



Heritage Hills Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2023

Meeting was held in the Learning Commons at HHE

In attendance: Andrea Kardal, Dani Till, Lisa Solamillo, Kelly Annesty, Jada Prodahl, Jodi Lakevold, Theresa Wells-Taylor, Bill Schlacht, Sherri Johnston, Stacey Carruthers, Lori Tootoosis-Friesen, Erin Wallish, Sarah Witholt, Jim Seutter

1. Welcome and Call to Order 6:31 by Kelly Annesty 6:30 – 6:35pm
1.1 Review of the Agenda

2. Updates for Parents:

2.1 School Trustee Update Jim Seutter, School Trustee 6:35 – 6:45 pm

- Deadline for superintendent applicants is Jan. 20th
- February 1-28 is registration time for 2023-2024 school year
- Trustees will be looking at school fee parameters at Jan. 19 meeting
- Annual education results report has been published
- The approval processes for Sherwood Heights have been completed; they are in the design stage. EIPS would like to manage the construction process.
- Enrollment for LOGOS has not been sufficient; re-registration numbers will be helpful in deciding the program's future
- HHE will continue to have open boundaries

2.2 School Update Bill Schlacht & Team 6:45 – 7:52 pm

- Treats for staff and volunteer supervision on the last day of school before break was greatly appreciated
- School has received various funding and is looking into additional EA time
- Mme. MacDonald will be full-time in grade 2 F.I.
- Mme. Johnston will support F.I. grade 5 with some core subjects
- Mrs. Clark will move to support students who qualify for learning disruption funding for numeracy (Gr 1-4); kindergarten teacher Mme. Pointallier will cover her classes
- School education plan and assurance review in December - attended by Mrs. Wells-Taylor, Mrs. Clark, Simone Kilbeck
 - All results sent to district office where it is compiled
 - HHE literacy scores have increased significantly (performing above EIPS results)
 - Parent involvement and engagement has been an important focus (meet the staff night, Halloween dance, etc.)
 - This plan should drive our school's priorities
 - The data from the EIPS survey is on their website

- How do we engage grade 4 parents to fill out the survey? Participation has been low.
- New assessments required by the provincial government for Gr 2-3-4: LENS, CC-3. Reading and decoding regular, irregular, and nonsense words. The school is still waiting on Alberta Ed for results from this testing (completed in September).
- School plans to share math results/information at next meeting
- January 26 Math Night for parents where they can learn strategies and games for home
- Minecraft design challenge - design the new Sherwood Heights school. EIPS students will interview architects, listen to an interview with the superintendent, etc. and work in teams. HHE Grade 3-6 design club at lunch - January to May.
- Yearbook update: there will be a pre-sale soon. The yearbook club had their first meeting today - 50 students! Julie from LifeTouch will come out to work with the group and decide on a theme.
- Mascot update: will be revealed at an assembly soon that parents will be invited to
- School fees: official fees for 2023-2024 will be presented at March's council meeting
 - No change to extracurricular fees - these apply only to students who participate
 - French field trip (canoe volant) fees will be the same across F.I. grades next year
 - Discussion around paying all at once for field trips (our current process) vs. paying per trip as it comes up
 - Jim said that the trustees will be discussing the 5% increase cap for fees

2.3 Parent Consent for Information sharing - update

- Maureen will have an update on this

2.4 Christmas Concert

- Feedback was positive

3. Updates:

7:52 – 8:24 pm

3.1 HHESC Co-Chair Update (Kelly & Simone)

- No update

3.2 Council of School Councils (COSC) Information (Sarah)

- COSC met last Wednesday
- HHE is open boundary, deadline is February 28th with no extensions
- EIPS did a pilot project for the Reset Room; it was very successful and now all junior high schools have been approved to have one funded by Alberta Education
- ATA doing public engagement on Jan 18th 6:30 Bev Facey library
- AGM on April 23rd - Alberta School Council Association. We would need to discuss what our resolution would be at our March meeting.
- School council engagement grant \$500 - these grants were pooled last year.
 - Council voted unanimously to pool the grant
 - If pooling money, hoping to have 1 of the following 2 speakers: Debbie Pusher, David Irvine. There would also be a speaker from ASCA sharing information on how to effectively run a school council.
- Discussion about attendance at school - mental health factors are coming into play; there is a presentation on the EIPS website from Marcus Reed about this.
- Some schools have begun to have harvest baskets/food available at the school
- The trustees find these meetings helpful so it is likely that COSC will continue to operate under new superintendent

3.3 Staff Appreciation Representative (Susan/Michelle)

- Small gift/hot chocolate spoons and notes of gratitude for teachers
- Thank you to parents who raised funds and volunteered
- Feb/March next appreciation event (one idea was a potluck)
- Any ideas/support are welcomed

3.4 Fundraising Association (Lisa)

- It could be 60-100k project to fill in playground, 1-300k project to do basketball hoops/tarmac
- School needs to decide which is the priority by next year

4. Adjournment of meeting

8:24 pm

5. Next meeting will be on March 8, 2023 at 6:30pm both in person and on Microsoft Teams.

Upcoming School Council Meetings:

- ★ February 2023 - no meeting due to Parent Teacher Interviews
- ★ March 8, 2023
- ★ April 12, 2023
- ★ May 10, 2023
- ★ June 14, 2023 - AGM