



# Heritage Hills Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

Learning Commons at HHE

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

In attendance: Lisa Solamillo, Simone Killback, Andrea Kardal, Jodi Lakevold, Jenn Way, Sherri Johnston, Bill Schlacht, Theresa Wells-Taylor, Danielle Till, Lori Tootoosis-Friesen, Erran Milligan, Jada Prodahl

1. Welcome and Call to Order 6:35 – 6:36pm

1.1 Review of the Agenda

Update to the next meeting. Will be April 12th.

2. Updates for Parents:

2.1 School Trustee Update Jim Seutter, School Trustee 6:36 – 6:44pm

- Hiring new Superintendent complete. Sandra Stoddard was selected. Has extensive 35 year background in teaching. Will start on July 1st, 2023.
- Next major work is the fall budget for 2023-2024.
- New provincial funding model for student transportation. That is delaying the student bussing fees for next year.
- Funding of Sherwood Heights school. Provincial funding has come through to pay for that. That will allow for the construction of the new Sherwood Heights school. Sherwood Heights will be a K to 9 school that combines Sherwood Heights as well as Campbelltown. Anticipated opening is 3 years away, as best guess. The current plan is to keep the French Immersion program open in Heritage Hills.
- There are public meetings regarding discussions around the boundaries. New boundaries would come into effect within the next 1.5 years (September 2024).
- Next priority for EIPS schools would be Fort Saskatchewan for review.

2.2 School Update Bill Schlacht & Team 6:44 – 7:20pm

2.2.1 School Education Plan

- Carnival Update: It has been going amazing! Huge help for the parent council and fundraising groups for funding the Cabane a Sucre and the dancers, feedback has been so positive! Stations were running Monday through Wednesday this week and all the kids have been loving it!
- Yearbook Update: Contract with LifeTouch, we need to get to 174 books bought so do a 60 page yearbook. 90 have been sold so far.
- Mascot Update: The Coyote has been revealed! There are plans to name the Mascot as part of the ABC Countdown. Is there a way to bring in a XS size for the ECS classes? This question will be taken back to the vendor.
- Mid-point review and Survey

- Parent Engagement and Surveys are currently open. The Assurance survey helps the school to plan and ensure that it grows.
- 25 responses to the school survey.
- On the weekly newsletter, there is a link at the top to see the Twitter feed, it has a bunch of pictures that parents may not have realized.
- 36% of parents opened their child's report card.
- Book Fair will be coming with the Art Fair this year

#### 2.2.2 School Fees 2023-2024

- This is a difficult topic because it can be divisive between parents.
- School fees did not increase and will not increase for 2023/2024
- Addition to the school fees include a ski trip. The requirement of the hill is that the students all have to participate in a lesson. This will be Div 2 students to start.
- Basketball and Volleyball fees were increased in order to attend additional tournaments for next year
- Yearbook fees increased - that is not within EIPS control.
- Swimming lessons are not on the agenda for 2023/2024.
- French Immersion Field trips - Is there an option to do a canoe volant every 3 years because it is the same field trip every year? Could the French immersion teachers be able to provide other options for field trips so they could differ for Div 1 / Div 2? That is definitely an option for that choice to be made available.
- Registration: Kinder is at 54 registrants in English and 29 in French.

#### 2.3 Resolutions for COSC

Sarah Without

7:35 - 7:45pm

- Tabled until April 12th meeting.

#### 3. Updates:

7:45 – 8:00pm

##### 3.1 HHESC Co-Chair Update (Simone)

- No update

##### 3.2 Council of School Councils (COSC) Information (Sarah)

- No update, a lot of focus on the surveys currently.
- Resolutions will be discussed at the April 12th meeting.
- Education Grant will be used toward having David Irvine (Motivational Speaker on Leadership) come and speak on April 19th at 7p.m. Not clear if this will be in person or virtually.

##### 3.3 Staff Appreciation Representative

- Ideas for staff appreciation
  - Michelle and Sue have stepped down from Staff Appreciation. There is one item in flight.
  - Towards June, we could provide lunch for the staff; staff to determine a date that might work.
  - Google Form that people can call out their teachers and they could get a small card and gift for the kudos.

### 3.4 Fundraising Association (Lisa)

- See FAHHE meeting minutes

4. Adjournment of meeting

7:58 pm

5. Next meeting will be on April 12th , 2023 at 6:30pm both in person and on Microsoft Teams.

Upcoming School Council Meetings:

★ May 10, 2023

★ June 14, 2023 - AGM