



Ecole JE Lapointe School Council Meeting - Minutes

November 22, 2023

Attendees: Sean Flanagan, Taralyn Friesen, Christine Thorne, Jen Dubois, Laura Newell, Keith Chizen, Lindsay Wright, Kayla Maynard, Susan Culver, Niki Chwyl, Jessica Smith, Karrie Gomez, Esther Eckert (School Trustee)

1. **Call to order:** 6:03 pm

2. **Review of Agenda**

3. **Adoption of the minutes from October 11, 2023** - *Motioned by Taralyn, Seconded by Kayla, Carried*

4. **Correspondence:** None

5. **Reports:**

5.1. Financial Report: Financial Statements from September 2023 and October 2023 were presented – **numbers as of October 31, 2023:**

5.1.1 PAA Account

Current balance - \$26,859.72

Cheques not cleared/funds approved - \$5,628.57

Available funds - \$21,231.15

5.1.2 Casino

Current balance - \$10,153.11

Cheques not cleared/funds approved - \$0.00

Available funds - \$10,153.11

5.2. Principal's Report:

- Mr. Pedersen is leaving the school (last day is November 30th); starts new position as Principal at Riverview Middle School in Devon on December 1, 2023.
- 2023/24 School Budget: Total Expenditures \$3,704,355.
- Knowledge Nook – Wednesdays and Fridays – to help students finish work that they are behind on before the end of the term.
- Term 1 ends December 8th and Term 1 Progress Reports will be released on December 13th.

5.2.1 Engagement Grant:

- A way for staff to engage with parents.
- Schools receive \$500 per year, and in some cases, it carries over if not used.
- Currently, we have \$1000 – how would we like it to be spent?
- Next meeting – discussion/ideas.
- Sean will create a survey to send out to parents regarding options on how to spend the funds.

5.3. Trustee Report:

- Council of School Councils (CoSC) event was held October 25th; focused on improving Parental Engagement. After this event, elections for the CoSC executive were held and all positions were filled. Next meeting for Board Chairs will be on January 17, 2024.
- School tours in October for trustees were in Calmar and some Leduc schools.

- Interviews for the Superintendent position have concluded; announcement to be made shortly.
- October Board meeting was held November 1st.
- New Ohpaho Secondary School opening September 2024, for students in grades 8-12.
- November 8th and 9th – Board planning to review the budget and compare it to the projections made in the spring. The Board’s Strategic Plan for the coming year was created. The Annual Education Results Report (AERR) was analyzed; trends from the COVID period are beginning to reverse but there is still much work to be done.
- Trustees are currently attending the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) annual fall general meeting. Black Gold has prepared a policy regarding expanding the funding model for dual credit programs for high school students.
- New high school in Beaumont will be a joint school with STAR Catholic.

6. Upcoming Events: None

7. New Business: Grade 7 (English) Year End Trip

- Sean is willing to endorse a trip if one is planned (for the next school year).
- Staff are needed for trips to go ahead.
- All trips over a certain number of days in length must be approved by the Board.
- Out of province trips also need to be approved by the Board.
- The Board needs to have the proposal 6 months in advance to proceed with approval in principal.

8. Next Meeting: January 10, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

9. Adjournment: 6:53 pm

Action Items #	Description	Recommendation / Action	Responsible	Expected date of Completion
1.				