

## ESSMY School Council Meeting Minutes - March 5, 2019

**Attendance:** Stacey Jost, Michelle MacKay, Sheila Glebe, Monique Aultman, Joan Crockett, Trent Savinkoff, Francine Savinkoff, Christine Siegel, Kailan Siegel, Lori Beerwart, Anita Rivero

1. Call to Order: 6:45PM
2. Opening Prayer: Prayer led by Mmm. Aultman
3. Acknowledgement of Territories: Stacey Jost

ESSMY acknowledges that it is gathering on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Metis Nation.

4. Approval of October Minutes: Motion by Christine Siegel, Seconded by Lori Beerwart
5. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Lori Beerwart, Seconded by Christine Siegel
6. New Business:

a) Chairperson Report: Nothing to report

b) Student Rep Report:

Christine, from Student Council spoke about upcoming events.

Last Dance was cancelled due to low ticket sales.

Few events coming during EZZFEST week; Cabane Sucre, different fundraisers, and projects raising awareness and funds for poverty.

c) Trustee Report:

Joan Crockett:

- The District received a grant for \$50 000 provided through Alberta Education to pursue the "Building Communities of Hope" initiative involving ESSMY and SACHS. A huge thank you to Assistant Superintendent Rhonda Nixon, Principal Sheila Glebe and Principal Danielle Karaki for the time and effort securing the grant.

- Lisa Giacobbo, Vice-Principal of Legal School will be recognized with the Catholic Education Award at the Spice Conference in May. Superintendent, David Keohane announced the award at Legal School with staff present. Lisa was congratulated for enhancing the faith dimension of Catholic education in the Legal School Community.

- Cody Horb, teacher at St. Gabriel High School was honored this month with the Rotary Teacher of the Month Award. Cory has shared his expertise as an educator both at St Gabriel, through iLearn and during Summer School.
- GSACRD received an Award of Excellence for being one of Alberta's Smoke-Free Spaces: the district is one of 7 school districts in the province to receive it.
- Talented artists from junior and senior high schools showcased their work at the recent No Beginning End Art Show which was display at the St Albert Centre Mall.

#### Board News

- Adryan Slaght, Director of Planning and Development, for the City of St Albert provided trustees with an overview of the upcoming Area Structure Plans, including projected populations and expected times for development.
- Assistant Superintendent Moroziuk reviewed the proposed calendars for 2019-20 and 2020 -21 with trustees, after input from school councils, staff, school administration and the Policy Advisory Committee. Both calendars were passed by the Board February 25, 2019 for a trial period of two years.
- Trustees are hosting a ThoughtExchange Community Engagement that is open to all families, staff and students in grade 4-12, as well as the broader community. Results will be reviewed at the annual board planning meetings in April 2019. All are encouraged to share their thoughts.
- Two concepts for the Sister Alphonse Legacy Project were approved and will be completed by Mural Mosaic.

#### Superintendent's Report

- School Results Reviews
- First Nations, Metis Report
- Inclusive Education Programming
- Quarter 1 – Financial Statement
- Preliminary Enrollment Projections
- Communications Plan Update
- Safe and Caring Report
- Policy 15 – School Closure/Realignment
- Staffing Report
- Faith and Spiritual Initiatives Update
- Plant Operations and Maintenance/Renewal

#### Initiatives of the Board

- Trustees hosted a Sod Turning Ceremony for St Kateri Academy February 19, 2019. Elders of Alexander First Nations and Knowledge Keeper Dan Arcand conducted a blessing of the land. Bishop Paul Terrio of St Paul also provided a blessing along with a liturgy and prayers. Education Minister Eggen as well other dignitaries attended sharing how inclusive the celebration was. Students from Notre Dame braved the cold with a warm rendition of O Canada. All were invited to a reception at the nearby McDonald's restaurant for hot chocolate, coffee and treats.

- Trustees have hosted a supper and meeting with the Council of Morinville as well as the Council of Legal. We will be attending a meeting with the St Albert City Council, St Albert Public and the Francophone District in May.
- Trustees are in the process of hosting sitting MLAs: Marie Renaud, Trevor Horne, and Glen Van Dyken as well as other candidates who will be running. We share our successes and challenges as a District and invite them to speak to their platforms.

Next Board Meeting – March 18, 2019 - 3:30 pm  
Public welcome at all meetings.

d) Admin Report: Sheila Glebe

i. Fee Schedule:

Handout given of fee schedule for school fees 2019-2020. Only minor increased from 2018-2019 school fees.

Motion to approve fee schedule by Christine Siegel, Seconded by Lori Beerwart  
Everyone attending this meeting approved new fee schedule

ii. Bring your own device:

30% of the students already bring their own device. Considering making bring your own device mandatory in grade 7 next fall, or possibly mandatory across grades 7-9. Rentals will still be provided for those students unable to afford their own, even for those who cannot afford the rent. No student will be left without a device.

Try to get an agreement with a company to get deals and payment plans on a certain chromebook.

Concerns over safety issues came up. How can these devices be monitored? Chromebooks are easiest to monitor and control. Students have to log into school network where there are tracking records and site blocking in place. Teachers will have to monitor students. Educating student on online citizenship. Contract between student, parent and school. Consequences in place.

iii. Cafeteria:

Not running at a profit. Only about 25 students per day are using it. Many order skip the dishes or go out. At the current state, there will be no cafeteria next school year. Looking at the possibility of contracting out the cafeteria.

iv. School Calendar has been approved and an email with a link to the calendar was sent to parents.

v. Expanding options in Junior High

- a. Enterprise and Innovation (finance world and budgeting)
- b. Grade 9 Leadership
- c. Forensics for Grade 9
- d. Multi-media is expanding to include grades 8 and 9
- e. Sports medicine - grades 7,8, and 9
- f. There is a problem with Robotics - the computers will no longer support the program, need to purchase 10 new computers at a cost of about \$12,000. In order for this program to continue, we need to find and apply for grant funding for new computers and Mindstorm sets. (a class set is about \$4000).

vi. Cost of Advertising in the Gazette: a concern.

- a. Grad - \$2500
- b. Awards - \$2500
- c. Requests for anti-bullying messages (\$500) - we dropped this
- d. Rotary club thank you (\$550) - we dropped this
- e. Open House Ad on the sign - \$125 a week for three weeks (\$375)

Gazette is a business and they should be looking for sponsorship elsewhere, (ie from corporate support) not from high schools. Sheila will talk to other St. Albert high schools about these costs in the Gazette. Perhaps together, the Gazette could lower the fees for high schools. Look for sponsorships from family business, or at other avenues to advertise like T8N magazine.

5. Old Business: None

Adjourned: 8:00PM

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019. @ 6:30pm