

**Edgerton Public School Parent Council Meeting
November 22, 2022 @ Edgerton Public School Staff Room**

Tanya G. called the meeting to order at 6:49PM with 13 members in attendance; Sean B. Kaylan W. Ashley C. Michelle C. Ashley S. Glen S. Lisa K. Brie G. Brande M. Emily H. Kennedy C. Brianne T. and Tanya G. were present.

Ashley S. moved the minutes from the previous meeting to be adopted as distributed.

Agenda adopted as presented, by Ashley C.

1) Business Arising from the minutes included notice of council positions as follows:

- Chair - Tanya (2 year term, starting January 2021)
- Vice Chair - currently open
- 2nd Vice Chair - currently open
- Secretary/Treasurer - Brianne
- Parent Representatives - K-6 - Brianne and Ashley S.
 - Jr. High - Lisa; one position still open
 - Sr. High - Ashley C; one position still open
- Principal - Glen S.
- Staff Representatives - Rhonda, Brie, Brande, Sean
- Student Representatives - Emily H, Kennedy C, Daintree P
- Community Member: 1-3 persons from the community (open to anyone interested)

According to the current constitution, the council shall consist of 6 parents, 3 staff members, Principal and 1-3 community members with no children attending the school

2) Reports

a) School Council Report, presented by Emily and Kennedy.

- Terry Fox Run was September 22, 2022 .Thanks to parent council and foundation for providing hot dog lunch. Pledge fundraising fell short this year. Discussion arose on how to improve fundraising for next year. Some parents found difficulty in the links online (not connecting to the correct websites). It was mentioned that the parent council could become involved in advertising.
- Food Drive competition (Scare Away Hunger) ran from Thanksgiving to Halloween. This year the focus was to compete among classrooms, not with another school. The Grade 9's won a pizza party for the most pounds of food collected per student in the class.
- Junior/Senior High Dance - Quinn P. organized this event. Overall, numbers were low but the event was still a success. There was alot of good feedback from those who attended! The \$5 admission fee covered the cost of the DJ and decorations.

- Junior/Senior High Halloween Costume contest - a smaller amount of participation than most years, but awards for \$5 booth vouchers were given out to funniest, most creative, best duo and scariest costumes.
- Expected profit from the perogy and sausage fundraiser was \$700.00
- School assemblies are happening again, on a monthly basis. Students who have a birthday in the month are put in a draw for a \$5 booth voucher.
- Tanya G. Reached out to Mrs. Manzer to see if any leadership students would like to help out with the elementary Christmas dance on December 16. There has been interest from both Junior and Senior high students.
- Booth is looking into healthier food and drink options for the new year.
- Spirit Days: October - anything but a backpack; Remembrance Day - wear red; December 1 (upcoming) - Jersey Day.
- Upcoming events include the Christmas Door decorating contest and a Junior/Senior high Christmas activity in the afternoon of December 23.

b) Principal's Report - Glen S.

(please reference emailed report for additional information and a full list of dates)

- Thank you for your continued support especially with the Meet the Teacher Night BBQ and Terry Fox Run
- Please see Calendar highlights on previously emailed Principal's report
- Currently, 128 students enrolled at our school, ECS = 10 and Gr1-12 = 118
- After school curling will begin in December
- There are still major issues with the repair of the middle entrance. There is a substantial amount of water and ice accumulating.
- A respiratory illness outbreak has been declared at Edgerton Public School. Current absenteeism is over 10%. This is reported to AHS and parents will be continually updated
- Legion Poster results provided on previously emailed Principal's report
- A mental health grant has been made available in our school. This will run similarly to, but separate from programs such as VIBE and WOW.

c) Stephanie's Board of Trustee Report (as emailed as Stephanie was not present)

- Board and Superintendent met with the Minister of Education Sept 29 and discussed curriculum roll out, capital plans for BTPS, transportation funding and student wellness.
- New Chair Kara Jackson and Vice Chair Barry Livingston. I took on committee work with Union negotiations, joint transportation with East Central Catholic and AB School Boards Association.
- Trustees continue to engage with provincial organizations to advocate as a provincial voice with ministry and to further develop governance knowledge and skills.
- Public Board meetings have changed now to the 3rd Tuesday most months which will overlap with some of your Council meetings (as is the case this evening) I will send a report to the ones I miss.
- This month we will meet with the auditor for the 2021/2022 school year.
- We have completed the annual board and superintendent evaluations.
- We will be reaching out to stakeholders about the 2023-2024 calendar in the upcoming

months and using feedback to tweak the Calendar Guidelines.

- Trustees gathered with Division leaders and professionals in Edmonton at the beginning of November to do some strategic planning around the next 4 year Education plan. The Board did an in depth look at the political, economic, societal, technological, legal and environmental strengths and weaknesses of the Division. This is the groundwork to build upon when we come back to communities in the new year and ask for community input on the same topics. You may remember in 2019 when a similar process was practiced for the current 4 year ed plan. You will be receiving letters announcing the dates of the community engagement session. I hope to see some of you at those sessions.

- Trustees have begun organized school tours around the Division each month.

- MLA Garth Rowsell attended our committee meeting and we were able to chat about BTPS capital plans for trying to get a new Wainwright Elementary School, transportation challenges, student wellness and to thank him for his role in holding school boards harmless for changes in enrollment during the pandemic which would have drastically affected funding during times of fluctuating enrollment.

- Enrollment Sept 30 for BTPS was 3748.

d) Kaylan's Village of Edgerton Report

- summer was busy with the town BBQ hosted on August 31. This was a great event. The splash park will be up and running for Spring 2023

- Water mains were replaced on the street by the hotel.

- Halloween tour with Battle River Lodge was a small event, but successful

- Stay tuned for ICE villages Christmas Light Contest - this will be judged by members of the Battle River Lodge

- Cross Country Ski trails are ready to go for the year

- Jen Beattie wished to report that the snow angels project with the school is up and running. There will also be a spring village clean up. The town is hopeful that the Christmas caroling will continue, as it was so well received last year. The town looks forward to participating in the festival of trees event later in December.

e) Becky - Foundation Report

- Becky was not present, therefore, nothing to report

f) Brie - Eagles nest

- current fundraising endeavors include the Mother's Day flower fundraiser and the Cash Raffle

- The daycare is looking to hire Level 1 certified employees and this is something even high school students can complete online and apply for part time work

g) Brie - Travel Club

- currently, 12 people are registered to travel to Italy, Greece and Turkey. The trip will occur June 27-July 8. Please watch for fundraising events.

3) Old Business

a) Pedestrian safety

- no further crosswalks to be installed at this time. Staff are optimistic that what has been changed is making a difference in student safety. Kaylan notes that conversations with Alberta Transport indicate the necessity to change the speed limits entering Edgerton from the north to be 80 km/hr at the top of the hill, 50 km/hr at the entrance to town and 30 km/hr in the school zone. Trees will be cut to enable signage to be seen. Lights will also be updated.

b) Council Operations Meeting

- took place Tuesday, October 4, 2022. The results and documents from this meeting will be reviewed and tabled to the next meeting for an official motion to be made with proposed changes in place (changes in operating procedures). These changes include - changing the official annual meeting date of parent council to the month of November to encourage greater attendance. Addition of the positions "Recreation Convenor". No volunteers for this position at this meeting. There was also a request to have the parent council and foundation meet on the same evening to support one another with their endeavors.

c) Swimming Lessons in school

-this would be a task for the recreation convenor to acquire. Conversations are still ongoing with the Wainwright Communiplex, as staff and parents feel that travel to Lloydminster is not feasible.

d) Proposed Date for Prairie Principal

-Information night - February 2023. An official date will be communicated as soon as it is known.

4) New Business

a) Milk program: Interest in restarting this program. As of 2020, there is no milk program running in the province through Alberta Milk

b) My School Bucks - this service has been requested in our school by parents to help streamline the process of sending funds to school for items such as hot lunch, etc. Other schools are utilizing the program. More discussion to follow at next meeting

c) Elementary Dance - December 16, 2022 3:30-5:30PM. Please come to decorate and set up prior if possible!

d) Festival of Trees - this will be the opening year for this event, to encourage organizations to decorate a tree for display during the Christmas Concert on December 20, 2022 and the Seniors Meal the following day. Please watch social media and newsletters for information as it becomes available.

Tanya moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:45 P.M. at the Edgerton School.