



## Heritage Hills Elementary School Council Meeting

September 13, 2023

Draft Meeting Minutes

Learning Commons at HHE

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

**Attendees:** Kelly Annessy, Dani Till, Lisa Solamillo, Erran Milligan, Sarah Witholt, James Kercher, Erin Wallish, Tori Eskelson, Jennifer Shiniman, Charlene Zacharuk, Andrea Kardal, Jennifer Way, Bill Schlacht, Sherri Johnston, Teresa Wells-Taylor, Stacey Carruthers, Trina Boymook

- Welcome and call to order by Kelly Annessy 6:33 pm
  - Introductions
  - Review and approval of agenda - motion by Erran, seconded by Sarah
  - Review and approve past meeting minutes - to be approved at November meeting
  
- Old Business:
  - None
  
- Update for Parents:
  - School Trustee Update 6:39 pm - 7:00 pm  
Trina Boymook, School Board Trustee
    - Cathy Allen is new Chair of Board of Trustees, Susan Miller is Vice-Chair
    - EIPS used a substantial amount of reserves last year
    - Investing in another year of Career Pathways (Jr-Sr High)
    - Mental Health Strategic Plan
    - Surplus funds allocation - schools can apply
    - \$6.5 million in additional funding that is specific to targeted grants
    - \$3.2 million to cover inflationary costs
    - \$858k received for complexity in the classroom
      - \$354k to early learning
      - \$504k to specialized supports for students
    - October 19 board meeting: decision on French Immersion secondary programming
    - Thank you to those who completed the French Immersion survey
    - Trustee retreat September 18-19 to identify priorities
    - September 20 meeting with MLA Kyle Kasawski
    - October 4 COSC Mix and Mingle event

- Reset room pilot project expanding to all junior high schools
- School Update 7:03 pm - 7:24 pm  
Mr. Schlacht and Mme. Johnson
  - Thank you for attending Meet the Staff Night/Welcome BBQ
  - School council/FAHHE organized gifts for teachers, items were donated by parents
  - A year ago we had 497 students (144 French Immersion)  
As of today we have 522 students (143 French Immersion)
  - School Education Plan 2023-2024 (evolving document that is modified throughout the year)
    - Goal 1) Students in red, yellow, and blue STAR Benchmark categories will demonstrate a year's growth from September to June. Students at/above Benchmark will demonstrate ongoing growth and continue to be at/above Benchmark.
    - Goal 2) 95% of survey stakeholders will agree HHE is encouraging students to be responsible, respectful, and engaged citizens
    - Goal 3) Students will demonstrate growth in math classes reviewed in September, December, March, and June.
  - Yearbooks will go to print by Friday, should come in later in October
  - First Nations Metis Inuit (FNMI) representative Mme. Johnston asked: What can we do to support our parents' learning? Would there be interest in a blanket exercise for parents?
    - Giant map as a set scheduled experience and not just part of parent-teacher interviews
    - The school will have the blanket exercise materials this October, can try to schedule a parent evening
- New Business: 7:25 pm - 7:30 pm
  - Education Sessions for upcoming school year
    - Saffron Centre online safety training for parents September 28
    - AHS and EIPS has partnered for a caregiver series offered throughout September
  - School supplies - grey duotangs
    - School was unaware that this colour is difficult to find; this will be revisited next year
  - School sports - parents in the Facebook group have been wondering what sports will be offered and when. There will be volleyball, basketball, and a running club. Question from parent: are there sports available for younger grades? Not at this time.
  - Parent engagement with school council - we are working hard to increase engagement and volunteer support

- Sending information home to parents - school cannot send out or advertise information on behalf of families (i.e. businesses or organizations) for liability reasons
- First Nations, Metis and Inuit Initiatives - covered above in school update
- Question: has school considered having a Meet the Teacher night the day before school? It has come up in conversation, specifically for first grade, but it did not come together this year. Consensus at the meeting is that September 6 worked well this year.
  
- Updates from School Council:
  - Chair - Kelly Anesty 7:30 pm - 7:35 pm
    - Great BBQ event, enjoyed having the sixth graders serve hot dogs
    - Nice to see new and unfamiliar faces at the welcome speech
  - Vice Chair - Jodi Lakevold 7:35 pm - 7:40 pm
    - No update
  - Secretary - Dani Till 7:40 pm - 7:45 pm
    - No update
  
- Adjournment of meeting - motion by Lisa, seconded by Sarah 7:55 pm
  
- Upcoming Meeting Dates:

November 15, 2023	December 2023 - No Meeting	January 17, 2024
February 2024 - No Meeting	March 13, 2024	April 10, 2024
May 8 - 2024 - AGM		