

EGW School Council Minutes Sept 26/22 Annual General Meeting

Attendance: Ryan Broadfoot, Stuart Adkins, Cori Klassen, Fatima Assaf, Kathryn Adams, Ricas Williams, Antoinette Mullings, Victoria Lewis, Joy McGregor, Laura Poloz, Lisa Palko, Audrey Ghostkeeper, Jamie Green, Cristabel Encinas-Rodriguez

1. **Welcome, introductions, land acknowledgment.** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chair, Fatima Assaf, welcomed everyone, read the land acknowledgement and introduced Superintendent Laura Poloz.

2. **Superintendent's address-** Laura Poloz- once a council is formed, they will receive \$150 from the board; HPSD will pay for 2 council members to attend the ASCA conference in the spring; another \$350 as PD money could be used to offset paying for their hotel room; this council did not spend the \$500 grant money from last year- right now we are in a holding pattern as not sure if government will claw back the money. If gov't doesn't take back the money, it can be used for engaging parents to attend school council, workshops for parents re: restorative justice, cyberbullying, mental health supports, ELL family supports, as examples)

3. Reports:

a. **Principal's Report: Celebrations** – an extremely positive vibe can be felt around the school; staff are building relationships with the students and are putting into place routines and procedures; Current Enrolment- grade 4= 94, Grade 5=103, Grade 6=106 Total=303; New staff- Mr. Brian Ward 6C; Miss Nikka Johansson 4D; Miss Janique St. Pierre French; Saja Bader EA; Bianca Martens EA; Class- wide assessments this past month (MIPI- math) and RCAT- reading comprehension; Admin- Teacher observations/supervision/coaching cycles have begun; Culture of Learning- getting back to our pre-COVID expectations- some structure changes, some course changes

b. **Trustee's Report:** hiring of a Superintendent for next year; 2 board members went to Grande Prairie to meet with the Minister of Education for a half hour; we are in desperate need of bus drivers; the Board's top 2 advocacy areas are advocating for more health resources(& permissions to share between schools & AHS) AND preserving local governance.

c. **Teacher's Report:** Grade 6 Forestry field trip Sept 20 - Very successful, weather was good and students had a great time; Grade 4 Northshore field trip Oct 11 & 12; Terry Fox Run was Sept 23 in the afternoon - raised \$1598.00; In person assemblies are back! Oct 5 at 2pm; parents are welcome; 6D & 5E are hosting; We are excited for library centers - students will be exposed to different genres. This month we are doing subgenres in fictions: mystery, historical fiction, realistic fiction and fantasy; Students and teachers are enjoying STEM and projects - everyone is doing something; Roots of Empathy- 4 grade 5 classes: babies have been found for all classes; Cristabel has started taste test - this round was papaya; Student Leadership will begin on Sept 29- 1 representative per class; Sept 29 Orange Shirt Day; throughout Sept Carrie, our

Indigenous Education Coach, has been visiting classrooms to talk about Truth and Reconciliation & why we wear an orange shirt. Sept 30 is a day off to honor Truth and Reconciliation; Parent- Teacher Interviews Sept 28 from 5-7 pm & Sept 29 from 3:45-5:45 pm - by apt.

d. **Friends for Learning Report-** is in danger of shutting down due to no/low volunteerism & failed fundraisers. Fatima will contact Dawn at Appara Shoes re: selling pink shirts on behalf of the committee.

e. **Community Report-** no community rep

4. Election of Executive:

- a. Chair: Kathryn Adams (acclaimed)
- b. Vice chair: Stuart Adkins (acclaimed)
- c. Secretary: no one stepped forward

5. New business:

- a. How to increase school council attendance- asking for grade level or cohort reps, offering a hybrid in-person and online model
- b. School council topics for discussion- email lpalko@hpsd.ca if you think of topics you would like discussed, potential for a fire safety presentation, potential for workshops by ASCA, volunteer opportunities in the school- check with your child's teacher, math groups (basic facts, math games) to support learners, reading assistance,

6. Selection of meeting dates/time for the remainder of the school year. Monday, October 24, Monday, November 28, Monday, January 30, Monday, February 27, Monday, March 27, Monday, April 24, Monday, May 29. All meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. with a hybrid virtual and in-person model. In colder months we might move to virtual only, as to be determined by the council.

7. Meeting Adjourned 8:40 p.m.