

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
September 21st, 2020

In Attendance: MJ Nam, Skip Gordon, Paul Schwartz, Lonnie Hicks, Ron Horton, Hannah Q, Asma Ammouneh, Jacqueline Fraser, Jackie Anderson, Jen Mailer, Jessica Smith, Wendy Marty, Angela Ayers, Shelly Gall Christenson, Celeste Burdinsky, Tracey Silliker, Monica Benoit, Jennie March, Pollyanna Peters, Kasia Spiker, Kay-Lee Nygren, Cathy Farnell

1. Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions:
MJ Nam thanked everyone for joining the meeting and explained that as we have no current Chair she would run the meeting tonight.
3. Approval of Minutes from June 1, 2020 meeting.
4. Discussion re filling this year's positions for PAC. MJ advised that there are typically meeting approximately every 2 months. Last year there were extra meetings resulting from the funding changes. The positions were filled as follows:

Jackie Anderson – Chair and COSC Representative
Jennie March – Vice-Chair
Cathy Farnell - Secretary
5. Trustee Report - Skip Gordon

See attached report titled Parent Council Meeting September, 2020
6. Administration Report – MJ Nam

See attached report titled Administration Report.

In addition, the following was discussed:

Respecting the Budget:
 - Allocation of Funds was received today and is based on the number of students. The school's allocation was \$113,000 and it will be used for classroom configurations, learning gaps and mental health supports.
Information about Brightspace and logging into parent accounts will be sent tomorrow.
7. Student Council Report – Hannah Q.

See attached Student council report.

8. Mental Health Capacity Building – Asma Ammouneh and Jacqueline Fraser

This is year 3 of the 3 year Mental Health Capacity Building Project.

Asma and Jacqueline are available to help PAC, so please let them know how we want them to help out. They are currently working on getting to know the students, families and staff. Information from them will be shared in the Bison Tracks.

There was a parent question about support in relation to the recent motor vehicle accident involving youths from the area. MJ advised that the counselors at the school are having conversations around that accident and available to help.

9. No new business.

10. No CPF report.

11. Correspondence - will be provided to Jackie as Chair.

12. Staff/Teacher Report – Mr. Horton

Thank you for the parent support.

13. Next Meeting – November 30, 2020. Format will depend on what is safe at that time.

14. Adjournment – 7:04 pm

Parent Council Meeting September, 2020

At the Organizational Board meeting held on August 27, Trustee Trina Boymook of Sherwood Park was acclaimed the Chair and Coleen Holowaychuk of Lamont County was acclaimed Vice-Chair for the 2020-2021 school year.

As of September 3, EIPS had 17,052 students. 14,892 in-school (87.3%)and 1,992 out-of-school (11.7%).

EIPS is set to receive \$6.11 million from the federal government to aid in the safe re-opening of our schools. EIPS believes that the needs of schools exceed this \$6.11 million grant. As such, the Division is allocating an additional \$2.03 million toward our COVID 19 response. We will be using our unallocated reserves and budget efficiencies. This brings our COVID response to a total of \$8.14 million. EIPS will focus the added dollars in a variety of areas.

- Out of school learning: \$1.7 million will go to out-of-school learning to hire extra teaching staff. The additional funds ensure appropriate support for out-of-school learners, pre-K to grade 12.
- In school learning: \$2.96 million to flow directly to schools to address areas of concern. Because specific needs vary from school to school, principals are in the best position to determine how to use these funds effectively.
- Student and staff safety: EIPS will be absorbing the cost of personal protective equipment, hand sanitizer, and additional school bus cleaning and janitorial services when a school has a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Medical leave: Additional dollars are allocated for staff medical leave and substitute costs related to legally mandated isolation and quarantine requirements.
- Student transportation: Additional dollars will go to Student Transportation for extra cleaning and disinfecting of EIPS busses.

We think it is important for parents to understand the funding position EIPS currently finds itself in. In 2018, revenue from Alberta Education to EIPS was \$182 million. In 2019 that figure dropped to \$176 million. This year that figure rose by \$1.4 million to about \$178 million. Alberta Education loudly proclaims that they have increased our funding over last year by \$1.4 million. While we are indeed grateful for this increase, what they are neglecting to mention is the cut from \$182 million to \$176 million that occurred from 2018 to 2019. It is just some information for everyone to think about.

Administration Report
Ardrrossan School Council
September 21, 2020 6:30 p.m. Virtual

Welcome/Introduction

- Thank you for becoming involved!
- open door policy-communication is key-website-newsletter-Bison Tracks -Parent Portal
- decisions made based on what is best for the student(s) individually as well as in the big picture with all students

Current Status and Issues:

- enrolment now at approximately 870- Total
 141- grade 7, 193 - grade 8, 109-grade 9, 142- grade 10, 153- grade 11, 132- grade 12
 Out of school learners- 70

School Education Plan:

Every 3 years, all schools in Alberta develop a School Education Plan (SEP)

In EIPS, our School Education Plan process is now combined with the School Results report and is submitted every 3 years

Our SEP was developed based on current Alberta Education goals, EIPS goals, our students' need, our school needs and current situation, the programs we are able to offer, and the resources we have

Staff have been working together to determine priorities, and then administrative team put it all together

Plan will be submitted to the superintendent

Plan is in the third of three years

Based on Accountability Survey in grade 7 and 10 and PAT/Diploma results

3 School Goals:

GOAL 1:

Promote growth and success for all students in the area of literacy and numeracy. (EIPS Priority 1: Goal 3)

GOAL 2:

To increase community involvement by developing resilient, empathetic citizens, and encouraging a school culture of social responsibility. (EIPS Priority 2: Goal 1)

Feedback or questions?

Student - Parent - Teacher Conferences: This year we want to welcome you to our Student - Parent - Teacher Conferences in October

What can you expect at the first conference dates? October 8 - will allow an 8 minute sharing of information. Please use the schoolinterviews.ca to schedule your 8 minutes for each child starting on **Friday, October 2 at 4 p.m.** until **Wednesday, Oct. 7@ 4 p.m.**

PAT results and Diploma Results

Official results in October - look on website-questions or feedback to me- present to SC at November meeting

Safety

Thank you to all families for keeping all our kids safe- COVID Protocols
Parking lots and slowing down
Drop off

New staff

Welcome to Mr. Skylar Hoffos for Mr. Reimer, Ms. Kristen Davies for Ms. Meagan Kelm, Mr. Kris Milligan and Ms. Abbey Preston Library Tech. and Mr. Nicholas Kwasny Lab Tech.

Events previous

Grade level visits
Welcome week- Apple Day, Cookie Day, Hat Day, Bison Pride Wear
GSA-Thank you to Mme Robinson
Student Fee Invoice online
Picture Day-Icon

Future Events

Health 7 DARE presentations
Oct. 5 - World Teacher Day
Read in Week-October 5 to 9
PST interviews Oct. 8
Oct. 9- Professional Learning day- no classes
Oct. 13 to 16- Jr. High and Sr. High Awards Recognition
Picture retake- Oct. 13

Student council report

- On September 16th the Ardrossan student council held their first official meeting. During that time they held the vote for who will be in place for the executive positions.
- List of students holding executive positions:
 - Alexis I was voted to be the new student council president
 - Rylee M volunteered to be the new treasurer
 - Micayla R was voted to be the new secretary
 - Lauren P won the vote to be the new volunteer coordinator
 - Ava G was voted to be the new social media manager
- Hannah Q volunteered to be the parent liaison but will have a jr liaison accompanying her in future meetings
- After the vote was held Student council discussed what days the meetings will be held, almost all were in agreement to Wednesdays at lunch.
- Student council is proud to announce that we have nineteen kids in the student council this year, With six of them holding executive positions.