**ECPS COUNCIL & ASSOCIATION  
AGENDA & MINUTES**

**April 21st, 2021**

Concurrent meeting: Ecole Chinook Park School Association and Ecole Chinook Park School Council Parent Council Meeting

Attendees:

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| Present | Name | Association role | Council role |
| X | Alison Pidskalny | Chair (president) | Co-chair |
| X | Jason Switzer |  | Co-chair |
| X | Katie McKinnon |  | Vice chair |
|  | Clair Gordon | Secretary | Secretary |
| X | Dane Tousignant | Treasurer | Treasurer |
| X | Lisa Doyle |  | (Past chair) |
| X | Krysti Barker |  | (Fundraising lead) |

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of Past Minutes
   * Motion to approve January 2021 and February 2021 Minutes: Jason, Second: Alison
3. Guest Chat with Marlene Krickhan, Principal of Woodman
   * ~150 new Grade 7 students each year. Class size is ~28 students.
   * Gr 6 students will receive additional information this week with respect to selection of options. Deadline April 30.
   * New Parcour Obstacle Course will be built in 2022
   * Additional questions? mlkrickhan@cbe.ab.ca
4. Financial Report, D. Tousignant
   * Association (Casino Funds)
     + Spending Power: $61,429.43
       - Bank balance less expected expenses: $31,429.43
       - $30,000 GIC
   * Difference since last meeting: $7269.81. Big ticket items:
     + FolkloFolie ($787.50),
     + Snowshoes ($4,000 budgeted),
     + Headsets ($1,483.65 invoiced April 20)
   * Council
     + Spending power: $29,269.47
       - Effective bank balance - $19,247.51
       - Check writing funds held by school - $10,021.96
     + Difference since last meeting: $27.24
       - $840 out to Sugar Shack
       - $812.76 in from Healthy Hunger (received April 21, not deposited)
     + Bills to pay:
       - $197.09 for March Luncheon/Teacher Appreciation
         1. Motion: Dane, Second: Jason.
5. Fundraising Update, K. Barker
   * Big success – crushed our goal and purchased 2 water fill stations that will arrive shortly
   * Virtual Family Fundraiser – Cristopher Cool – Magician. $20 per family…50% of each ticket sold goes to school.
   * Spring apparel launches in May, for only 1 week.
   * Casino postponed, $70-80k per Casino, generally on an 18-24 month cycle (could be delayed further due to COVID). General support for having a casino in the summer, if necessary to shorten interval to next casino.
   * Courtyard cleanup: seeking a volunteer to lead this effort. The courtyard is the Council’s responsibility to maintain.
6. Report from ASCA, Alberta School Councils Association, M. Moussa
   * Our job as a council is to appoint a delegate(s) to represent ECPS Council in voting among 1,300 school council members across Alberta. We recently rejoined.
   * See Issues & Recommendations summary posted to Council website
   * Motion to proceed / vote in the manner presented or to stay within the intent of the recommendations as presented in the event of change: Alison, Second: Jason
   * Questions? medeana.moussa@gmail.com
7. School update, A. Avdicos
   * Covid Update:
     + Case confirmed April 9
     + Process was effective
     + Double testing is now recommended
     + Variant Notifications: AHS notifies CBE of VOCs if they are different than the B.1.1.7
   * Budget and Fees Survey
     + Helped set spending priorities: What are parent priorities? What does our community value?
     + Budget based on projected and actual student numbers; actuals were lower than projected in 2020-21
   * Courtyard Update
     + Interested volunteers – contact Aliki
     + Low maintenance projects; keep seasons in mind; covered/shade structures that also double for water collection
     + Revitalization ~ every 10 years
8. Guest speaker: Trustee Julie Hrdlika
   * Covid Update
     + Over 13,000 students and 600 staff in quarantine now vs 16,000 students and 1,300 staff in November.
     + Board is supporting teachers to get vaccinated.
   * Curriculum:
     + CBE chose not to pilot the new proposed curriculum. 37 of 61 school boards in Alberta chose not to pilot.
     + There is still an opportunity to comment on curriculum via [online survey](https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum.aspx?utm_source=google&utm_medium=sem&utm_campaign=K6curriculum&utm_term=curriculum&utm_content=v1). CBE will also be reviewing and providing feedback. Alberta Teachers Association has also offered to work with the Ministry, but has not been part of the design process.
   * This Fall 2021: CBE is planning for various scenarios, in-class, online.
   * CBE is looking at the viability of 20 inner city schools because of low capacity over the next few years. Low capacity does affect budget allocations to schools; 85% is the target capacity.
9. Other business & next meeting
   * Next meeting: May 19, 2021
   * Final meeting & AGM: June 16, 2021
   * Interested in a position on our School Council? Please contact [chinookparkchair@gmail.com](mailto:chinookparkchair@gmail.com)!