

**Meeting Minutes**

**Davidson Creek Elementary School Council**

**November 15, 2022 6:30 PM**

**360 Davenport Drive, Sherwood Park**

**Board Members**

Lynn Walker, Chair; Karli Butler, Vice Chair; Breanne Sweeney, Secretary

**DCE Council Minutes**

Acting Chair welcomed attendees and gave a Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement.

**Attendance**

Executive Committee: Lynn Walker, Chair; Karli Butler, Vice Chair; Breanne Sweeney, Secretary (online)

DCE Staff: Helene Hewitt, Principal; Kyla Harding, Assistant Principal; Dina Deuzeman, Counselor; Christa Gawron, Office; Amy Rice, Teacher

Parent Representatives: 5 Parents/Guardians attended the meeting in person and online.

Invited Guest: Trina Boymook, EIPS Trustee

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- Christine moved to approve last meetings minutes, seconded by Robyn
- Minutes approved

**Trustee Report, Trina Boymook**

- On October 26 EIPS started a new public engagement discussion that is looking at the best way to strengthen the secondary French Immersion program. Discussions will also include location of the program. Next engagement will be held in the new year.
- November 8 MLA Walk arranged to for us to discuss any concerns that EIPS has that he should be aware of. We discussed concerns with delayed decision on what format that Sherwood Heights will be built through, and we are still waiting to hear from the Minister about our request to access more of our reserves to address Salisbury Composite storm water drainage issue.
- On November 17, at the public Board meeting the Board presented with feedback received through various public engagement sessions to deal with cleaning up some of our junior high

attendance areas. No recommendation or decision will be made about the junior high attendance area at this meeting. Senior Administration needs more time to complete two other public engagement before the Superintendent will determine his recommendation to the Board. Given that the recommendation is now projected to come after the 2023-24 registration, there will be no changes to the junior high boundaries for the 2023-24 school year.

- At the November 17 Board meeting the Board will be considering a two-year Random Selection Process Pilot to address the enrolment pressure at James Mowat Elementary, based on the Closed Boundary Priority Scale, effective for the 2023-24 school year;
- School Assurance Reviews will be conducted the first week of December this year instead of the end of November due to the late release of the PAT and DIP results. Woodbridge Farm's assurance review will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 9am. Representatives from your School Council are invited to participate.
- On November 4, Superintendent Liguori has announced his intent to retire at the end of the school year. The Board will be undertaking a Superintendent search.

### **Chair Report, Lynn Walker**

#### 1. Updates from last meeting:

- October 31, 2022 the school had their Halloween parade through the school;
- November 4, 2022 Remembrance Day service was unable to be held in person and was held virtually due to a number of respiratory illnesses in the school. If you missed the service, it can be watched on the DCE website, link is on the November 4, 2022 Mustang memo;
- November 2, 2022 DCE contacted AHS to advised that there were over 10% absenteeism due to illness. AHS responded on November 4, 2022 informing the community AHS was declaring an illness outbreak at our school. Unfortunately, due to PowerSchool being down due to maintenance parents were not advised until November 9, 2022 and there was also some confusion on the letter from AHS being dated October 27, 2022. Thank you to Christa for promptly addressing parent's concerns on Facebook. EIPS also put out an update of current rates on illness yesterday with a guide. New Chief Medical Officer of Health for Alberta was appointing today, Dr Mark Joffe.

#### 2. Reminder of Upcoming Events:

- November 14 – 18 Bully Awareness Week & Metis Week. If your child is experiencing bully in their community there are a number of resources available. Some of these were posted on the November 4, 2022 Mustang Memo in the Counsellor's Corner;
- School Clubs start this week at lunch recess:
- Wednesday Art Club Grade 1 & 2;
- Thursday Cute Things Club Grade 6;
- Friday Daebak Dance Club Grade 4.
- November 25, 2022 Term 1 report cards will be coming out on PowerSchool. There will be changes this year to the report cards, so if you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out

to your child's teacher or contact the school for clarification. If there are a number of concerns, we can also have this added to the next school council agenda to discuss.

- Christmas break is from December 21, 2022 to January 3, 2023

### 3. Communication:

- We are always looking at better ways of communicating with parents and the community. I'm hoping we have a robust conversation later in the meeting on how we can increase our parent engagement.

- A school survey and fundraising survey was sent out prior to the fall break to ask just those questions. I will let Helene elaborate on the results from the school survey during her administration report. From the fundraising survey, email is the best way to share information to parents at 78%. With Facebook and school website being 2nd at 9%. If you would like the results from the fundraising survey, stick around for the meeting following.

- Facebook. I was not tracking followers until recently, but on November 4, 2022 there were 516 member and as of yesterday there was 519, a gain of 3;

- We also have a Twitter handle @DavidsonCreek currently at 125 followers.

4. November 1, 2022 7 - 9 PM COSC Meeting (Council of School Councils) was held virtually due to weather conditions.

- Caregiver Education Series: AHS hosts a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. Learn more; <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ayEC7g5SfocsJdDTDcknI9sEDSQ0iSO2/view>
- School Council Engagement Grant: Alberta Education provides school councils with a \$500 School Council Engagement Grant for the school year. There's been discussion to pool funds again this year. Kendra Roemer, COSC member, has stepped up to lead a school council grant committee focused on pooling interested school councils' funds together. All submissions that meet the grant criteria will be approved and announced at the COSC meeting during the "For Information" section, monthly;
- EIPS Assurance Review: Associate Superintendent Sandra Stoddard discussed the EIPS assurance review. The presentation outlined EIPS' assurance framework, engagement process, data analysis, Alberta Education assurance measures and included examples from EIPS' assurance review data from the 2020-21 school year. School councils can attend their scheduled assurance review session in early December. Check with your school principal to know what date and time your session is being held. <https://www.eips.ca/download/403220>

## **Admin Report, Helene Hewitt**

### **Parent Survey Results**

- How is family doing:
  - o 30% of respondents are doing great
  - o 57% are doing okay
  - o 10% could be better
  - o 3% are struggling
- Areas for additional support:
  - o 47% kids & social media
  - o 41% parenting tips for kids who are emotionally disregulated
  - o 37% reading skills at home
  - o 32% writing skills at home
  - o 30% math skills at home
- Events people would attend:
  - o Most popular: summer sizzler (88%) then family dance/movie night tied (53%) then family math night (41%) and family literacy night last at 41%
- Favourite method of communication was email
- Other platforms suggested were Seesaw, Instagram, and text messaging
- 54% support land-based learning space and 40% were interested
- Great responses about what we are proud of as a community
- Other feedback included suggestions about Walk and Wheel Wednesdays, clubs, promoting sports/physical activity and some messaging about being aware of how people feel about bringing pets to school during pick-up and drop off.

#### **School Clubs :**

- We already have a few things up and running, such as the volleyball tournament with Mr. Gerard in Grade 6
- This week we are starting Cute Things Club at lunch on Thursdays for Gr. 6 and Daebak Dance for Gr. 4 on Friday. Propagation Facination club and Art club will also be starting up this month. Stay tuned to the Memo for more information!

#### **Curriculum Update:**

- Our teachers have attended professional development to support the ELAL curriculum for both K-3 and grades 4-6
- We have added to our already great practices to ensure we are meeting the outcomes across subjects
- We are making great use of the materials that were created by seconded teachers that are on a [Sharepoint site](#) available to our staff
- EIPS has created some great [comparison charts](#) to show how the math curriculum has changed

#### **General Updates:**

- We are celebrating Métis Week all week ending with the official raising of our Métis and Treaty 6 flags in the foyer. We will try to live stream the flag raising ceremony on Friday!
- Students have had one activity a day related to Métis culture to view and discuss as a class
- We are also acknowledging bullying awareness week - Dina can share the details
- We are officially on outbreak status with a hopeful lift date of November 19

### **Parent Opportunities:**

- Our school council and DCFS chairs are invited to attend our Assurance Review on December 7, 2022
- We need one parent to participate in the Student Voice event on December 5, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We are sending two Grade 5 students who will share perspectives alongside the parent on engagement, diversity and inclusion. Anyone interested?

### **Upcoming events:**

- Term 1 Report Cards November 25, 2022

### **New Business**

1. Engagement ideas to increase attendance to School council and increase parent involvement. Including more details in the mustang memo encouraging attendance as a reminder for parents when they are able or have time to attend. Attendance to every meeting is not necessary, just as many as parents are able.
  - Including a booth at School Council booth at parent teacher interviews might be helpful to increase conversation
  - Bring a buddy, 2 minute videos about what is School Council and what it is not may increase interest. Possibly changing the date and time to accommodate other parents can be entertained. A survey is being considered on how to increase engagement. Any ideas can be directed to Lynn at [chairdce@gmail.com](mailto:chairdce@gmail.com)
2. Christmas Concert
  - a. Will be in the gym, details to be confirmed
  - b. May need to request \$500-\$1000 to possibly rent equipment or chairs.
3. Family Dance
  - a. Looking for some parents on a sub-committee to organize for dates and ideas, will be included on mustang memo
  - b. DJ to be investigated by parent
  - c. Food bank or craft sale with proceeds to go to charity discussed

Questions – PAT results from last year should have been received by letter. If you did not to receive these you can request them. This year PATs are written right up to the last day of school.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07