

Clover Bar Junior High, Sherwood Park, Alberta

General Meeting
Clover Bar Junior High
School Council

Minutes – November 24, 2021

6:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

* indicates written report/attachment provided

Colleen Alpern, Grant Fiddes, Becky Mitchell, Jodi Sillers, Lisa Hedges, Tracey Nielson, Ogale, Don Irwin,
Faye Sampson

- 1) Call to order @ 6:05 p.m.
- 2) Welcome and Introductions- Becky Mitchell, Chair
- 3) Review of the Agenda
- 4) Approval of the Minutes, as presented (OR as amended)
 - a) September 2021 - Jodi, Becky approved
- 5) Principal's Report: Principal – Colleen Alpern
 - Term 1 reporting ends this Friday. Check PowerSchool as no reports will be issued in Junior High.
 - Guide to Student Achievement posted on website
 - Assurance review today, Nov. 24 - variety of surveys. Meet as a group to discuss the findings with other school administration.
 - New School Ed Plan posted: Two main goals: strengthen relationships within the school community; provide students with the tools to take responsibility for their own learning.
 - Food Bank Drive - Rever
 - Dec 1 - PJ day
 - Ugly sweater day
 - Fun Day with Christmas activities - Dec 22
 - Overnight ski trip taking place in March
- 6) Trustee's Report: Trustee – Don Irwin (written report included below)

Thank you

Firstly I want to thank all of you for my successful re-election to a second term as a trustee in Sherwood Park.

School assignments

I have five schools to be the liaison to including Clover Bar Junior high, Brentwood, Wes Hosford, and Ecole Campbelltown. On Thursday November 4, I had the privilege of visiting each of my schools and personally meeting the principal and admin team and receiving a tour of the school. Thank you each of you for the time that you took to show me around and briefly update me on the issues any issues with the facility grounds or programs.

October and November are very busy months for trustees with the election on October 18, I board organization meeting and swearing in on 28 October and a one day board orientation and planning on October 29th. November includes a A caucus (planning, not public meeting on November 10 and the fall Alberta school

board Association meeting on November 15 and 16th. The public board meeting will take place on Thursday, November 25 at 10 AM. The agenda and all discussion items are placed on the EIPS Office website bracket eipsoffice.ca on the prior Monday. These meetings are open to the public but due to Covid restrictions they are online so that you can access them through the EIPS website.

November is also the month for assurance reviews (formerly called results review) where schools and central departments give a report of the past school year including goals accomplishments and plans that they are going to work on in this school year. These are very informative to learn about central services but also about schools. We have five schools meeting together each half day and there is a lot of learning that that takes place between schools hearing plans accomplishments and challenge areas.

Committee of School Councils

Each month the committee of the school council's meets on the first Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 and I hope that each of you has a representative that comes as there is much valuable information shared and discussion and questions are asked.

Questions, Feedback?

If you have questions or comments or suggestions from any item in this report or any other items related to the school Board, please ask at the end of my report or contact to me individually either by text or phone my cell phone is 587-986-3900 or email me at Don.Irwin@eips.ca. I look forward to hearing from you at your parents council meeting or at any time during the month.

I look forward to working with each school administration and Parent Council this school year as we work together to continue to improve Elk Island Public Schools excellent education.

Yours Truly

Don

7) Special Presentation

- a) Guest Speaker- Faye Sampson, Solutions Navigator, Strathcona Family and Community Services
 - located in the Community Center (same building as the Library). Health screening required when entering FCSS.
 - Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays open later.
 - Phone/Virtual services is the primary way to connect during the pandemic
 - Provides support people across the lifespan
 - Solutions Navigation - supports to families with whatever struggles they are experiencing
 - Counselling Program - provides mental health supports. Pay what you can afford - 0 - 90\$/session. Contact the social supports line to access. Intake form to be completed prior to the session.
 - Family Resource Network - formerly known as Parent Link. Home visitation and outreach are offered in this service to provide parenting resources, skill building and supports.
- Two upcoming sessions in December (found in the Fall guide)
- Gingerbread Build Off
 - Straight talk about teen
 - Family Violence resources and supports are provided as well
- Social Supports Contact line: 780-464-4044

8) COSC Meeting Report- Tracey Nielson, Vice Chair

- COSC suggested asking the school admin about assurance assessment results. They are posted on our

website: www.cloverbar.ca. Student engagement was one area for improvement. Covid may have impacted this. Students did not attain one year of growth in literacy as expected. Likely due to covid disruptions as well. Have a teacher who is providing supports to students who need it.

- Police resource officer - visit the school and help with reinstatement meeting (after suspensions), provide presentations in classrooms
- Sherwood Heights is asking for help from everyone to replace a school van. They would like schools to share the word.
- Keep sending letters about the curriculum to keep it top of mind.
- \$500 school grant available to engage parents. Suggestion at COSC was to pool the money to bring in a guest speaker.
- Suggestion from COSC to start a Facebook account for School Council. Council agreed that it is not needed for us.

9) New Business/Chair Report- Becky Mitchell, Chair

- a) Staff Christmas Lunch- school requesting 15 volunteers
 - So far 7 volunteers have come forward

10) Next Meeting(s)

- a) January 19, 2022 at 6pm

11) Adjourn @ 6:56