# Glen Allan School Council Meeting – Virtual Platform

**February 15, 2021**

**6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance:**

Irene Hamm, Ryan Fukala, Jenn Campbell, Jessica Winship, Erin Barrett, Judy Anderson, Dustine Vicic, Don Irwin, Stacey Robinson, Sheila Connolly, Gina Hartman, Sherry Coombes

1. The general meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair, Jessica W.
2. **Welcome and Introductions.**

Jessica W. welcomed everyone to the meeting. Roundtable introductions.

1. **EIPS Trustee Report – Don Irwin**

* Budget - this Year and Next

One of the primary roles of the board is to plan and monitor budgets. This years’ budget is very tight although we are seeing some reduced expenditures for COVID-19 related costs which we can put into a reserve for next year. Next years’ budget will be announced on February 25 and we expect it to be very tight again. I hope you all had the chance to read the excellent letter that our chair Trina Boymook sent out to parents yesterday. Trustees will be having extra meetings in March to finalize our budget for 2021/ 2022.

* School Fees Parameter - In January we set the parameters for fees for next year. Your Council will be discussing these in January or February.
* Technology fee - The Division is contemplating implementing a technology fee to support the increasing need to acquire, install and maintain up-to-date technology resources and services to enhance student learning experiences in the classroom. A potential technology fee would be charged for each student except for those that are attending a school in which "Bring Your Own Device "(BYOD) is a current requirement. The fee would be an amount far less than that required for parents to purchase individual devices for their children. The fee would be used to offset the costs associated with:
* purchasing student devices,
* updating classroom computer labs or smart classroom technology
* student printing
* network related services including internet demands across the Division.
* Returning Student Registration- Please submit these to your school by February 28, 2021.
* Capital Plans - In February, the Board of Trustees is working on updating our 3- and 10-year capital plans for facilities.
* Next Public Board Meeting - Thursday Feb 18 at 10am. The agenda and all documents will be posted on the EIPS website (EIPS.ca) by noon Monday February 15.
* Questions, Suggestions etc. - Please feel free to contact me either on my cell phone 587 986 3900 or email [don.irwin@eips.ca](mailto:don.irwin@eips.ca).

1. **Approval of January 20, 2021 Minutes**

**Motion**: Erin B. made motion to approve the January 20, 2021 minutes as is. Ryan F. seconded. Motion carried.

1. **Principal’s Report – Judy Anderson**

* Fee Consultation (AP 505)– School Fee Consultation Survey Results

Thank you so much for taking the time to provide your input into planning for school fees next year! We had 24 parents complete the survey and we will use this information to guide our planning for the 2021-22 school year. Here is a summary of the feedback we received from you:

* 96% of responses indicated support for two or more curricular field trips (70% of those responses indicating support for three or more trips)
* 58% of responses indicated support for paying up to $25/field trip.
* 63% of responses indicated preference to pay field trip fees as they occur throughout the school year.
* 70% of responses classified the use of agendas as being extremely important in grades 1-3
* 81% of responses classified the use of agendas as being extremely important in grades 4-6
* 100% of responses indicated support to pay for an agenda for their child.

Next Steps – teachers as a grade cohort will plan the potential trips for next year and submit the total maximum amount that parents would be charged throughout the year as field trips occur.

Agendas will be added as an optional fee for parents based on 100% of parents indicating support to pay for one for their child.

* Returning Student Registration – closes on Feb. 28! Enrolment Update for 2021-22 so far is 334 students. Currently we have 366, 340 in school and 26 at-home-learners.
* January Wish List GLN Funding Requests:
* Library Request: High interest and newer nonfiction books that will support classroom curriculum $1500.
* Library furniture including the purchase of 4 matching leather chairs to replace older cloth ones and possibly new shelves to replace magazine racks $1500.
* Purple Leveled Literacy Intervention Kit – Division 2 Reading Levels R-W $4900
* Home Reading Books – $1000
* Equals Math Kit – pre-readiness math skills (attending, cause and effect, etc.), fundamental math skills (numbers and operations, measurement, and estimation), and higher order math skills (data analysis, probability, spatial sense, geometry, algebra, and problem Solving) EAs have been trained to use this math kit but we do not have it. $2400
* Total: **$11 300**
* Pink Shirts: Thank you very much for the Pink Shirts for staff!
* Book Fair – Week of Feb. 22 – reminder and info will go out Monday, students have the pamphlets from their library classes this week!
* Yearbook orders due tomorrow – Feb. 19

1. **Vice Principal’s Report - Dustine Vicic**

* FNMI Activities February 19 – Have a Heart Day
* We are participating in *Have a Heart Day*. This is a day that brings together caring Canadians to help ensure First Nations children have opportunities to grow up safely at home, get a good education, be healthy, and be proud of who they are. Jeremy Albert, EIPS’ First Nation, Metis and Inuit Educational Advisor, will be meeting virtually with each class to share his wisdom and deepen our understanding of *Have a Heart Day*.
* Jeremy will connect with our GLN families by joining our GASC meeting on April 15 at 6:30 p.m.
* Feb. 23-26 – Teacher Collaboration days with Jeremy Albert and Cheryl Devin, EIPS’ First Nation, Metis and Inuit Educational Advisors to work on incorporating indigenous literature and resources into various subjects.
* Class smudges – end of March hopefully

1. **Teacher Report – Stacey Robinson**

* Grade 5 and Grade 6 had Altview Presentations Themes of kindness, acceptance, and bullying prevention.
* I Read Canadian Day -Loonie guessing game – winners announced tomorrow.
* Math Project – Kindness Quilt (Numeracy Leads – Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Robinson)
* Spirit Days – next one is Hat Day on Feb. 26
* Pink Shirt Day – February 24
* Hogwarts Houses for grades 4-6 – kids are excited about the library competition!
* **Music –** Mrs. Delainey has been coming up creative ways to incorporate the instruments more. Ukuleles in grades 4-6 and new desk bells arrived yesterday for all grades to use.

1. **School Council Updates**

*Programs Vice-Chair Updates*

* Pink Shirt Update – 251 orders were received: 35 shirts for staff.
* Yearbook update
  + - Staff taking pictures for the yearbook.
    - Feb 26 deadline to submit yearbook content.
    - Teachers to communicate yearbook deadline with parents.

*Fund Development Committee Chair Updates – Jenn Campbell*

* Spring Virtual book fair (Feb 22-Mar 8)
* Teacher/Staff appreciation – Charcuterie Box update
  + - Double Bubble company $40/box; 35 staff members
    - Edmonton based company $35/box.
    - Council to research alternative ideas (e.g., A gift card to a local business, Jacek, etc.). Council to email other suggestions to Jenn.
      * Action: Table and discuss staff appreciation options at April 15, 2021 meeting.

*Budget Vice-Chair Updates – Erin Barrett*

* Glen Allan Disbursement request
* Financial update

Motion: Sheila made motion proposing to move the pink shirt day funds from the fundraising account to the operating account as a cost recovery program. Ryan seconded. Motion carries.

Motion: Erin made motion to approve the payment of $11 300 for the 2020/2021 disbursement requests to Glen Allan Elementary school. Ryan seconded. Motion carries.

*Chair Updates - Jessica Winship*

* + - COSC update – reminder this is great information for parents. Updates can be found here: <https://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc>
    - Council member intentions 2021/22 (and plan for recruitment)
      * There are some positions that absolutely need to fill for 2021/22. Discussion around recruitment landed on advertising all positions as available for parents to express interest in. New members are appointed at the May meeting.

1. **Parent Feedback/Suggestions**

- No items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Next meeting April 15, 2021 via virtual platform.