

ECPS Council and Association  
Minutes

October 26, 2022

<b>Present</b>	<b>Role</b>	
Stuart Bartwicki	Secratery	
Medeana Moussa	Vice-Chair	
Guillaume Comeau	Principal	
Dawn Poole	Vice Principal	
Sandra Johansen	Fundraising and events	
Dunia Friesen	Treasurer	
Mike Dunn	Past: Treasurer	

Welcome and land acknowledgement

1. Presentation from Madam Bohan- Sharing a little bit about what music programs are
  - New Instruments will help with larger class size
  - Flip form risers are on the wish list - Ideal for choir formation singing and stage use for performance and assemblies. They are light and easy to maneuver.
  - Xylophone stands are also on the wish list - These help with safety and performance
  - Choir chimes, foam mallets, bell gloves and bell binders also on the wish list.
  - This year we go back to concerts December -grade 1-3 concert, Spring Grade 2 concert
  - Parents are keen to come in and help out with the music programs.
2. Motion to approve previous meetings minutes.
  - Sandra motioned, seconded by Dunia
  - Minutes are approved
3. Casino report
  - Huge thanks to Sandra for doing such a great job
  - Casino was successful – over 42 people come forward and volunteer
  - Sandra put together a list of lessons learned and ‘tips and tricks’ to help with the running and organization of the event
  - Approx. 234 Hours of volunteer
  - Approximately \$60,000 raised
  - Huge thanks to all volunteers who took part
4. COSC update (Community of school council)- Rachel
  - First meeting was on 20<sup>th</sup> of October

- COSC now send updates on monthly basis directly to parents via email – CBE connections.
- Capital plan advocacy – Very big focus on modernising schools – renovations and upgrades to existing schools in need – 400 applications – 5 schools have been identified to receive upgrades
- New K-6 curriculum – English, LA, Health and Wellness being implemented this year. Teachers will be provided with the opportunity to provide feedback. There will be a new format for assessment which can be found on the CBE website
- Bus transportation – ongoing capacity issues with a severe lack of drivers – CBE working hard to recruit new drivers to fill the void
- If parents have concerns or questions they should start with the teacher – move the principal – then education director

#### 5. School administration – G and D

- School population – nothing to worry about regarding the school closure due to capacity
- 70% capacity
- Currently sitting at 480 students
- Grade 6 currently small – 49 students
- Kindergarten has great numbers that we expect to see continue throughout the upper grades as the children move through the school
- New budget on October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Increased funding is not enough to hire a new teacher
- Hired a new Educational assistant to provide support in multiple classrooms (Madam Pixie) was hired. She is French and can help with the French programme
- Ms Alsam has been helping for two years. – very experienced with English language learners. Support in Grade 1, 2, 4

#### Next steps for support

- We could hire .5 teacher to support multiple classrooms
- SDP (school development Plan) – talk about next council meeting
- Literacy – Math (jump math program to be implemented) and new math curriculum for K-3 – Wellness (rebuilding connections due to pandemic – connections and where we belong) Bringing back school dances and groups throughout the school to get young people socializing
- Further Information can be found on the School development plan on the school website.

Jacket racket – donations can be made until October 31<sup>st</sup>

Budget wish list – (see attached)

- Library books - \$3000

- Music – risers - \$7400 + freight, 15 Xylophone stands - \$2985, Instruments - \$2856
- Technology – Chrome book 34 new – we require 7 extras to make 2 sets of 25 - \$2507
- 2 Spark Bikes - \$1750
- Furniture – waiting on quotes

#### Budget Discussion

- Council should target spending \$26K
- Association has to spend \$25.9K
- currently too much money in the council account – the council has \$49K
- The requests are around \$30K not including furniture
- Chrome book purchase of 7 new Chrome books \$2507 – Motion forwarded by Madeana and seconded by Mike Dunn.

#### Courtyard update

- Big thank you to all volunteers who helped
- More information on the courtyard as we get closer to the spring
- Thanks to Site one for donating all the soil.