

EG Wahlstrom School Council
September 27, 2021

Meeting start 7:00 p.m

1. Welcome and introductions

1. Steve Adams, Laura Poloz, Lisa Palko, Audrey Ghostkeeper, Ali Mouallaem, Fatima Mouallem, Kaila Hettersheimer, Ryan Broadfoot, Cori Klassen, Kathryn Adams, Cristabell Encinas

2. Superintendent's address- Laura Poloz

1. Overview and purpose of school council-made up of parents that attend the school, and Principal and vice principal who are voting members, may include a teacher. That's why the name change to school council, Only Caveat is that the majority of voting members are parents.
2. Councils to the school advise the principals and trustees who are not voting members.
3. General purpose is to get as many parents involved in decisions at the schools
4. May use this time to look at survey data and get feedback on areas of strengths a weaknesses and get feedback for parents on how to improve, lunch program, field trips,
5. ASCA- Alberta School Councils Association (provincial body), ability to vote on resolutions and put resolutions forward and look at the financials, attend conference and be a voting member, HPSD pays for 2 council members to attend and provide \$350 to help support costs of attending conference or if unable can give proxy vote to another member of a council of another HPSD school.
6. Each school council is getting \$500 to go in to SGF to use however council wants to help get people involved in school council.

7. Other money that comes in \$150 from HPSD to use however the School council chooses (incentives for kids, food for staff, etc)

3. Reports:

a. Principal's School Report Lisa Palko

1. celebrations- grade 6 went on a field trip, relationships routines and procedures are in place
2. Very short in substitute department, working as a team to provide internal coverage
3. New staff
 1. Lisa Palko-Principal
 2. Madame Vargas-French/Science
 3. Ms. Sloan- grade 6
 4. Mr. Oliver- Grade 5
 5. Ms. Halbert- Grade 4
 6. EA's -Ms Ost, Mr. Gillis, Ms Placido

4. Student Leadership

1. One rep from each class, will plan fun them days, morning announcements, get involved in webpage, facebook and reporters, student governments for school improvement.
2. Will start in October
3. Choose least often dates- October 29th (Halloween), December 17th (winter wonderland?), February 14 (Valentines), June 24th (End of the year),

4. Fundraisers

a. Purdys (March)

b. One for FFLFS

5. Current enrollment 332

6. Streaming the budget- School council account has \$876.00,
Hotlunch account \$1656.00

b. Trustee's Report Ali Mouallem

1. Ali/Steve- Welcome to Lisa Palko to EGW

2. Wish other new principals/VP at CJS and new principal at RMSS, LSO
VP well.

3. Look forward to the social media highlights- social media has allowed
people within the school without physically being there.

4. HPSD- updated reentry handbook- on HPSD website

1. getting lots of good feedback on how we are doing with COVID

5. Lots of Truth and Reconciliation activities happening within the schools

6. October 18th elections for trustees- Joy McGregor, Corey Hughes

7. School year magnets are available or have gone home

8. Employment opportunities- Substitute Teachers and EAs and bus drivers

c. Friends for Learning Report

1. Meeting will be on Sep 30, 2021 at 8:00 pm everyone is planning of
stepping down, i

2. If nobody steps up it will be dissolving, COVID has been hard on the
group.

3. Haven't got the totals from the rain barrel fundraiser

4. Does fundraising for the schools (100% of proceeds go back to the school) for school improvements.
5. 5 members that sit on the committee, FFLFS send a form to each school and then admin discusses with the teachers what the school would need/want.
6. If you would like to join message the facebook group and they will send you the zoom link.

d. Community Report

1. Truth and Reconciliation Walk September 30th
2. Election of Executive
 - a. Chair: Fatima Mouallem
 - b. Vice chair: Kathryn Adams
 - c. Secretary: Ryan Broadfoot
2. New business: none at this time
 - a. Ideas of speakers to include at School Council
 - b. Ideas of how to increase attendance at School Council
 1. Parent class representative
 2. Consider approaching leadership students to see if their parents would attend
 3. Email got sent out for CJS and Kaila came as a representative because of the email
 4. Adding an important topic or event to help get attention
 1. Hot topic every month
5. Bring a friend

6. Advanced notice of hot topic- Assurance plan

7. multiple messages about upcoming school council

c. Selection of meeting dates for the remainder of 2021

1. Last Monday of the month at 7:00pm

2. Next meeting dates will be October 25th, November 29th, No December,
January 31th, February 28th, March 28th, April 25th, May 30, June 13

2. Items for next meeting:

a. Think about how to spend the school council meeting money

b. Meeting end time 8:10 p.m