

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School
PAC Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2022

In Attendance: MJ Nam (Principal), Paul Schwartz (Assistant Principal), Lonnie Hicks (Assistant Principal), Jackie Anderson (Chair), Jennie March (Vice-Chair), Wendy Marty (Secretary), Susan Miller (School Trustee), Ron Horton (Teacher Rep.), Bailey Anderson, Lisa Slylarks, Angela Ayers

1. Call to Order: 6:35 pm
2. Welcome and Introduction
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Jennie made the motion to approve the agenda. Lisa seconded.
4. Approval of Minutes (March 14, 2022)
 - Bailey made the motion to approve the minutes. Lisa seconded.
5. Trustee Report – Susan Miller
 - See attached report
6. COSC Report – Jackie Anderson
 - See attached reports.
7. Student Council Report- Bailey Anderson
 - See attached report.
 - Student Council has been working with Mrs Stefiuk facilitator guider to assist the students thank you so much for all of your work Mrs. D!
8. Teacher Report- Ron Horton
 - See attached report.
9. Administration Report – Miss MJ Nam
 - See attached report.
 - School Education Plan Goal 3 - giving kids more opportunity for choice in courses, some courses will be removed due to lack of interest, making room for newer courses.
 - School seeking feedback from parents on how to strategies and measures for achieving goals.
 - Optimum building student capacity 840 students.
 - We are closed boundary so we can maximize funding.
 - \$160,000 short due to less students and funding allocated to school, division has provided additional funding due to the unique French Immersion Jr High Students.
 - It is projected to be a huge increase in students in Ardrossan due to the growth and development.
 - Q: Is Ardrossan receiving funding for to help bridge learning gap? Yes admin are waiting on some additional information and looking at how best to use it and complete the timetables
 - Grade 9 excellence program, staff is working on that and how programming will look.
 - Email survey to be sent to students re semestering Grade 7 parents and students. This is not unusual and was done during covid. This is a possibility moving forward if school moves forward with this plan. SCA did go to semesters for grade 7s and 8s and they kept that system.
 - Options and classes like gym would stay all year long. Sept to Jan they would do English and Math daily then Jan to June they would do Social and Science.
 - Looking at this options as some kids are overwhelmed with 4 core subjects all year long and in hopes to reengage them.
 - Grade 9 Celebration (Mr. Hicks) June 10, 2022, any questions please contact Mr. Hicks.
 - Q: What kind of door prizes? Anything you can donate McDonalds, iTunes, Google Play etc.
 - Grade 12 Ceremony (Mr. Schwartz) June 28, 2022 - any questions please contact Mr. Schwartz.

10. New Business

- a. Programming Plans
 - i. see attached admin report
- b. School Education Plan Feedback
 - i. see attached admin report

11. Old Business

- a. Parents were not sure where to access timing related to practice and tryout times. Question if the website could be possibly be updated with these details.
- b. Bussing fees will be going up - parents to be aware

12. CPF Report

- a. Made a \$330 profit for Easter Fundrasing
- b. Monday May 16, 2022
- c. CPF supporting funds for students' attending the long weekend for French Immersion overnight trip

13. Next Meeting – September 19, 2022 6:30 pm.

14. Bailey made motion to adjourn, Jennie seconded at 7:49pm.

TRUSTEE REPORT – MAY 2022 - AJSH

The Board approved the nomination of Shell Canada for the 2022 Friends of Education Award, an annual event hosted by ASBA. The award's purpose is to recognize and thank the many Alberta-based organizations that contribute to education in their community. For the last five years, Shell Canada has made significant financial contributions to EIPS, including \$185,000. to help develop land-based learning spaces at nine schools – eight in Fort Saskatchewan and one in Bruderheim. And, more are planned in Sherwood Park and Strathcona County. And I am please to announce that Shell Canada is one of 2 recipients of the Friends on Education Award.

The Board approved EIPS 2023-26 Three-Year Capital Plan. Annually, the Board reviews and updated the plan to prioritize its Key capital projects. The top three capital priorities for the Division are:

Priority 1 – Construction funding to replace Sherwood Heights Junior High and Ecole /Campbelltown (grades K-9)

Priority 2 – A replacement school for Rudolph Hennig Junior High and Fort Saskatchewan High (grades 7-12)

Priority 3 - A replacement school for James Mowat Elementary (grades K-6)

Now approved, the Division has submitted the Three-Year Capital Plan to the Province for funding consideration.

At the April 21 Board Meeting, trustees approved school fees for 2022-2023; Communication Services has added a link to the 2022-23 school fees on each school website.

The Board has approved the facility rental fees and lease rates for the 2022-23 school year. The website has been updated to reflect the new rates.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Canadian Imperial College, in collaboration with non-profit Canadian Imperial Advantage, is offering the [Youth Entrepreneurship Mentorship Program](#) (YEMP) this summer. YEMP is a 12-week long empowerment program for youth and budding entrepreneurs ages 15-35 years who're interested in starting a business or learning the basics of entrepreneurship. At completion, youth will gain basic knowledge and skills to become entrepreneurs. Participants will be paired with mentors for guidance, to move forward in their business or career, and develop their networks in the community. The program runs every Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., **June 27 to Aug. 16, 2022**

Last week the education minister announced that the government is taking more steps to equip students with literacy knowledge and skills to prepare them for success. Students in grades 3 – 12, will benefit from an investment of 5 million dollars into financial literacy programming over the next three years

The Board of Trustees will be attending the Alberta School Board Associations Spring General Meeting, June 5-7, 2022, in Red Deer. The theme of this year's SGM is "Leading in Unity: Together Towards Tomorrow."

ELK ISLAND JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETICS EXPANDS IN FALL 2022

Sherwood Park, AB. — There will be a much larger footprint on the local junior high athletics scene this fall as Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS), Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) and New Horizons School have entered into an agreement to see the league expand from its current 16 member schools to 22 member schools. The schools will compete in seven sports including cross country running, volleyball, basketball, team handball, badminton, golf, and track and field.

COSC Highlights – April and May 2022

Board Report – Trina Boymook

- In April, met with MLA Nate Glubish to discuss approval for plan to go ahead for Sherwood Heights, Ecole Campbelltown, and Pinestreet Elementary
- The board recognized the advocacy of parents and various school councils from Sherwood Park
- Board approved the 3-year capital plan; Sherwood Heights remains top priority
- Due to increased busing costs the board has approved a \$21/student increase in transportation fees – the board has requested there be a cap (if diesel goes above this amount, districts will be reimbursed for amount incurred above cap)
- April 21: \$200.6 million was approved as the budget for the 2022/2023 school year, with \$6.4 million from Operating Reserves
- May 2 was bus driver appreciation day, with members of the board expressing their gratitude to drivers throughout the week at various school locations
- In spite of the request to Minister LaGrange, the Alberta government is moving ahead with the new curriculum rollout
- \$800,000 being directed towards new curriculum rollout with 7 full time teachers currently developing teaching resources; 5 full time teachers will continue with this work
- Next year: - Continue with hand sanitizing protocols and anticipate that staff illnesses will continue to be high
 - Continued investment in common exams (Gr. 10/11 in Science, LA, French)
 - Continuation of Mental Health Plan (3 liaison employee positions to continue with Mental Health capacity)

ATA Report – Deneen Zielke

- March 11/12 there was a virtual political engagement seminar
- Janet Brown shared information on current political trends, voicing that the current MLA is not supportive of the local ATA
- Teachers and students are excited to re-engage in activities (fieldtrips, arts, plays, sporting events, etc.)
- Education Week coming up in May

ASCA Update – Krista Scott & Jacquie Surgenor

- ASCA remains in financial crisis
- Trying to remain responsive and responsible to school councils but with few employees remaining and giving their own personal time this is not sustainable
- ASCA continues to build connections with other political parties to open pathways and forge relationships should the province see new leadership in the near future

- May COSC meeting had a presentation from Brenda at ASCA giving an overview of how school councils now play a key role in the Assurance Framework of school divisions; school boards must provide councils with opportunity to provide advice on development
- Administration must also promote the engagement of parents in school council(s) and facilitate constructive involvement of school councils in school life
- School Council annual reports are due June 28th

Why Data Matters - Mark Liguori, Superintendent (April 6)

- After implementation of new curriculum, we need to know if its working and what kids are learning
- How will the new curriculum be assessed at the Provincial level?
- How will we know how EIPS students are doing provincially, nationally, internationally?
- At some point we need to move beyond the 'excuses' of Covid and a new curriculum and accept the new baseline

Budget Overview – Sandra Stoddard (May 4)

- Budget supports the 4-year Education Plan (priorities, goals, outcomes) and ensures the day-to-day operations are carried out
- 1% increase in base funding for ECS and Gr 1-12
- 1% increase in Operations/Maintenance
- 4.6% increase in Student Transportation (doesn't cover the increased cost for fuel and insurance)
- Adjustments made between grant categories (New grants: Student Wellbeing, Curriculum, New School grant)
- The funding envelope is close to that of the 2021/2022 school year; 2nd year of being "held harmless" due to continued impact of Covid 19
- Current enrolment is 16,942 students (can change up until September)
- \$2,000,572 (2022/2023 School Year)
 - 70.2% - Schools (including supports)
 - 3.4% - Capital & Debt Services/Teacher Pensions
 - 9.0% - Facilities
 - 6.3% - Student Transportation
 - 3.5% - IT
 - 7.6% - Other

Student Council Report May 2022

Mental Health Committee:

- Had Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd
- World Health Day on April 7th
- There were educational Instagram posts for both of these days
- On May 3rd it was teacher appreciation day. Hot chocolate, donuts, and timbits were given to teachers. Students could submit a teacher appreciation form on a google doc. Kind books were also made for teachers.
- May 4th was hats on for mental health day. There was a photobooth, and anyone wearing a hat could enter into a draw to win an Ardrossan Toque from the school.
- On May 17th there will be a post on the school's Instagram to recognize international day against transphobia, biphobia, and homophobia.
- Craft Week is June 6th to 10th, this will include rock painting, lego building with calm music, board and card games, improv games and making stress balls filled with rice.

Monthly Madness:

- Student Vs Teacher dodgeball will happen on May 19th, we have 6 teachers signed up so far but are looking for a total of 8. This will be for highschool students only.
- Paper airplane contest day is on May 26th there will be a \$25 Amazon gift card for 3 winners.

Study Buddy:

- 4 groups of students are being mentored right now.

Easter:

- Shuffle cups were posted on the schools Instagram
- Pastel Day
- Photo Booth
- There was a chick and bunny that went to classes to give out treats.
- Total cost was \$166.39

Talent Show:

- There were a total of 7 auditions
- There were 2 winners one received an \$100 dollar amazon gift card and then Jarid won the Ardrossan fan favorite award
- We spent a total of \$170

Parade:

- We have a birthday party theme going
- We are going to make a cardboard cake with cardboard boxes
- We will have big 75 balloons on top

- We will use tablecloths to drape over the cake as icing.

Mothers Day:

- Budget of \$300
- We had plant and herb potting tea and snacks
- There was a silent auction
- Hoped to fundraise \$400-500 for the women's shelter (final report has not been completed yet)

Fathers Day:

- Will be June 29th from 6:30-8:30
- There will be root beer floats, lawn games, baked potatoes, and a Dad joke competition. The winner will receive a prize.

Scavenger Hunt:

- May 9th-27th
- There are 22 items on the list
- Prize is a \$50 gift card
- Posters for information are around the school

Western Week:

- Events have been approved by Ms Nam.
- Waiting to start preparations

Report to Ardrossan Jr/Sr High School Parent Council

By: Ron Horton, Teacher Representative

May 9, 2022

Ardrossan teachers are extremely busy as we are getting students ready for the last two months of the school year. There is an incredible amount of work to be done and teachers certainly appreciate the support you are giving your child at home to keep them caught up and striving for excellence.

Teachers are also looking to next year and what that will bring. They have already been putting in work on school goals and timetabling.

Several teachers are coaching sports teams and donating their time to extracurricular activities (drama productions, for example) within the school to help enrich the experience of students. Ms. Stefiuk and student council have been working wonders on amazing initiatives around the school.

About fifty of our fifteen year old students were selected at random to write the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA). This is an international test that is given every three years and shows results between countries in mathematics, science, and reading.

As always, we are truly appreciative of the support that Ardrossan parents give us. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Administration Report
Ardrossan Jr. Sr. High School Council Meeting
May 10, 2021

School Education Plan:

- our 3 goals are:

GOAL 1:

Student Engagement at AJS

1-Student academic, social and emotional engagement at AJS will increase by leveraging student-centered practices in all subject areas.

GOAL 2:

High Quality Teaching and Learning Environment at AJS

2-By developing and leveraging teacher capacity to provide differentiated instruction, students will experience growth in knowledge, skills and attitudes to become confident and competent learners as indicated by formative and summative assessment data collected throughout the school year.

GOAL 3:

Students develop positive and effective citizenship skills and behaviours at AJS

3-By assessing students' interests in curricular and extra-curricular learning activities and implementing those that facilitate pride in themselves and their school, AJS students will feel safe, respected, treated fairly at school and well prepared for life.

Budget and Staffing Update:

- Projections 2022-23 850 to 830 Approximately \$300 000- Division support with one time funding due to our programming in French Immersion Jr. High.
- we will make adjustments to both classes and budget as needed in September

Decrease in funding as enrollment has decreased.

Grade 9 Ardrossan Excellence (AEP) which would promote not only academic excellence but community, school responsibility and involvement.

Staff is working on the focus and components.

Grade 8 -Semesters- to increase focus on learning. 2 core per semester- Literacy and STEM will be year long

Final Sitting Schedule - no leaving after exams-Junior High
Last day of sittings- Tuesday, June 28th.

Study, Homework, and Doing Your Best

One of the most common questions parents raise at interviews is:

What can we do to help our child improve their marks by the end of the year? There are several steps that can be adhered to which will **enable and ensure success** not only at junior high, but at all grade levels of school work. Using these steps at home will make a tremendous difference.

1. Have a set time to do homework as well as additional time set for nightly study.
2. Have a quiet and comfortable work environment.
3. Monitor that work/study is actually being done.
4. Be available to assist if needed.
5. Ensure studying occurs throughout the term rather than the night or week prior to exams. When your child indicates they have no homework, they do have study and review of the day's, week's and term work.
6. Development of positive work habits can only improve results.
7. Be in contact with teachers through interviews, telephone calls, e-mail or notes and letters.
8. Studying is not just reading over the material, but also rewriting, redoing, practicing, discussing with others, asking as well as answering questions.
9. Check your child's agenda regularly and insist that it be used and filled in.

****EXAM SCHEDULE** - on website**

Grade 9 Celebration - Mr. Hicks

We are pleased to share that we will be celebrating the transition of our grade 9 students to Ardrossan Senior High School on June 10, 2022. Please save the date!

The semi-formal celebration will include a certificate ceremony with many opportunities for photographs, a photo booth, finger foods and beverages, and a dance in the cafeteria. **As the AJS grade 9 class is large, only Ardrossan Grade 9 students may purchase tickets to attend the dance. This event is for the grade 9s to celebrate together.**

There are many opportunities for parents and staff to participate in this event through set-up, chaperoning, and clean-up.

The event begins in the theatre at 6:00 PM with a presentation of Grade 9 Completion Certificates. Following the presentation, we will have a dance for our students in the cafeteria from 7:00-10:00 PM. During the dance, please visit the photobooth to capture your celebration memories! If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please let me know by submitting your name on the google sheet that was emailed to our students and parents, or contacting Lonnie Hicks by phone or email.

Participation in the certificate ceremony is at no cost. Due to the size of the grade 9 class, each student will initially receive two tickets for grade 9 parents/guardians to attend the certificate presentation. Unclaimed tickets will be made available to families that would like them. Tickets for the dance are \$15 per student to cover the costs of the photobooth, refreshments, DJs and decorations. The ticket fee will be added to each student's Rycor fee account. Please pay the dance fee no later than June 9. Contact me by email or telephone if your student is **NOT** attending the dance component of the celebration so we can remove the fee.

Graduation – Mr. Schwartz

Grad Ceremony details:

When: **Tuesday June 28th 4:30p.m. to 7:30pm**

Where: **Sherwood Park Alliance Church**

1011 Clover Bar Road, Sherwood Park

What: **Graduation Commencement Ceremony** (facility seats 1000 people)

Ceremony tickets for guests will be \$10 each and will be limited to 6 guests per Grad.

(Graduates do not need a ticket) Any extra tickets will be made available if possible. Ticket purchases can be made on the Powerschool Parent Portal starting May 6th to May 23rd, 2022. We will be doing a lottery draw for different seating zones on the floor (1000 seats) the week of May 24th to 27th.

There will be a formal section of the ceremony where Grads will be able to do a promenade in their formal wear, as well as the promenade of Grads in their Grad gowns

Grad Fee

The Grad fee in the amount of \$95.00 has been added to the Parent Portal. Please pay this fee no later than May 31st. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Kim Walsh, Business Manager at kim.walsh@eips.ca.

Grad Ceremony Nominations: (Graduates only)

We need your nominations for Master of Ceremonies, Toast To Parents, Guest Speaker, and Student Performers.

Graduates Only please use this link: [Click Here](#)

Other Grad information:

Grad Song: **“We are Young” – by Fun**

Grad Theme: **“We can burn brighter than the sun”**

Photos for the Grad slide show. Please utilize the google folder or email directly to her Nadine.stefiuk@eips.ca

We still need the following from many of you, deadlines are fast approaching.

1. **Yearbook Quote Submission** Deadline is May 27th at 4pm
Please click on this link [HERE](#)

Grad Brightspace (For Scholarship information: You will see it on your student Brightspace page)