Agenda – May 23, 2024

Brentwood Elementary Commons (Library)

6:30pm -7:15pm (Fundraising meeting to follow)

1. Call to order- Sarah Topilko 6:36pm
2. Treaty 6 Acknowledgement – Sarah Topilko
3. Welcome and introductions-Sarah Topilko (2 minutes)
4. Review & Approval of the Agenda- Sarah Topilko (1 minute)

Sarah Motions, Jody seconds

Trustee Report-Don Irwin (5 minutes)

We are in the homestretch for the 2022-2023 school year- continue to hang in there students, parents, and staff. You are making a positive difference.

Budget allocations have been released to schools this week. Tough budget year- Superintendent Studdard's full budget report is in the COSC summary.

On Friday we joined in Bus Driver Appreciation Day at the Dow Centre.

This week we do our final school tours in Ardrossan, Castle and Brudderheim.

Look forward to celebrating Long Service Awards and Retirements at the Agora Centre.

Attended the Fort Sask community meeting on handling growth including the exciting Collegiate Model.

Thanks to Bev Facey for hosting the excellent seminar on Student Anxiety and What we can do to help.

Attended the Sherwood Park Chamber Luncheon with Mayor Frank outlining all the good things happening in Strathcona County.

Elk Island Public Schools received an Engagement Award from Alberta School Council Association for the excellent way the Board and Administration engaged with parents in the last year.

School Council yearly reports are due June 26.

Questions, ideas, suggestions- please call, text, or email me at 587 986 3900 or [don.irwin@eips.ca](mailto:don.irwin@eips.ca).

Have a great finish for the year- we are here for you.

Don Irwin

Sherwood Park Trustee

1. Principal’s Report: Principal – Garry Russell & John Murphy (10 minutes)

24/25 budget sent out – down from last year

Temp grade 1 and grade 4 logos teachers for the 24/25 school year

450 kids, 56 kids for kindergarten

60 new desks

5 new TVs for classrooms

Div 2 going away from smart boards

Replaced ¾ of the screens in the school

Grades 1-4 using government test to see where kids are at

FNMI / Mrs Waddle – planned 2 professional learning sessions with the teachers

Building classes in the upcoming weeks

BBQ August 28, kids bring supplies to school, meet the teacher

Grade 6 wellness day huge success

Mr Russell leaving to Heritage Hills Elementary, Bill Schlacht new principal at Brentwood

1. LOGOS Report- Kindra Varty (2 minutes)

Chapel May 23 – Glow stick party

End of the year bash, June 11, 4-7pm, 2 food trucks in the school parking lot. AGM 7:00 – 8:30pm

Bottle drive

Merchandise coming for next year, t-shirts and sweaters – fundraiser for LOGO’s

1. COSC Report & A.I. Presentation Discussion- Brian Vick (10 minutes)

The following condensed notes, from the COSC meeting of May 1/24, are courtesy of Emma Small, COSC rep for EIPS.

**KEY AGENDA TOPICS**

* Special Presentation: ASCA Division School Council Engagement Award
* Board Report
* ASCA update Conference and AGM experience
* School Council Annual Reports
* Building Security and door locking

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ASCA Division School Council Engagement Award

For the special presentation, EIPS parents Krista Scott and Jacquie Surgenor Gaglione presented the Division School Council Engagement Award from the Alberta School Councils’ Association (ASCA) to EIPS Board Chair Cathy Allen, Superintendent Sandra Stoddard and Associate Superintendent Ryan Marshall.

BOARD REPORT

Board Chair Allen presented the Board Report. The Board of Trustees had its Board Retreat from April 8-9, 2024. This was an opportunity for trustees to discuss future trends in public education in EIPS, looking at research, data and written summaries from a number of exigent topics. This included the latest economic, technology and career trends.

**ASCA UPDATE**

[ASCA](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/) is the provincial organization for families on school council. Below may be of interest to COSC members:

* The [ASCA Conference and AGM](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference) happened April 26-28, 2024.
* ASCA is hosting a [golf tournament fundraiser](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/golf-tournament-information) on June 5.
  + Registration closes **May 31**.
* [Learning opportunities](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops) and [support services](https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/support-services) are still available to school councils and can be paid for with the School Council Engagement Grant

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORTS DUE: June 26

School Council Annual Reports are due June 26. There was a discussion to create a Google form for school councils to fill out instead. For now, the process will remain the same for the 2023-24 school year. We’ll look into creating a form next year for school councils to fill out.

BUILDING SECURITY AND DOOR LOCKING

Superintendent Stoddard discussed an administrative procedure (AP) EIPS is developing around building security and door locking. The AP looks at adding additional security to schools across the Division, including doorbell cameras, key fobs and standard locked door times during the day.

BESC Additional Notes(by Brian Vick BESC COSC Rep)

Having in place a standardized form that all school councils can use for the end of year school council annual report is a good idea.

When board chair Allen presented the board report, I felt the most important thing out of this discussion was possible future trends and current parental engagement.

I feel the most important matter at this time is the need to increase parental involvement.

AI presentation June 24 7:00 pm – Virtual, allow 20 guests to join virtually

Brian motions to use Brian Vicks google account for presentation, Teresa seconds

1. Next meeting September 26, 6:00pm
2. Sarah motions to Adjourn 7:28, Roseanna seconds

**HAVE A GREAT SUMMER 😊**