

ECPS COUNCIL & ASSOCIATION AGENDA & MINUTES

September 28, 2022

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

Approx 20 Parent Attendees

Present	Name	Association role	Council role
X	Katie McKinnon	Past: Vice-Chair	Past: Vice-Chair
X	Medeana Moussa		
X	Mike Dunn	Past: Treasurer	Past: Treasurer
X	Katie McCurdy		Past: Member at large
X	Guillaume Comeau		Principal
X	Dawn Poole		A. Principal

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement, Katie McKinnon
2. Thank you to outgoing executive, Katie McKinnon
3. Jump Math Program, Carla French
 - Junior Undiscovered Math Prodigies, founded in 2002 (Dr. John Mighton)
 - evidence based program, based on “structured inquiry”
 - Aligned with Alberta’s new curriculum, and is a resource used by Alberta Education
 - lessons build on foundational concepts (eg micro-progressions), builds confidence in students, laid out for students success
 - Use of this program as a complement to in class instruction, to allow for a balance between teaching and student practice
 - Each student gets an entire set of books
 - Alberta Education supports this program, however funding is not available from Alberta Education to purchase (thus this is a financial ask to our council)
 - Review is incorporated into the beginning of the year, to bring students together so that they are able to move forward as a cohesive group
 - **Sandy:** supported three different schools with this program, with visible improvements

4. Council AGM Business, Katie McKinnon
- Motion to approve minutes from previous AGM, with correction from Siobhan in regards to funds raised from fun food.
 - Motion: Mike Dunn
 - Second: Medeana Moussa
 - Motion approved
 - Outgoing Chair report:
 - i. Focus on keeping the school open (safely with COVID-10, lower enrollment), building community
 - ii. Courtyard activities
 - iii. Fun Food events
 - iv. School Promotion
 - v. Events
 - vi. Fundraising
 - Role of School Council:
 - i. Mandated by Alberta Education and legislation
 - ii. Work with School administration to ensure school development plan and raise and work through challenges together
 - Financials
 - i. Review of 'Council' financials and 'Association' Financials
 - ii. Combined financials
 - 1. Overall underbudget by approximately ~\$7,800
 - iii. Current association funds must be spent by Fall 2023.
 - iv. Please see financials presented in presentation
 - Motion to approve financials: Medeana Moussa
 - Second: Siobhan Eger
 - Motion Approved
 - Council Account/Bucket Balances
 - i. Cheque-Writing campaigns
 - 1. Need school to seek approval from Alberta Education to get spending deadline extensions (default is one year deadline), and permissions to spend on things outside of scope of what past campaigns fundraised for, in order to be able to spend the \$5.0K remaining cheque-writing campaign money raised prior to last school year.
 - 2. In the future, if campaigns are targeting specific needs/projects (i.e. water bottle refill stations in 2020/21), campaign should make sure spending is permitted for "general use" on any proceeds raised in excess of costs for specific needs/projects.
 - Budget planned to be tabled in October
 - School Council Executive Candidates (**Acclaimed**)
 - i. Chair: Katie McKinnon
 - ii. Vice-Chair: Medeana Moussa
 - iii. Treasurer: Dunia Chumacero Friesen

- iv. Secretary: Stuart Bartwicki
- v. Fundraising and Events: Sandra Johansen
- vi. Key communicator: Rachel Speiran
- vii. Member-at-Large: Katie McCurdy
- Meeting dates:
 - i. Last Wednesday of the month:
 1. September (AGM) – Sept 28
 2. October 26
 3. November 30
 4. January 25
 5. February 22
 6. March 22
 7. April 26
 8. May 32
- Council meeting adjourned.
- 5. Chinook Park School Association AGM
 - Candidates **(Acclaimed)**
 - i. Chair – Katie McKinnon
 - ii. Vice Chair: Medeana Moussa
 - iii. Treasurer: Dunia Chumacero Friesen
 - iv. Secretary: Stuart Barwicki
 - Motion to approve: Katie McCurdy
 - Second: Mike Dunn
 - Motion approved
 - Financial Statements
 - i. Association financials
 1. Financials included in slide deck were missing the \$10,000 expense on courtyard although total expense \$33.5K shown was correct.
 2. Hardcopies have the accurate statement information, and were passed around to those attending in-person
 3. Question: School association funds all from Casino? Yes. Sometimes earn interest income too but not last year.
 - Motion to adopt financial (handout): Medeana Moussa
 - Second: Rachel Speiran
 - Motion approved
 - School Association Meeting adjourned.
- 6. Chinook Park School Council – Reconvened
 - Principal's Report, Guillaume Comeau & Dawn Poole
 - i. September events
 - ii. Enrollment and programming
 1. Student projection: 382; Current enrollment: 419
 - a. Many into kindergarten classes
 - b. Additional students into older grades (new Calgarians)

2. Ability to hire another teacher
3. No multiage classrooms, however the result is a variation in class sizes
4. Programming change:
 - a. Grade 6 English students receiving French as a second language (current teacher in our school!)
 - i. Supports grade 7 choice for late immersion option
5. Classroom readers (parent volunteers) may also be able to help with English Language Learners (ELL)
6. October 1st final student count
 - a. Potential for additional funds for school supports
7. Official Languages in Education Programs (OLEP) Federal grants
 - a. French immersion support and program retention
 - b. Funds for a program coordinator (languages)
8. The year ahead
 - a. Connecting with families and continuing to build culture
 - b. Continuing to attract new students, student retention, supports for all programs
9. Wishlist (Vice Principal Dawn Poole presented)
 - a. Preliminary list presented here, more “asks” will come forward ahead of late October budget.
 - b. Raz Kids (October)
 - i. Accessible home reading
 - ii. Good for levelled books, to support language learners (English and French immersion)
 - iii. Estimated cost for this year US\$2.0K
 - iv. **Question:** How are book resources within the school? Would be good to have more resources on hand for home reading program.
 - v. **Question:** Is there a way to know how many people are logging in from the school? – Teachers will be able to see.
 - vi. **Question:** Feedback – the reading comprehension questions at the end of the book are a great resources.
 - vii. *Mike Dunn: Can be funded from Association funds*
 - c. Residency Fit Set Ninja
 - i. Tie into gymnastics curriculum (February)
 - ii. In three days, students would be able to go twice (30-45 minute session).
 - iii. Expect cost for 3 days to be nearly \$7K.
 - iv. Modifications are available to ensure multiple entry points for all students.
 - v. Mobile, and so will be available at school

- vi. *Funded from association funds*
 - d. Music Therapy
 - i. More specifically for EES students (complex learners)
 - ii. Estimates cost up to \$2.0K
 - iii. Mike Dunn: Historically funded from council funds
 - e. Long Term (not immediately needed this month)
 - i. Spark bikes (three would be ideal, but one would be fabulous, asking for two, cost ~\$0.9K per bike)
 - ii. TBD – STEM equipment
 - iii. TBD – Music/Indigenous Art
 - iv. **Question:** Links to have Elders come visit our school for teachings
 - Financials, Mike Dunn
 - i. Seeking approval for early budget items
 - 1. Council ~\$5K
 - a. EES music program (\$2.0K), courtyard (\$0.2K for now), agendas (\$1716 owed), welcome back picnic (\$202.85)
 - b. Motion for approval of proposed expenditures: Rachel
 - c. Second: Sandra
 - d. Motion approved
 - 2. Association ~\$8K (slides said \$7K but received updated Raz Kids cost estimate at meeting):
 - a. RazKids (US\$2K), Jump Math (\$3428 for Semester 2 workbooks), Directors and Officers Insurance (~\$1.1K).
 - b. Motion for approval of expenditures: Medeana Moussa
 - c. Second: Katie McCurdy
 - d. Motion approved
 - ii. Remaining wish list (bikes, fit set ninja) to be discussed at future meetings. This includes further discussion between staff to solidify their wish list, conversations to start in October.
 - Call for Volunteers, Medeana Moussa
 - i. Break out into smaller committees, we need your help
 - ii. Lots of opportunities for volunteers
 - 1. Library help – team to help consistently shelving books
 - 2. Brown Bag – people to shop monthly for groceries
 - iii. Casinos – most immediate need for volunteers
 - 1. We need an additional 18 volunteers
 - a. Sign up genius?
 - iv. In school volunteer opportunities require a police information check (valid for 5 years)
7. Meeting adjourned: 8:27 pm