

Mundare School Advisory Council – AGM & Meeting

Tuesday June 1, 2021 6:00PM

Attendance: Alison Palsitt, Cheryl Calinoiu, William Korec, Trish Koch, Ashley Rietveld
Colleen Holowaychuk

Regrets: Mandy Olsgard, Mandy Chipps, Denise Warawa

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03pm
2. Introductions and attendance
3. Review and approval of Agenda
Approved
4. Election
Chairperson - Vacant
Vice Chairperson - Vacant
Secretary - Ashley Rietveld
*Vacant positions will be revisited at the September 2021 Mundare SAC Meeting.
5. President's Report – none provided.
6. Principal's Report – W.Korec
 - EIPS Parent Survey Results for Mundare
 - School supply lists
 - School Education Plan
 - Staffing
 - Kindergarten Grad and Open House
 - Celebration of Learning
 - Sports Day
 - Grade 7/8 Awards and Moving On
 - COVID guidelines being adjusted over the summer for the next school year.
7. Trustee's Report – C. Holowaychuk
 - The Board had several budget working days scheduled. Spent time reviewing our vision and priorities as we work through the budget discussions with administration. We did get our funding envelope as promised on March 31, 2021. Overall, the budget was status quo and is considered a good news budget. They held divisions "harmless" regarding the weighted moving average (WMA) in the new funding formula. Many boards would have otherwise seen a drop in funding due to losing students because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We continue to regularly review Covid response and recovery within the division.
 - The Board held a special meeting where we approved 3 full time FSLWs to connect with students between April and June. We have some students who have not been connecting with schools

regularly and we want to ensure they are ready for the 2021-22 school year. We also updated our division modular request to the government at this meeting.

- The board has decided not to implement a technology fee next year. Instead, the division's technology plan is to be updated and more information will come forward when it is ready.
- New curriculum – Our Board knew that we would not be piloting the curriculum a while ago. It is an operational decision and Superintendent Liguori feels that students have already had two school years of disrupted learning and does not feel the time is right to add anything else. Our administration is reviewing the draft curriculum and we are asking parents to review and do the survey to provide their feedback to Alberta Education. EIPS commissioned a professional review from a curriculum expert Janice Aubry. The report and strong letter expressing the many concerns from the board has been sent to the Minister. All staff and parents have also received an email with the report. ASBA has been advocating to delay implementation of the pilot and the September 2022 start to address the areas of concern and deal with the pandemic fall out before tackling a new curriculum. So far all we have heard is that it will be implemented in September 2022.
- Transportation fees: Eligible students - \$100/ Ineligible students - \$325/ Supplement bus fee - \$100
- With the increase in the numbers of vaccinated people, we are hoping for a return to near normal conditions for Sept 2021. ASBA has been advocating to have school staff moved up in priority for the vaccine but so far have not been successful.
- For those with junior or senior high school students, we will be returning the semester schedule rather than the quarter schedule.
- EIPS will not be offering an online option next year. We will be offering a home-schooling option, but it will be parent led, only offered to those that are currently registered in online programming. They will need to commit to the full year and not will be able to return to the classroom during the year. Will be offered only for the 2021-2022 school year.
- I attended the ASCA conference April 24, 2021. Many great sessions. I do have some documents that I can share if anyone is interested. You can find very helpful information on the ASCA website.
- April 26, 2021, I participated in a webinar called Managing the Social and Emotional Impact of COVID-19 presented by J. Kevin Cameron.
- Approved the two-year reserve plan to help with the response to COVID. This includes a 2-year commitment to decrease the learning gap and a 1-year commitment to social-emotional wellbeing.
- School council annual reports are due June 25. Send to the principal who will forward to Superintendent.
- Approved the budget of \$197 million using \$6.85 million of reserves to balance the budget.
- The board met with our local ATA executive to discuss the topics of curriculum, joint advocacy, mental health, and well-being, COVID and some of the learning that have come from COVID. It was a great meeting and always wonderful to connect with them.
- Families may see a small credit on their transportation fee. Due to COVID and uncertain ride attendance the EIPS transportation had approximately \$76,000 that could be returned to families.

8. New Business

- Agendas. Are they worth getting for the older students? Feedback was that parents do not see them being used often grade 4 and up. However, the younger kids do use them. School will continue to use them next year, but hopefully bright space can be used in place of agendas in the future.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday September 21, 2021 6:00pm

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:51