



Heritage Hills Elementary

School Council Meeting

March 13, 2024

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Learning Commons at HHE

1. Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order 6:35 pm - 6:40 pm
 - 1.1. Review and approval of agenda for March 13, 2024
 - ★ Motion to approve by Sarah, seconded by Andrea
 - 1.2. Review and approve past meeting minutes from January 17, 2024
 - ★ Motion to approve by Lisa, seconded by Kelly

2. Old Business: 6:40 pm - 6:43 pm
 - School Council Engagement Grant Application
 - Received \$500 from EIPS that will need to be spent before the end of the year

3. Update for Parents: 6:43 pm - 8:10 pm
 - 3.1. School Update 6:43 pm - 8:10 pm

Mr. Schlacht and School Team

 - New staff
 - Janelle Smith - French ECS teacher covering maternity leave
 - French Immersion pull-out instruction Wednesday afternoons
 - Stacy Carruthers is now assistant principal (until end of June)
 - Justin Mazur away for 2 months, Ward Milligan filling in
 - School fees
 - Reviewed fee schedule (Mr. Schlacht)
 - Field trip fees increased by 5% due to bus fees going up 7%
 - Field trips will be “pay as you go”
 - The school cannot ask for additional field trip payment during the year
 - December email is sent out informing families of school fee discussion, meeting on January 17th discussing fees
 - 2.7% of parents provided feedback via survey (14 responses)
 - Mixed feedback and some questions re: field trips
 - School response re: swimming lessons
 - Swimming is discussed frequently
 - New curriculum is challenging to get through even using all instructional minutes - would be difficult to spare time for swimming
 - Staff comfort level

- Cost
- Staff has not yet felt ready for a ski trip but it has been added to the fee schedule for next year
 - Tentatively first week of March next year
- Lunch fees
 - 10 paid supervisors and 3 admin staff who supervise
 - Supervision for eating is a ratio of 1:2
 - Lunch leaders are building leadership skills, not disciplining or providing lunch/first aid/etc. They play games with kids when they're done eating.
 - Volunteers/paid staff can be challenging as they can be inconsistent and require coverage when absent
- Field trip fees
 - Many factors are considered for field trips, including pricing, comfortability, volunteers, environmental factors (air quality, weather), facilities opening post-Covid, larger cohorts, busing
 - Some field trips can be facilitated in French and have been highlighted for staff to review/choose
 - Some field trips will rotate
 - In-school field trips cut down on transportation costs and increase accessibility
 - Some outside field trip locations have not adapted their presentations to the new curriculum
 - Good feedback re: the options around our school like wetlands, disc golf, skating, etc. but families would like more advance notice for volunteering
- French field trips
 - They have reached out to other F.I. schools for collaborating/ideas
 - Ardrossan has a French camp run by their teachers, Stacy has asked for further information
 - Busing costs
 - In-school field trips are still field trips
 - Canoe Volant will be every 2 years (per parent feedback at council)
 - There was survey feedback re: the suggestion to eliminate the French kindergarten field trip
- Extracurricular activities
 - Assignable time vs. volunteer time for staff leading extracurricular activities
 - Any assigned extracurriculars need to be within reasonable parameters
 - HHE has the longest school day in EIPS so the staff has a lot of assignable time already

- Ms. Carruthers shared a long list of extracurricular events and school events that staff have volunteered time for
 - Misc feedback from survey
 - Div 2 French Immersion students can have a small portion of their day taught in English (which is why gym is taught in English)
 - French students do speak during morning announcements
 - Concerns about assistant principal not having French background (new French AP has been hired for the fall)
- Recent feedback via survey and social media - any issues re: staff members should be directed to them first

3.2. School Trustee Update 8:10 pm - 8:30 pm

Trina Boymook, School Board Trustee - see report for more details

[School Board Trustee Report](#)

- French Immersion programming and retention
 - Jan 25th - board met to approve solution
 - Sr High will go to Salisbury Composite
 - Jr High from Sherwood Park will go to Sherwood Heights
- Approved \$500 to attend COSC conference
- Social studies curriculum update
- Parents can always opt out of health & sexuality content instruction
- 4.4% provincial budget increase - to cover anticipated inflation and growth it would require over 6%

4. New Business - moved to April 17

- ASCA Resolutions will be presented in April
 - [Resolutions Package 2024](#)
- Extra Curricular Activities
 - Process for suggestions

5. Updates from School Council:

5.1. Chair - Kelly Annesty 8:30 pm - 8:50 pm

Motion to move April 10th meeting to April 17th, seconded by Sarah
Thank you to staff

5.2. Vice Chair - no update

5.3. Secretary - no update

5.4. COSC Representative - Sarah - will save updates for April 17th

6. Adjournment of meeting 8:50 pm

7. Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- April 10, 2024
- May 8, 2024 - AGM