

(DRAFT) Heritage Hills School Council

Monday, February 22, 2021 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), Jodi Lakevold, Sue Shwaga, Lisa Solamillo, Andrea Kardal, Lori Tootoosis-Friesen, Marla Dorin, Lisa MacDonnell, Christi Ross, Matthew Ross, Richelle McLean, Erin Kripps, Chelsea Orlecki, Amelia Clark,

School Trustee: Jim Seutter

School Staff: Stacey Carruthers, Theresa Wells-Taylor, Erin Clarke, Suzanne Cleet

School Administration: Bill Schlacht, Kyle Samaratunga

1.0 Call to Order at 6:35 pm by Joceyln Coulter, Chair

1.1 Review of agenda

1.2 Approval of Previous Minutes, subject to one change regarding date of the School Council meeting. Motioned and approved.

1.3 HHE Operating Procedures – motioned as approved/accepted by parents.

2.0 Updates for Parents

2.1 School Trustee Update. Jim Seutter

- No school sports at this time, and no plan to increase school fees
- Provincial Budget February 25th expected to reduce funding. Letter sent to parents from Trina Boymook, School Board Chair, outlining the expectations and another will be sent after the Provincial budget is released. Schools will not get their allocation until likely late March.
- New technology fee is being considered for September 2021. Exceptions will be for schools that are Bring Your Own Device (BYOD). Details of the potential fee will be discussed at the School Board in March. The fee is expected to offset things like student devices, network costs, IT costs, service costs, updating classroom labs, student printing services. This fee is complicated as some schools purchase technology assets with parent raised funds, and some older schools have a higher cost of service. Equalization, fairness will be key discussion topics.
- To become a BYOD school, the Principal would need to consult the Superintendent.
- Three-year capital plan still sees Sherwood Heights as the #1 focus, followed by Fort Sask Jr high.
- ASCA conference is in April and EIPS will support 15 school council parents to attend, as in previous years. HHE will be submitting for one council member to attend and vote on behalf of the school.
- As part of the Annual Education Report a new assurance survey will be released in the Spring to all parents, staff and students asking for feedback. Further, a budget survey will also be released in the spring to garner feedback.
- The 3-year weighted funding model still creates issues for schools to properly support current year numbers. The cut off to submit #'s in each school is long before September, which means any children registering in the summer would be additional students without funding. EIPS School Board continues to advocate for changes to the funding models.

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2.2 Principals Update. Mr. Schlacht. Key points noted:

- Five months in the school allows for reflection on what is working well and what can be improved.
- A change to the capital spends rules in EIPS asks the school to spend any remaining restricted funds by May 1st (used to be 2 years to spend the allocated capital funds). As these budgets are highly restricted, it's difficult to spend in a covid environment. Example, fridges that have been ordered for months are back ordered and slow to come.
- The Principal and AP visit the classrooms daily for 14 mins at a time, due to covid limitations they cannot visit for long. The visits allow the students to connect with Admin and for Admin to observe in the classrooms.
- On February 12th, FAHHE President and HHE School Chair toured the school and had the annual discussion around support for the students.
- February is registration month. As of today, there are 434 students registered – 389 English and 145 French. There are 68 students who are current at HHE that have not yet re-registered, so a potential for the final numbers to push past 500.
- HHE is an open school for next year. This would only be revisited on a grade by grade basis if a grade was 'full' with students from the current boundaries.
- Planning for 21/22 school year requires 1. Registration, 2. Budget: Feb 25 Provincial Budget details – EIPS will take about 4 weeks to provide a school-based budget, 3. Programming for both French/English activities and by grade. 96% of school budget is spent on staffing. Class sizes are not known until both the budget and the # of children are known.
- At this point, EIPS is not offering online modality for 21/22-year, subject to changing mandates from the Province.
- Over 5 days of indoor recess during extremely cold weather created opportunity for new games and new learnings for the kids – including chess games and games cart. Gym was opened up during lunch and all recesses as well.
- Fitness and activity at the school is a high priority. Skating Rinks, snowshoes, walking trail system are all utilized by teachers.
- School Fees feedback provided by 13 parents taking the survey, school council discussions, 1:1 parent feedback. At this point the school fees will show options for field trips without knowing which ones, until the covid rules are better understood for 21/22 year. Whether there will be field trips or not is completely dependent on the Provincial health rules, and EIPS mandate. There is an additional field trip for French Immersion – Canoe Volant/Flying Canoe. The deadline for school fees is March 19th, please fill in the survey if you would like to provide feedback. Fees are all cost recovery.
- Winter Carnivale started this week, music is put on outside the school, slide shows in the school, ice blocks, French games. Bonhomme will show up as well.
- Requests for parent raised funds use. Please use the form. Any request will be reviewed at school council and then at the FAHHE meeting. Three forms provided by HHE Admin were reviewed and supported at council for 1.

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Chromebooks 2. Snowshoes 3. Outdoor classroom. Approved/Supported by parents.

- Fire Evacuation Drills. While they cannot be done as a whole school due to the covid rules, each classroom practices the drills with teachers to ensure the students know where to meet and line up.

Action: Next meeting: Parent request for admin to review how students search history on the chrome books at schools is monitored.

3.0 Request for parent liaison/representatives:

- Distance Learning Rep - S. Shwaga - given time overrun, moved to next meeting
- Staff Appreciation Rep – Richelle Mclean – will bring plan to next meeting.

4.0 HHESC Chair Update

4.1 Visited the school on Feb 12th. The community feel, excitement of the students and strength of the HHE culture was apparent. Appreciated the opportunity to meet with Admin and speak about students.

4.2.1 Council of School Councils (COSC) update by Sarah Witholt:

- ASCA AGM in April. School resolutions will come forward to Council before then to understand parent voice before the AGM voting is required.
- Given the time limitations, other updates pended to next meeting.

5.0 Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 8th; Monday April 12th; Monday May 10th. AGM June 7th.