 p.m.

5. EIPS High School Information Evening

Tuesday, March 1st, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Agora Centre (by public library in the County building).

Things to be discussed will include diploma requirements, scholarships, options available at various EIPS schools, etc.

6. Ardrossan Jr. Sr. Open House

Tuesday March 15th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

7. Staff Treats

Thank you.

8. French Immersion

DELPH Exam – 12 students wrote the exam while 18 had originally had signed up for it. They are not sure why there was a difference of six (6) students EIPS no longer covers the fee for the exam. The fee is \$300.00

Mr. Cormier – seconded for half a year and Mr. Gray has been hired. Mrs. Parker-Young is on maternity leave and Mrs. Cullum will also be on leave as of the end of March. Mrs. Booij is also pregnant.

9. Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environment (Darby)

There is an on-line link, open until March 2nd. Administrative procedures are to be established in accordance with Policy #19 (the District Policy). The Student Form was for Student Feedback and by March 31st EIPS is to have a Policy submitted.

COSC Report: Kathy Gunderson

January meeting

1. Board has approved calendars for the next 2 years. They are available on-line
2. Standardized exam results were reviewed.
3. There was a presentation on school council engagement and effective engagement of parents. Kathy suggested giving out information at the Open House about school council, including a contact list. She also suggested putting important issues and topics that draw people out on the agenda and sending the agenda out to parents in advance. The presentation is available on-line.
4. Alberta School Council Association will come out and do sessions for school councils and have on-line sessions. There is also a Q & A on-line community.

February meeting

1. Boundary Exemption
2. ASCA Conference – April 22-24. The Board will pay for one person to attend (and the school indicated they would pay for another if there was interest). Kathy thinks it would be valuable for someone new to attend because her child is graduating this year.
3. Policy 19 (Access to and Release of Student Information) – important for people to give feedback.

New Business:

There was an altercation at the school. It is being handled and the school is looking to refine some procedures that may be helpful if a similar situation arises. For example, the school plans to schedule a fire drill over a lunch hour so that it is clear what is expected of students for a drill during non-class time.

Next Meeting:

May 16th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.