Agenda –October 27, 2022 6:30pm, MS Teams

1. Call to order- Catherine Wilkins

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Catherine Wilkins, second by Sarah Topilko

1. Treaty 6 – Catherine Wilkins
2. Review of the Agenda- Catherine Wilkins

 Agenda accepted by all

1. Trustee Report-Don Irwin

I trust that you all had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends and that you are enjoying our wonderful fall weather.

Sherwood Heights/Campbelltown replacement school. – We are working with our MLA‘s and the Minister of Education on the planning of this project. We have heard that a number of schools are all grouped together for construction using a P3 model. We are arguing against using a P3 model as we have community partners who wish to join with us in the construction and that would not be possible with a P3 model.

A public engagement session was held at F R Haythorne involving moving all grade 6 students from Brentwood to attend Haythorne for grade 7 to 9 thus not splitting up friend groups.

Salisbury High - we have set up the funding from our reserves to replace the stormwater sewer system as there have been many floods over the years as the sewer system is insufficient to handle the volume of water from the roof over the next three years we hope to replace all of the sewer pipe which runs under the School and through the parking lot which is currently 4 inches to a 12 inch size connecting with the County.

We conducted our annual board review with a consultant last week and the board is operating very well according to provincial legislation and are according to policies and procedures. Even with a new members the level of trust and satisfaction is very high.

The enrolment in the district is up to 17,460 students.

I would encourage parents and caregivers to look at the free online education seminars offered by the Alberta Association of School Council. The link is <https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.albertaschoolcouncils.ca%2F&amp;data=05%7C01%7Cgarry.russell%40eips.ca%7C74ef90297b7d435642fb08daabc3f665%7C9e47afea5e5740c38443f2df4a2f4b3f%7C0%7C0%7C638011155373199435%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=Xhf4MBi1phV1LdNUGTRVyFaxbTXKkxpCr8MkanwUuTA%3D&amp;reserved=0>.

Also each School Council gets a $500 per year grant which they can use which you can use individually or combine it with others at the Committee of School Councils (COSC) to put on education seminars for the parents.

Upcoming dates to note November 4 is the date for Remembrance Day services at all schools.

I would ask schools to let me know when their awards nights and concerts are as I would be delighted to attend these events.

Another important upcoming event is a Career Fair for high school students October 19 and 6 to 8 PM at the Agora Center.

The next public meeting of Elk Island Public School’s is on Thursday, October 20 and the agenda and discussion items are on the EIPS website on Monday, 17 October.
One of the topics will be the proposed School Calendars for the next two years. If you have questions after reading the  agenda on Monday please call and I can answer those questions or get them answered at the meeting.

Also upcoming this month is the EIPS French Immersion review on October 26 Thursday at 5:30.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Logos information meeting last Thursday and the attendance review for families in Summerwood.

Thanks  to all schools who attended the Committee of School Councils (COSC). This meeting is held The first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the board office (Clover Bar and Wye Road). Please plan a representative attend as there is much useful information for School Councils.

Thanks to the staff at Sherwood Heights for the invitation for the board to visit your wellness day last Thursday. The event was very well planned and operated and there were many and there were many interesting topics for students on mental health physical health.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions os suggestions. My email is don.irwin@eips.ca and my cell 587-986-3900.

1. Principal’s Report: Principal – Garry Russell & John Murphy

AHS has placed BWD in outbreak status until November 10

It's NO-vember: Practice setting boundaries and saying “no”! Lots of people struggle with setting boundaries and this is why it is important to practice.

Brentwood will be participating in the Assurance Review process with Central Office and Trustees. One school Council representative is welcome to attend.

Jacquie Surgenor Gaglione. Former COSC lead and Sherwood Heights School Council Chair can attend one of our meetings to discuss developments in the building of a new school for Sherwood Heights.

Assurance Measures presented by Mr.  Murphy

Assurance Review December 5, 1:00 p.m. Central Office board room. One person from School Council is invited to attend. See Mrs. Russell if you are interested.

1. ECS Report – Jody Blashko

This last month the kids have been learning about season changes and going from summer to autumn. They all participated in the Terry Fox fun and learnt so much about our Canadian Hero. In September they had their apple day and had so much fun exploring and learning more about their 5 senses.

The kids are working really hard on learning their letters and the sounds that they make to develop their reading skills. They have now completed A-K and are working on the last part of the alphabet every day!

All the students are really finding their place in the classroom and developing great friendships. They were sent home a family fun project to make a PUMPKIN FAMILY and they are being returned and the kids love talking about them.

We learnt all about bus safety and practiced how to safely exit a school bus. Recently an educational assistant – Mrs. Carey has joined our classroom and will be with us every morning.

Next up is the Halloween Party and all the kids are extremely excited for the Halloween Party and being able to wear their costumes at school.

We hope everyone has a great Halloween and stays safe.

1. LOGOS Report- Kindra Varty

**October Parent Council Logos Report**

* Apple fundraiser update – Final total raised was $1,933.04 after fees and GST for the Logos Society.
* Results from the Public Engagement Meeting held on Oct 6th: Elk Island School Board has agreed to extend the decision to combine the Logos program to one school until after the February Registration. If the enrollment numbers do not meet a sustainable number, then the Elementary Logos Program will move to Brentwood.
* With that being said; to get our enrollment numbers up we have launched a new outreach for the Logos Program called Project Gabriel. Project Gabriel will allow the Society to advertise at churches, daycares & preschools in hopes to reach more families and create more interest in the program. That will start in the upcoming weeks.
* As you all know the Halloween Alternative will be cancelled for Monday with the outbreak status. Westboro will still go on Monday to Celebration Church.
* Next Logos Society meeting will be November 15th @ TBD (Jackie I will reach out when I get confirmation on a location so this can be added to the newsletter.)
* Next BWD chapel will be November 24th in the BWD gym at 2:00pm. Celebration Church will be doing the chapel. Parents welcome.
* Addition: November’s LOGOS meeting will be held at Westboro on November 15th.
1. COSC Report- Brian Vick

**COSC Report for BESC October 2022**

KEY AGENDA TOPICS

Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

ATA report

ASCA update

School Council Grant

ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND SECRETARY

The meeting started with the election of the COSC Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for the 2022-23 school year. The positions are as follows:

Chair: Lesley Williams, Sherwood Heights Junior High

Vice-Chair: Chelsea Pretzlaw, Ardrossan Elementary

Secretary: Ken Allan, A.L. Horton Elementary

ATA REPORT: Stand for Education

ATA Local No. 28 President Deneen Zielke discussed the Local’s campaign Stand for Education. The campaign is meant to engage teachers, support staff, parents, students, trustees, and the public to stand together and make the education of children an issue that must be supported. The Stand for Education campaign starts with a one-hour rally at the Alberta Legislature—at 1 p.m. on October 22. Park and Ride buses will run every 20 minutes from the Bethel Transit Station, starting at 11:15 a.m. The Local has also arranged for buses to take members from Salisbury Composite High to the rally. The deadline to register: October 10. Register

ALBERTA SCHOOL COUNCILS’ ASSOCIATION

Alberta School Councils’ Association (ASCA) is the provincial organization for families on school council. Below may be of interest to COSC members:

The ASCA website offers various resources for school council members designed to enhance school council effectiveness and parent engagement.

Particularly useful is the “School Council Resource Guide,” which steps members through the purpose and role of a school council.

Purchasing a membership is easy. Simply, send an email to Corrie Fletcher that your school council—including your school council name—wants a membership to ASCA for the 2022-23 school year. EIPS will take care of registering your school council and covering the costs.

SCHOOL COUNCIL GRANT

Message from COSC Chair Lesley Williams:

Alberta Education is providing school councils with a $500 School Council Engagement Grant. Those school councils interested in accessing funding must meet Alberta Education’s School Council Engagement Grant Criteria, which essentially means opportunities that help build capacity and strengthen engagement.

To reduce the administrative burden for the deployment of the grant money, school councils can make their requests through the EIPS COSC Chair, by filling out and submitting the online School Council Engagement Grant Request Form. School councils can also work collaboratively with other school councils to pool funds for added value. All submissions that meet the grant criteria will be approved and announced at the COSC meeting during the “For Information” section, on a monthly basis. EIPS will then complete the activity payment on behalf of the school council—simply submit the invoice to finance.submissions@eips.ca and cc Emma Small.

Brian Vick

Treasurer BEHSA

\*meeting excerpts taken from Emma Small’s (Emma Small, Communications Assistant at EIPS, emmasmall@eips.ca) meeting report dated Oct. 7/22

1. New Business -none
2. Next Meeting: November 24th, 2022
3. Adjourn @7:19pm by Catherine, 2nd by Brian Vick