

Bev Facey School Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 18, 2022

1. Call to order at 6 p.m. by Karen. Treaty 6 acknowledgment. Round table introductions.
2. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Motioned by: Kathi Jette
 - b. Seconded by: Erin Aiello
3. Approval of November 16, 2021, Minutes
 - a. Motioned by: Kathi Jette
 - b. Seconded by: Krista Scott

Attendees

Staff: Ken Wlos, Brandon Salyzyn, Trudi Williamson, Candida Shepherd

Families: Karen Tomnuk, Colleen Helwig, Kathi Jette, Krista Scott, Sherry Cholin, Tara Jones-Whitford, Carrie Hohl, Natalie Cholin, Natisha Stashko, Erin Aiello

Student representatives: Jordyn Carr and Roshan Hassan

Krista Scott had questions surrounding - EIPS calendar survey discussion. Response by Board Trustee Trina Boymook

- Board gave lots of feedback to the Superintendent around the calendar
- She advocated extremely strongly to survey all stakeholders
- Yes it was a short turn around and it was around Christmas but we still received 2170 responses.
 - 1 546 were parents
 - 1 501 were staff
 - 831 of the staff responses were as parents
- Busing needs to be a consideration in the development of the calendar
- Data of November break supporting less absenteeism and staff illness shows not true
- Option A is developed for the focus on more consistent professional development
- Trina is quite concerned with the loss of instructional days. Making up the time through the addition of 3 minutes per day added.
- The calendar set for 2023 will stand as status quo any calendars going forward are not published or a decision made as of yet.
- Diplomas drive the calendar as this is how they set up semesters

- The Survey was effective it focused on the quality of comments opposed to a fill in the bubble approach

Trina provided a background to the EIPS school calendar and noted that next year's calendar (2022-2023) had not been developed yet. Trina wanted to get feedback from parents but there was only a short window of opportunity to engage and review the results. Trina indicated that the board found the feedback from parents very valuable and anticipates that the new calendar will be released later this week. Krista asked that the next time there is parent engagement, to come to school councils in advance so there is an opportunity to ask the school board member any questions.

Information Reports:

1. K. Wlos - Administrative Report

School updates/Fee Consultation 2022-23

- Ken provided an update on the proposed fee structure for next year; he is projecting a 5% increase in program fees specific to culinary and construction due to the rising cost of materials. He also showed how the program budget calculator worked.
- Slideshow attached
- Fees use a formula to identify course costs
- One field trip fee increase would be for the Model UN
- Any questions about fees feel free to contact Ken Wlos at ken.wlos@eips.ca

Drama Productions

- Amazing emotional range from each production.
- Very talented students who performed
- Audiences of only about 35 with vaccine checks done by the administration

Goals Construction Team

- Made 60 beds that were donated

Robotics

- Robotics team qualified for zones competition

Bev Facey Band

- Presented “Winters Wind Concert”
- Smaller numbers in band due to Covid
- 111 attended mostly parents

B. Salyzyn- School updates/Grade 12, Athletics, Grad

- Protocols are in place to keep students and staff safe
- Students are working hard to follow protocols so they can stay with in-person learning
- During lunch hour, students congregate based on grade: Gr12 upstairs, Gr. 11 banner gym, Gr. 10 in cafeteria and gym
- If there are parents who are able to help sort and organize masks and rapid tests that would be appreciated. Volunteers need to be double vaccinated. If interested contact brandon.salyzn@eips.ca
- Grad date not released yet
- There is work going on with the venue that they will accommodate with us for a grade date
- Historically the last day in May is Bev Facey Grad DAtE but Covid will dictate what the realistic date will be
- There is a SMORE
- Call out to Grad parents for baby photos.
- This week beginning to open up for athletics
- The athletic director switched now to brandon.salyzyn@eips.ca

C. T. Williamson – School updates/Grade 10, AP, Open House

- Feedback from parents that attended last year’s virtual open house would be appreciated (What worked well? What could we do to make it better?)
 - Some feedback liked the idea of the tour
 - Teacher presentations
- The advanced placement open house if January 27
- Teachers will be available to pop in and ask questions
- It will be recorded so if you are unavailable that night
- AP Capstone Program is being brought back
 - Year-long course
 - Offered in grade 11
 - 2 courses offered: Research and Seminar

- Continued in grade 12 with more rigor and depth
- Research can be guided by students passion areas
- You can receive the Capstone Certificate a Capstone Diploma is granted with the addition of the AP Courses
- Looking to implement a CAPSTONE PREP OPTION in grade 10
- School looking for feedback as to implementation. Start with gr. 10 next year and roll out from there OR also offer it to the gr. 11 and 12 students next year without the PREP Course

Feedback provided:

- Would like to give all students the opportunity
- Offering it to students without the prep year may not have the skills to handle which may discourage

D. Kropp – School updates/Grade 11, Exam week, Student Services Report given by Trudy Williamson

- final exam schedule is Jan 19 - Jan 27 mainly in the morning
- Grade 10's in the morning
- Grade. 11 in the afternoon
- Students writing in their classes, not in a gym scenario
- Students in isolation arrangements are being made with teachers and administration to write them

Parent Question:

1. Final Exams are being weighed at 30% when diplomas were reduced to 10%

RESPONSE: Ken Wlos

- Students have not written many exams with no rigor. Teachers have had these students 90% of the term. Teacher and professional judgment becomes crucial.
- Difficult decision to make see both sides, but wanted to be in a position to move forward to offer the rigor of tests to those in the 20 level courses.
- Parents should not hesitate to contact teachers to support students who are having anxiety over this.

2. Student Report

- Student updates from Jordyn Carr and Roshan Hassan
- Jordan Carr(Gr. 12 AP Student) - school is hectic due to finals. Relief that diplomas were canceled. Some pressure to write the final, but as long as you know the material you are not as stressed.
- Roshan Hassan- (Gr. 12 AP Student) Member of Reach for the Top has a lot of fun. Nice opportunity to do something else with his time. After graduation, he will be attending U of A in Kinesthesiology

3. Trustee report- Board Chair, Trina Boymook

[Trustee Trina Boymook Report](#)

Website is the most reliable for current information

- No schools or classes moved to online learning as of yet.
- Hotspots for outbreaks are still the same now as they were at the beginning of Covid

4. COSC (Committee of School Councils) - Krista Scott

- Meeting pushed to January 12
- Trina gave a board report
- ATA report by local representative
- ASCA gave a report
 - We will not be receiving any grant money this year
- Covid update was given from Superintendent
- The annual education results report on the EIPS website gives a good overview of what is happening in our district concerning our goals.
- People are speaking about meeting goals differently and the shift of expectations.
- Year in Review Survey closes today - lots of good links for reference to help you determine if the district is reaching their goals
- Discussion about school council grants - \$500.00 Karen put together a proposal for each school council to put forth their \$500.00 dollars to:
 - have Dr. Jody Carrington give an online session for anyone connected to those schools
 - curriculum development and how to identify a good curriculum or how to identify a red flag in curriculum
 - Receiving a presentation on the Reassurance Framework
- If we decide to invest on our own the money would need to be spent by the end of the school year or it is returned to the government.

MOTION put forward by Amy Dieser: Bev Facey to commit the \$500 Engagement Grant towards this COSC lead initiative

2nded by: Kathy. PASSED

5. Chair report - Karen Tomnuk

- Nothing new to report

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next Meetings at 6 p.m. February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17

Minutes prepared by Tara Jones-Whitford.