

(DRAFT) Heritage Hills School Council

Monday, November 16, 2020 6:30 pm. Regular Meeting

Submitted by: Michelle Beck, Secretary HHE School Council 2020/21

Attendees:

Families represented: Jocelyn Coulter (Chair), Sarah Witholt (Vice Chair) Michelle Beck (Secretary), Lisa Solamillo, Sue Shwaga, Richelle McLean, Erin Kipps, Jodi Lakevold, Nicole Cannon, Karen deMontarnal, Lori Tootoosis-Friesen,

School Trustee: Jim Seutter

School Staff: Stacey Carruthers, Theresa Wells-Taylor

School Administration: Bill Schlacht, Kyle Samaratunga

1.0 Call to Order and Review of Agenda at 6:30 pm by Jocelyn Coulter, Chair

2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes. Approved with no changes.

3.0 Updates for Parents

3.1 School Trustee Update.

- 17,000 students registered in EIPS for the year, 399 less than last year
- Board is discussing with Alberta Education the changes to the funding formula. The 3 year average method is resulting in less funding available per student.
- Jr High Honors program survey resulted in positive support for this program to continue, currently 91 students in the program.
- Central office review of programming every 5 years – current program review will be Logos in December.
- Nov 26th the budgets will be presented to the Board
- Parents asked for adjusted numbers of on-line/face to face students since term 2 change – details not yet available.

3.2 Principal's Update. Mr. Schlacht. Key points noted:

- Recent phone issues which prevented parents from getting through to the office has been fixed.
- School fees for the second ¼ have been activated in Power School
- Masks are getting wet in this weather, please do send more than one to school
- Covid Update: HHE focuses on safety first. In the covid case recently at HHE, Alberta Health Service have still not contacted the school, they are very far behind in contacting. In this case the school learned from the family, and appreciated the communication. The school communicated using the exposure letters that all EIPS uses. Generally, it IS expected that AHS will call the school.
- Students have written out 'Dear Neighbor' postcards for the Heritage Hills community, parents will deliver to members surrounding the school. Students had fun filling in the postcards.
- Annual results meeting is being held next week. Only Wye school results will be available for conversation as its last year's results. Excellent results again for Wye. Details are available for any parent who would like to see them.
- With the changes in staffing, all grade 1 and 2 classes have students under 20.

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- Safety conversation with Parents: pathway on east side of the school has been re-poured to go behind the garbage cans so people/children do not have to walk into the bus lanes.
- Bike lock areas are somewhat cumbersome for kids to get to when coming from the east side – school admin asked to consider locating a bike rack on that side.

4.0 Parent Liaison Updates:

4.1 Distance Learning Rep: Sue Shwaga shared information on FB

4.2 HHE Fundraising: Lisa Solamillo.

- First fundraiser runs to the 24th. Special email will be sent to parents.
- Will be continuing with simple fundraisers in a covid environment and welcomes ideas from parents.
- Wish List will be reviewed at the next Council meeting and next fundraising meeting on December 17th 6:30 pm.
- Fundraising meetings will be alternated between day and evening meetings

5.0 Request for parent liaison/representatives

5.1 Staff Appreciation Liaison – Richelle McLean would like to take the role

- Mr Schlacht is getting guidance from EIPS on staff gifts

5.2 Distance learning rep for French learning is open

6.0 Open discussion with parents

- Discussion around boundaries/bylaws on school property in relation to pets/dogs on property. Essence is that animals are not allowed where the children are during school hours. Parents asked to keep animals/dogs away from school property during school hours, until the busses leave in the afternoon.
- Discussion around activity/fitness for students in a covid environment at school. Gym class occurs daily for 32 minutes, the gym can be partitioned into two. DPA is required for 30 minutes during instructional time. For HHE students, there is 32 mins activity plus 30 mins lunch and then two recesses with some toys/balls to use.

7.0 HHESC Chair Update

7.1 COSC information. Sarah Witholt.

- ATA discussion around things that have changed since the pandemic and would like to keep - potentially virtual parent interviews
- COSC meetings are once a month on the early out day.

7.2 HHE Operating Procedures. Draft will be completed using the ASCA template and provided at the next meeting.

8.0 Adjourn meeting at 8:29 by J. Coulter.

Next Meeting: Monday December 14th 6:30 to 8:30 pm, virtual