

Trustee Report for Lakeland Ridge School Council

February 2019 – Annette Hubick

Special Board Meeting

On January 10, 2019, the board held a Special Board Meeting at which is approved a new agreement for EIPS's continued provision of educational services at Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary and Secondary schools.

Online Registration

A reminder that the deadline to re-register your students is February 28, 2019. This is especially important for those who are seeking to register in a non-designated school as no applications will be accepted after this date.

January 24, 2019, Board Meeting

It was a very eventful, standing-room-only meeting, which included a “thank you” presentation by the Mayor of Strathcona County for EIPS offering its boardroom and meeting space in the weeks following the explosion at County Hall. There were also three parent delegations on: the German Bilingual Program, the expansion of the French Immersion Program and the renaming of the Wye replacement school. Key decisions made were:

- A majority of the board voted to discontinue the German bilingual program at Mills Haven and replace it with a German Language and Culture program.
- The board unanimously voted to establish a second French Immersion site at the Wye Replacement School (2020-21) and boundaries that will run along Cloverbar Road with students residing west of Cloverbar and rural students designated to Campbelltown; students east of Cloverbar will attend the new Wye replacement school, which will become a dual track school.
- The board asked questions and debated these two issues for several hours.
- The board also unanimously voted to allocate up to \$5000 of its governance budget to fund school council registrations for the Alberta School Boards Association conference in April.

Audit Committee Opportunity

- The board will be seeking two community volunteer members to serve on the Audit Committee effective June 2019.
- The successful candidates will serve on the Audit Committee which reports to the Board of Trustees and assists in ensuring the assets of Elk Island Public Schools are preserved and resources utilized, as approved.
- Deadline to apply is: March 13, 2019. All information about qualifications and expectations is available on the EIPS website.

Labour Exemption Granted for Lunchtime Supervisors

Ministerial Order on January 24: Minister of Labour Christina Gray granted ASBA members an exemption under 74.1 of Employment Standards Code. Schools will not be required to pay lunchtime supervisors a 3-hour minimum. This is a great relief as otherwise lunch time supervision costs would have increased significantly for many schools.

Survey Reminders

Accountability Pillar: Parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10. The deadline is February 22, 2019, and there is an online option this year.

In early March, EIPS will be sending out its own parent survey via School Messenger. Included this year will be questions regarding the use of personal devices at school. The draft survey was presented at the last COSC meeting and the parents had a lot of great feedback to share and changes are being made to reflect their suggestions.

Andrew School

On February 21, 2019, the division is holding Phase 2 of the public consultation on how to address the challenges of delivering the high school program in Andrew. Based on feedback from the first phase, (which included surveys and meetings with community leaders, staff, students and parents) the division is presenting 3 options. All this information was posted to the EIPS website on February 11, under "Andrew Consultation," so that attendees can come prepared and ask questions.

Draft Calendars 2020-21 and 2021-22

To allow for families and staff to plan ahead, the board asked administration to draft calendars for 2021 and 21-22. At the February Education Committee meeting, we were presented with a second round of draft calendars. Both years feature:

- Starting before Labour Day but in September
- November Break
- Spring break
- Last day of school in 20-21 is a Monday. I asked why, and it's because it's a diploma exam day.
- The big difference is a mid-week Christmas break start and end. Otherwise, Christmas would fall half way through the break ... **What do you parents think?**
- These will be coming to the February board meeting for approval.