Agenda –November 24, 2022 6:30pm, MS Teams

1. Call to order- Sarah Topilko

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Sarah Topilko, second by Brian Vick

1. Treaty 6 – Sarah Topilko
2. Review of the Agenda- Sasrah Topilko

 Agenda accepted by all

1. Trustee Report-Don Irwin

Can you believe that it’s November already?

October was very busy with the COSC (Committee of School Councils) Meet and Greet with Principals and our first meeting of the 2022/23 school year, Board Caucus meeting on Oct 6 including a visit to Sherwood Heights Wellness Day ( great job folks), Logos Planning & Reporting, School Councils at Ecole Campbelltown, Sal, Next Steps, and Brentwood. On October 19 I attended the excellent Division Post Secondary Career Fair, and the final French Immersion planning session. The review of 2021/22 school year began with Assurance Reviews of all Central Services (transportation, finance, student services etc.)

Board Meetings - In our bi-monthly Board meetings, we adopted School Calendars for the next two school years.

Alberta School Councils [Association.ca](http://Association.ca) - Have excellent free seminars for School Boards and a Parent Caregiver series.

School Council Grant of $500 is available to all Councils for speakers and seminars.

Upcoming Events in November and December
November 7 - 11 - Fall Break
Nov 14 - Noon - Release of agenda for Nov 17 Public Board meeting (call me with any comments or input on agenda items at [eips.ca](http://eips.ca).
School Council meetings - November 16 - Cloverbar and Campbelltown, 17 - Wes Hosford, 23 - Next Steps, Oct 24-Brentwood and Sal.
November 29 & 30 - Annual Board Retreat in Camrose
December 1 to 10 - Schools Assurance Reviews
December 21 to January 3 - Christmas Break

Questions or suggestions - Please call or email me directly at Don.irwin@eips.ca or text/ cell 587 986 3900.

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

1. We are pleased to be hosting Brentwood Families this Christmas season for the 2022 Family Winter Celebration. This will occur December 15th from 6pm until 7:30pm. The event will mirror what we have done in the past as far as events and short performances in the gymnasium at the beginning of the evening.

Stations will include:

                                                               i.      Skating

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1. As parent on engaging our parents in decisions at school we were wondering if there was a preference between either 3:30pm or 4:00pm for start time for parent teacher interviews in March? (Parents attending parent council preferred 4:00pm)
2. We received $14,000.00 from the provincial government to fund intervention for students in grades 2 to 4 who are in need of extra academic support in Numeracy and Literacy.
3. A Big Thank you to Kindra and Annalise for all the work and effort put into the Logos teacher appreciation

1. ECS Report – Jody Blashko
	1. The kids have been having so much fun learning about Remembrance day and HIBERNATION! They are learning which animals hibernate over the winter and got to celebrate with a Teddy Bear picnic. Everyone brought in their special bears to spend the day with them at fun activity tables while having a couple bear snacks.
	2. They are almost done going through the whole alphabet and practicing the sounds they make along with writing them. To help practice their writing skills the kids are making holiday cards for their friends and writing the names out.
	3. With November break this month has gone by super fast and we have had lots of kids away sick. In the upcoming weeks we are working on everything Christmas and have some fun Christmas crafts planned.
2. LOGOS Report- Kindra Varty Tabled
3. COSC Report- Brian Vick

**COSC Report BESC/BEHSA November 2022**

**\*this report is a copy of Emma Small’s report of COSC meeting on Nov 2/22 (Emma has graciously given us permission to use any or all of her report), this report submitted by Brian Vick BESC/BEHSA Treasurer on Nov. 22/22**

KEY AGENDA TOPICS

ASCA update

Caregiver Education Series

School Council Engagement Grant

EIPS assurance review

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.

School councils who are ASCA members can sign up to become a part of ASCA’s School Council Engagement Task Force. ASCA will then send the school council a questionnaire. This survey can act as a guide for meetings, encouraging rich discussion and providing valuable feedback to ASCA. Once filled out, the school council sends the survey back to ASCA for their review. Note: School councils must sign up every year—even if they were a part of the task force last year.

ASCA offers several workshops school councils may be interested in.

On Saturday, November 19, ASCA has a virtual engagement event from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

ASCA also has an online silent auction from November 19-25.

School councils can sign up for news and updates from ASCA.

For more information, visit albertaschoolcouncils.ca.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: November

Alberta Health Services hosts a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students’ mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. Learn more

SCHOOL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT GRANT

Alberta Education provides school councils with a $500 School Council Engagement Grant for the school year. 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. There’s been discussion to pool funds again this year. Kendra Roemer, COSC member, has stepped up to lead a school council grant committee focused on pooling interested school councils’ funds together. For more information, contact Kendra Roemer. In the meantime, school councils who don’t want to pool their grant money can fill out and submit the online School Council Engagement Grant Request Form. All submissions that meet the grant criteria will be approved and announced at the COSC meeting during the “For Information” section, monthly.

EIPS ASSURANCE REVIEW

Associate Superintendent Sandra Stoddard discussed the EIPS assurance review. The presentation outlined EIPS’ assurance framework, engagement process, data analysis, Alberta Education assurance measures and included examples from EIPS’ assurance review data from the 2020-21 school year. School councils can attend their scheduled assurance review session in early December. Check with your school principal to know what date and time your session is being held.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

November 7-11 November Break (schools are closed)

November 11 Remembrance Day (Central Services is closed)

November 14-18 Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

December 7 Early Dismissal

December 21-January 3 Christmas Break (schools are closed)

January 4 Early Dismissal

You can also join COSC on Facebook to share information and ask questions with other school councils.

Additional information from the Nov. 2, 2022 meeting is available at www.eips.ca. The next meeting takes place on Jan. 4, 2023. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,

Emma Small

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1. New Business
	1. Mrs.Borle Winter Festival December 15 Needing Funding for craft centres, food and Beverages
2. Newsletter:
	1. Jackie to mention Hot lunch is coming back with volunteers being needed
	2. Write up on changes to Executive
	3. Mrs. Heydanus working on food bank collections Dec 1-15
3. Next Meeting: January 26, 2023
4. Adjourn @7:15pm by Sarah, 2nd by Tara

Special General Meeting 6:15pm November 24, 2023

Catherine Wilkins to step down as chair due to personal reasons (submitted via Email November 23,2022)

Motioned by Teresa Madhas to vote in Sarah Topilko as Chair

 All in favour

Sarah Topilko steps down as Secretary to accept new position

Motioned by Tara Pasnak to vote in Teresa Madhas as secretary

 All in favour