

SAC MEETING May 7, 2020

ZOOM ATTENDANCE: Allison Palsitt, Shauna Kit, William Korec, Shannon Kowal, Mandy Dumanski, Collen Holowaychuk

Meeting Called to Order 6:33 pm

This meeting is more of an information session rather than a full SAC meeting.

Chair Report: NONE

Principal's Report:

Announcement from the minister yesterday outlining 3 possible options for returning to school in the fall.

Parents and students are doing the best they can- we are focusing on connecting and engaging their brains.

There will be a simplified reporting structure for TERM 3

Timetable shift for K-8/K-9 schools so that the same subjects are not missed repeatedly due to holidays etc.

Grade configurations for next year are to be finalized:

K/1 Split 18 total students

2/3 Split 30 total students

4 25 total students

5/6 split 27 total students

7/8 split 28 total students

Field Trips and Fees will be evaluated later, Drumheller will become a fall discussion point

There will be no school supplies offered through the school

There was a recent issue with the school bus- catalytic converter was stolen out of it.

Trustee Report:

Covid 19 budget implications

We are receiving 2.3 million dollars less from the basic allocation for the last two month. The board was able to pull together 1.1 million dollars in savings from other areas but it was not enough to prevent layoffs. Temporary layoff 189 permanent and 128 hourly or short term staff.

1.25 million from transportation was also pulled back.

EIPS playgrounds remain closed.

PAT and Diplomas remain canceled.

The Premier made an announcement that in-person classes are out for the remainder of the year. The Minister has confirmed this as well.

At EIPS last day of on-line classes is June 19, 2020.

Return of school devices, books and grad activities planned for June 22-26, 2020.

Fee reimbursement: Board and Superintendent are working on Guiding Principles for fee reimbursement, we don't have the time line yet. Credit or reimbursement toward next year fees.

Alternative learning: Lots of information and activities on the website. Please take a look.

New funding formula for 2020-2021

Works with a weighted moving average for student enrolment (WMA)

Board approved both the budget assumptions and schools and departments received their allocations.

2.9% reduction to schools and 20% reduction to central.

There are less dollars to work with.

In the last budget which is for 2019-2020 we were approx \$5.3 million short. Will be 7.5 million short in the upcoming year.

We are unable to take any more from reserves to balance the budget as we will be below the recommended reserve limit of 2%. We will be at approx 1.3%.

BILL5 is also a new issue. We need ministerial approval to use operating reserves, including school generated funds.

Board and system administration costs have been mandated to be lowered to max 3.15% from the 3.6%. We were always under but now will be even tighter.

Transportation fees:

Board approved a new fee schedule.

Much more simplified and equitable for families across the division.

Transportation fees: Eligible (\$100) VS Ineligible (\$325) There is a payment plan option over 6 months. There is no more family rate.

Andrew School Junior High Programming....Decision to be made by the board on May 14, 2020 at a public meeting that will be live streamed on YouTube.

COSC Meetings are being held via zoom. Always great meetings with lots of information. Next meeting scheduled for October 7, 2020.

March 19- layoffs were announced.

In-Person classes cancelled for the remainder of the year. Last day of online EIPS will be June 19, 2020. Return of school devices will be June 22-26. Board is working on fee reimbursement. Likely will be in the form of credits for next year.

In terms of next year we have a new funding model. It is meant to help rural funding. EIPS will be 7.5M short after the budget. There is no additional funds to take out of the reserves.

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm

Next Meeting June 15, 6:30pm