

General Meeting

Clover Bar Junior High School Council

-Minutes-

January 20, 2021

6:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

* indicates written report/attachment provided

Attendees: Becky Mitchell, Grant Fiddes, Colleen Alpern, Tracey Neilsen, Jodi Sillers, Sarah Geisler, Karen Willis

NOTE: there were issues getting into the meeting. Moving forward, the link and code will be sent out.

- Call to order @ 6:05
- Welcome and Introductions- Becky Mitchell, Chair
- Review of the Agenda
 - Agenda approved as presented
- Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended)
 - November 2020 - no amendments
 - Approved by Becky, Seconded by Colleen
- Principal's Report: Principal – Colleen Alpern
 1. School administration received both positive and negative feedback about online learning i.e. Brightspace worked well, some students experienced technology issues and had problems submitting assignments
 2. Survey was administered to students upon return to school that addressed online learning, school safety and options for next school year. Feedback from the survey included:
 - approx. 60% of students feel safe at school
 - approx 20% are feeling anxious about their safety in terms of covid at school and on the bus (i.e. is there enough physical distancing to prevent the spread.
 - Results of the survey will be reviewed with staff at the next PD day on Jan 29th.
- General School Update
 1. Mini Mart opened - arranged by grade only day to avoid mixing cohorts
 - Each grade will be able to visit the Mini Mart twice in the 6 day cycle
 - Only Staff preparing and serving food.

- AHS Guidelines being followed.
- 2. Mr. Fiddes planning awards recognition
 - Currently going through criteria
 - Will utilize social media to roll it out at end of January
- 3. End of the semester is Jan 28th.
 - New options will start Feb 1 -core course are full year courses.
- 2020-2021 Fees Review
 - Published the fees that were approved last year, they will stay the same.
 - Have the ability to increase by 5% if necessary.
 - Questions about fees can be sent to the school (Colleen Alpern).
- Trustee's Report: Annette Hubick

PATs

At the December board meeting, trustees voted unanimously to suspend Provincial Achievement Tests for grades 6 and 9 this year.

Junior High Honours

The board voted to establish a junior high honours program as a system program. The sites will be: Ardrossan Junior/Senior, FR Haythorne and Sherwood Heights. The program is available to students in grades 8 & 9.

Calendar Change

- Municipalities have confirmed that they will be using several EIPS schools as polling stations for the fall 2021 elections.
- In consideration of the unknown status of pandemic-related protocols in the fall, EIPS trustees voted in favour of a minor adjustment to the 2021-2021 calendar.
- A PD day was moved from Friday, October 8, to election day, Monday, October 18, so as to reduce the number of people in the building.

School Information Nights - 2021

High School

Virtual open houses:

- IB program at SAL: Jan 26
- AP program at Bev Facey: Jan 28
- SAL – general: Feb 11
- Bev Facey – general: Feb 10

2021-2022 Student Registration

- Opens 9:00 a.m. on February 1 and closes at midnight on February 28, 2021.
- There is no such thing as “applying for an exemption.” Parents can register their children in any school they wish, except with those that have closed boundaries due

to high enrolment. If requests exceed available space, schools conduct random draws.

- Transportation fees are higher to attend a non-designated school.
- March 8-12: Schools contact families who requested a non-designated school to advise of outcome and Kindergarten families as to which days the student will attend. If unable to enroll in non-designated school, families have the choice of registering in another non-designated school that has space or the designated school.

ASCA Reduction in Funding

- In December, the Alberta Government announced that it was reducing its grant to the Alberta School Councils Association by 70%. This will have impacts on the association's capacity to deliver services but has assured it will not waiver in their effort to represent the parent voice at the provincial level. For more information: www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca
- Two EIPS parents serve on the ASCA board of directors and share updates at the EIPS Committee of School Councils meetings.
- I encourage every school council to send a representative to COSC meetings – it does not have to be the chair. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month except for December and June.
- EIPS pays the ASCA membership fees on behalf of all its school councils.
- One thing ASCA will be doing is providing school councils with ideas and guidelines on how to engage in the upcoming school board elections.

Election 2021

- Fall election date: October 18, 2021.
- Nominations are open now until noon on September 20, 2020.
- You must file nomination papers BEFORE you can collect or spend funds (including self-funding). Five signatures are required and there is no cost.
- All candidate information, including a handbook that outlines responsibilities, time commitment and remuneration is on the EIPS website:
<https://www.eips.ca/trustees/election-2021/candidate-information>.

ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT 2019-20

- EIPS' *Annual Education Results Report 2019-20* and Annual Education Result Report Overview 2019-20 are now available online. The report outlines detailed information about how EIPS is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priority strategies moving forward. Overall, the report demonstrates the Division is meeting the priorities and goals set out in the EIPS

Four-Year Education Plan, which centres on enhancing the growth and success of all students. [Full Report](#) | [Overview](#)

FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT EDUCATION: INFORMATION SESSIONS

EIPS' First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Centre is hosting a series of online information sessions for school families. [Learn more](#)

- **SESSION 1 – Developing Foundational Knowledge of First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, histories and contemporary contexts:** A three-part series designed for families who want to learn more about Indigenous cultures, perspectives and histories

Dates: February 2, February 23 and March 16

Time: 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Hosted on Microsoft Teams

- **SESSION 2 – Virtual gathering of First Nations, Métis and Inuit parents and families:** An opportunity for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families to gather and engage in conversation with EIPS' First Nations, Métis and Inuit education team.

Date: January 26

Time: 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Hosted on Microsoft Teams

Fee Waiver Applications

For the 2020-21 year, the deadline for receiving fee waiver applications was extended to **Feb. 15, 2021**. If the school is aware of a family that would benefit from this program, please contact them. The only applications that will be accepted after that date will be from families new to EIPS.

upcoming January Board Meeting – Key items

Covid Cost update and reallocation of funds

- Staff sub costs to date are lower than anticipated and returning \$1 million to To Be Allocated.
- Addition of 2 French Immersion teachers to K-9 out-of-school learning as well as additional support at the high school level due to anticipated increased enrolment for Q3.
- Total COVID costs are now budgeted to be \$6.85 million.
- Request by admin for using TBA funds to return Consultants to their roles (currently doing double duty as out-of-school teachers) as well as two temp positions in central office.

Parameters on setting fees

The Board approves the parameters for school fees, which are all at cost recovery and require explanations and, of course, consultation with parents. The recommendations are to allow:

- up to 5% increases for noon supervision, student union and option fees (except foods, which is up to 7% due to anticipated costs) unless there is substantial change to the programming that would necessitate a greater increase to recover costs.
- greater than 5% increases for activity (field trips), extra-curricular and non-curricular travel (e.g., ski trips) fees.

School Status Report

- In 2019-2020, the average cost per student was \$6,925 including instructional and operations & maintenance costs. This is a decrease from the year prior, which was due to the school closures from March-June.
- 18 of 43 schools were above this average.
- Cloverbar JH was \$6,972 – 17th in the Division.

Question of the month: How did the transition to online learning go? What worked well? What didn't? Answers to this question are reflected above in Principal's update

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- Chair Reports
No new activities to report
- Council updates– Chair: Becky Mitchell
- Next Meeting(s)
April date TBD
June date TBD
- Adjourn
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