

Mundare School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday January 25, 2022 6PM

Attendance: Maria Dytiuk, Rick Patrie, Ashley Rietveld, Trish Koch, Colleen Holowaychuk, William Korec

1. Welcome **Maria Dytiuk**
Attendance and introductions

2. Adoption of the agenda
Trish Koch moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Seconded by Maria Dytiuk.
Discussion. Carried

3. Old business
None

4. Reports:
 - (a) **Presidents Report** **Maria Dytiuk**
No report presented

 - (b) **Principals Report** **William Korec**
 - a. Progress reports went out November 26, 2021 and were well received by parents
 - b. Christmas Special Days/ YouTube presentation were a hit with the kids
 - c. Cookies from Santa Initiative was a new tradition and much appreciated
 - d. Food Drive for Lamont Food Bank and Leadership – over 800 items donated. Thank you to Mr. Kowal for the limo delivery.
 - e. Positive Referral Behaviour Initiative continues at Mundare School
 - f. PALS Parent meetings have been virtual and several interesting topics have been presented
 - g. Learning Disruption plan of action – Mrs. Anderson has started her work with our grade 2/3 students who met the criteria. They meet M-Thursday for about 1 hour.
 - h. Roots of Empathy Program – continues with Mrs. White’s class
 - i. Skating and Swimming Program – both went well before Christmas. One more skate planned before the Teachers Convention break. One swim class was cancelled in December due to extreme weather – postponed until February 4
 - j. Hot lunches – hot dog lunch was a big hit! Thank you, parents!
 - k. Upcoming Teachers Convention and PD Day (on Monday)
 - l. Upcoming ski trip for Grade 1-8 – decision was made to take a pass on this opportunity as we would need multiple busses and it would drive the cost up substantially. Opted for another rec swim in March.
 - m. School Clubs and Athletics – not enough student interest to form a team for athletics this year.
 - n. Semester 2 –Vegreville Composite to take Cosmetology for 6 weeks and Construction Technologies for 6 weeks (Exploration studies)
 - o. Yoga and wellness – will be having one more session in early February with Val Miller.
 - p. COVID update – wellness is front and centre- government masks distributed and rapid testing kits, as well. No transmission at school that we are aware of.

- q. Hats on for Mental Health – is happening tomorrow.
- r. Pink shirt day – this is part of our ongoing bullying awareness – mid-February. Organized by Miss Giebelhaus, our school counsellor.
- s. Weather and Roads – the weather, roads and bussing has been playing havoc with attendance and nerves....
- t. Beehives near the school – issue was raised for the sake of information gathering with Rick Patrie about having active hives right next to the school. Rick collected additional feedback to share with council (safety perspective). This conversation was initiated by an article in the Vegreville Advertiser. This was the first that the school heard of this venture.

(c) **School Trustee Report**

Colleen Holowaychuk

- November 25, 2021, Board Meeting, the Board approved an unaudited accumulated surplus on August 31, 2021. EIPS ended the year with an operating surplus 2021 of \$6.11 million, and an overall accumulated surplus of \$24.37 million.
- 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements, EIPS received a clean audit.
- Annual Education Results Report has been approved.
- The Board approved the 2021-22 Fall Budget. The 2021-2022 operating budget is \$198.26 million, which includes drawing \$5.38 million from reserves.
- November 24-30, 2021 - School Assurance Reviews, schools shared their greatest strengths, challenges, and opportunities for growth with the Board of Trustees and Administration.
- Dec 6-7 Board retreat in Camrose as well as a third day on January 13 at via zoom. Discussion of the Boards Strategic Plan and other important planning take place during board retreats.
- December 13, 2021 - Minister announced some changes to curriculum and the roll out of only certain subjects to take place in fall 2022. Senior administration will be working on next steps of what and how it will affect our students and staff. Work on piloting 7-10 curriculum will be delayed.
- Letter sent to Minister to on EIPS' position on curriculum changes. We feel LA and Math should only be for K-1, Phys Ed & Wellness in K-6.
- Transportation has seen an 88% increase (\$180,000) in insurance costs over the past two years. Our Board pays the insurance premiums for all contractors, as per the contact terms.
- EIPS was one of 12 boards in the province that underwent an audit/best practice for the Transportation Task Force.
- Overhead costs are increasing and ridership, especially in the rural areas, is decreasing. Also has to do with Covid-19 and parents not wanting students to ride.
- Diploma Exams canceled for January 2022.
- Returning Student Registration will take place February 1-28, 2022.
- School Fee discussions are taking place at school councils for the next couple of months. The Board Approved the 2022-2023 School Fee Parameters at the January 20, 2022 Board Meeting
- The January Board Meeting, the Board approved the 2022-2023 school calendar at January board meeting. Status quo for next year with a recommendation that the board look at increasing PD days for the new curriculum and to not lose instructional days, reduce November break down to 3 days rather than 5 in future calendars. There was a lot of good data that came in through the survey.

- A budget reallocation of unanticipated surplus (found from savings in the first part of the year) for a total of \$1.495 million to the several identified projects in 2022. Many of the items were identified as required through the school assurance reviews.
- Alberta Education Survey will be coming out. Please take the time to fill out this important survey. Thank you!

5. **New business**

William Korec

- (a) Introductory consultation regarding school fees 2020-2021
Presentation regarding existing fees and the process to amend.
Paper survey going out next week and final discussion will be mid March 2022.

6. Next meeting

Tuesday March 15, 2022 6PM

7. Motion to adjourn

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Mundare School Society Meeting Minutes
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1. Meeting called to order **William Korec**

2. Outstanding positions **William Korec**
Unfilled

3. **Treasurer's Report** **Trish Koch**
Hot dog sales proceeds: **\$339.00**
Thank you to the families who helped with this project!
Bank balance currently sits at \$22, 346.21

4. **Hot lunch Report** **Maria Dytiuk**
Next meeting is at 9:30 in the school library on Thursday Feb 3 to discuss the upcoming pizza slice hot lunch

5. **New Business**
 - a. **Playground Reimagining Steering Committee** **William Korec**
Need a parent or several parents who are interested in the creative process of planning
Fundraising will be done by the society
Discussion

 - b. **School Field Trip to Elk Island Park** **William Korec**
Looking at a family focused event in the park in May/June
Bill to cost it out for March Society Meeting
Discussion.

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