



MEETING MINUTES

Lakeland Ridge Parent Council

Tuesday November 20, 2018 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by Mandy Isaac, Vice-Chair

In Attendance

• Ms. Kerr, Assistant Principal (Jr High)	• Mandy Isaac, Acting-Chair
• Ms. Ference, Assistant Principal (Elementary)	• Mandy Isaac, Vice-Chair
• Annette Hubik, EIPS Board Trustee	• Mandy Isaac, Secretary
• Erin Dawson-Meyers, Strathcona County FCS	• 7 Parents

Approval of Minutes & Agenda

The minutes for October were reviewed; motioned by Mandy Isaac and seconded by Sheri Staigh. Approved. Motion to accept Agenda made by Mandy Isaac and seconded by Sheri Staigh Approved as is.

Board

The Board, Administration and parents were introduced.

Reports

a. EIPS Board Trustee

- School Council Meeting – November 2018
- EIPS Trustee Report
- By Annette Hubick
- Pre-enrolment/re-registration process, timing
- * In review of last year's pre-enrolment process, feedback was gathered and used to refine the 2018-19 school year processes. One area of feedback received was the title pre-enrolment was confusing to parents wanting to identify their intentions for a school for their child for the next school year. As such, it was decided to change the name to a re-registration process for the purpose of clarity.
- * The re-registration process and the pre-enrolment process of kindergarten and new students to the Division will occur throughout the month of February enabling pre-enrolment data to support budget allocation decisions.
- Fall Budget
- The 2018-19 Budget is being presented at the November 22 board meeting with an operating deficit of \$3.97 million, to be offset by operating reserves, reducing our Division Unallocated Reserves to \$4.26 million or 2.1% of operating expenses. Note: EIPS's minimum level is 2% of the budget, or approximately \$4 million.
- ASBA General Meeting – Nov 19
- Funding dominated the discussion. For example:
 - * Unpredictable funding (e.g. CIF creates new expectations but we only know year to year)
 - * 10 funds have been cut since 2008
 - * Large Initiatives like the new K-4 curriculum with no financial supports
 - * Mental and physical health costs that have been downloaded onto the education system.
 - * Plant Operations & Maintenance funds – e.g., we've added two schools to address enrolment pressures; however, because funding is based per student, we have less funds per building.
- Andrew Consultation
- * On Thursday, November 22, the division is hosting a community consultation in Andrew to discuss high school programming. Over the past year, the Board and administration have been discussing high school programming at Andrew

School. We're concerned that students in grades 10 to 12 don't have access to the same variety of courses and the same high school experience as students attending other senior highs in the Division.

- * There are far fewer students attending high school in Andrew than in other areas – right now, there are seven students in Grade 10; six students in Grade 11; and six students in Grade 12.
- * We want to clearly understand what students, parents and residents of the area consider most important about a senior high education, and to get their input about how to best address the challenges we're facing. They may not share our concerns or offer solutions that work best for them.
- * Although Andrew is not in Sherwood Park, I'm sharing this as an example of EIPS's commitment to public engagement.
- Results Review
- Conducting Results Reviews are an important function of our role as trustees to hold the division accountable for working toward the division's goals and priorities in a fiscally responsible manner.
- * Central Office (each department, over 2 days)
- * Superintendent (full day)
- * Division – AERR (Thursday's board meeting)
- * Schools (3 days starting Nov 23)
- I encourage you to read your school's annual report and education plans.
- Transportation funding
- Although a formal announcement has not been made, Rick Grebenstein, Manager of Transportation Services at Alberta Education announced at the Student Transportation Association of Alberta (STAA) supervisor's meeting in late October that after a thorough review, the government has decided not to adjust the funding criteria and that a formal announcement would be released by the end of October. To date, there has been no announcement from the Minister.
- Transportation regulation challenges
- Here is an example of regulations imposed that, while perhaps introduced with good intentions, have unintended negative consequences to school boards.
- 1. S-Endorsement Program
- * The S-Endorsement is currently mandated by the provincial government for all school bus drivers
- * Effective March 2019, all class 4 drivers, which include any staff or volunteers operating our multi-function buses (the "white buses") to transport students on fieldtrips, to complete the S-Endorsement program. The program consists of 16 hours of in-class instruction and an additional two hours for a road test.
- * This could have a significant impact on programming and extracurricular activities. Schools will also have to pay for release time for these staff to take the training.

b. Administration Report

- Results from STAR/PAT's will be available, discussed and shared in November/December.
- New Renovations in the office over Fall Break.
- Mrs. Wright will be on leave.
- Mrs. Hale will be gone November 30 for 6 weeks.
- Kinder EA Lindsay Hayes
- Kindness week: Bully Awareness/Kindness will run November 9-23

c. Mental Health Capacity Building (formerly KEYS)

- Discussion on the new iOS app that allows one to see their screen time usage for the week.
- Have a competition within families to see who can use the least screen time.
- Encourage Instagram users to research the new Instagram guide, the link is [wellbeing.instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com/wellbeing.instagram.com)
- Presentation from FCS available to all: "[Opioids don't discriminate](#)". Jr Highs in Strathcona County were invited to participate with field trips. – ***This event has been postponed***

d. Parent Action Society (PAS)

- Next meeting is January 2019 (Date to be Announced)
- New idea: to ask teachers where the funding should go.
- Working on putting together a committee of parents for staff appreciation days.

Committee of School Councils (COSC) Report

- Met November 7, Alberta Association of School Councils presented.
- Superintendent Mark Liguori discussed School Council Regulations stating that a school council can receive donations on behalf of a board. They may not solicit funds in any manner that would require them to obtain a gaming license under the Gaming and Liquor Act. Also they must handle and report all the money they receive.
- They can still fundraise by selling chocolates, or pizza coupons but nothing like casino nights or bingo, etc.
- Trina Boymook gave the board report. She discussed the Grand opening of Davidson Creek School. She also discussed a presentation by Jeff Wilks who would like the board to consider renaming Pine Street School or Wye Road Replacement School after Zach McCormack. He was a native of Sherwood Park, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2009.
- Deneen Zielke gave the ATA report, 33 teachers were introduced into the ATA in October. They will be having a meet and greet in February with all the candidates in the upcoming election to discuss making education a top priority.
- Superintendent Mark Liguori discussed they upcoming EIPS result review and how to look deeper into the results and not just the numbers. He discussed how we could interpret the results and learn from them. He also discussed the STAR and MIPI assessment tools, what they are, how they are used and what we can learn from them. Parents are welcome to see how their child did on these assessment tools
- Next COSC meeting will be held in January, the discussion will be, *How are schools are meeting the required 30 minutes of exercise every day.*

Old Business

- SC Bylaw Revision-Subcommittee
- Staff Appreciation to be held on December 6

New Business

- a) Provincial Achievements Results and Review
- b) Accountability Pillar Results Review
- c) School Year Book Sports Section

Round Table

- **Board** - There was a discussion about having campus “No Phone Zones”. This is supposed to be discussed in more detail in the New Year.
- **Year Book** – It was brought up by Lauree Lafreniere that the sports section isn’t very detailed for all the sports teams. However it was discussed that the fee to make that section larger is extremely high and it is just the way the yearbook is laid out. It was also brought to our attention that the school currently does not have anyone managing the yearbook.
- **ASCA** – A list a volunteers to review the bylaws *Sheri Staigh, Lauree Lafreniere, Daniell Witzke, Yvette Kadatz, Teresa Bladan.*

Next Meeting

January 15, 2019 @ 6:30pm, Lakeland Ridge School Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15pm and was passed by Amy Dieser.

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