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**Glen Allan School Council  
Thursday November 18, 2021, 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Virtual Meeting - Minutes**

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**In Attendance:**

Jen Ference, Dustine Vivic, Christy Ravndahl-George, Stacey Robinson, Erin Barrett, Kersten Morris, Sherry Waldner, Cathy Allen, Cheryl Devin, Ryan Fukala, Ally Fukala, Sheila Connolly, Kris Kasawski

**Regrets:** Jenn Campbell

- 1. Call to order** **6:30 p.m.**
- 2. Welcome and introductions**

Christy welcomed everyone to the meeting with round table introductions.

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge with respect the history and culture of the First peoples with whom Treaty 6 was signed and the land upon which Glen Allan School resides. We also acknowledge the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. We recognize our responsibility as Treaty members and honor the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples. We commit to moving forward in partnership and working together with Indigenous communities.

- 3. Virtual Meeting Etiquette** - reviewed
- 4. Approval of October 14, 2021 Draft Minutes** (Attachment 1)

**Motion** to approve October 14, 2021 minutes as presented, made by Erin, seconded by Kersten.

- 5. Special Guest - Cheryl Devin**

- Cheryl introduced herself to the group as a Metis representative. She gave us insight into where she grew up, her upbringing, and career path. She is happy to be here and grateful to be serving and sharing with our community. Cheryl first spoke in Michif (Metis) language.

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- Cheryl works with her little brother, Jeremy, who the Glen Allan students know well. Harley is the third team member in EIPS, with Cheryl and Jeremy.
- Cheryl brought updates about Metis week.

## 6. EIPS Trustee Report – Cathy Allen

### **Stand For Education Campaign**

The Alberta Teachers Association and the Alberta School Councils' Association have joined forces to launch a new Stand for Education campaign. Families and teachers across Alberta are working together and lobbying the province to put children first in the public education system—by making necessary changes to the draft K-6 curriculum and funding manual. To learn more visit [standforeducation.ca](http://standforeducation.ca)

### **Modular Classroom Request: 2022-2023**

The Board directed EIPS administration to request funding from Alberta Education to address needed changes to several modular classroom units in the 2022-23 school year. If approved, the Division will:

- relocate three modular classroom units to SouthPointe School from Fultonvale Elementary Junior High—to accommodate its growing student population
- replace three modular classroom units at James Mowat Elementary with four new modular units—to address ageing infrastructure and the growing student population and
- demolish three modular classroom units at Uncas Elementary.

EIPS expects a decision from the province in early 2022.

### **EIPS Enrollment: 2021-2022**

The Board received for information the Division's Enrolment Report for the 2021-22 school year. Enrolment numbers were collected from the PowerSchool database on Sept. 29, 2021. In total, 17,124 students are registered within EIPS—an increase of 155 students from fall 2020.

### **Learning Disruption Funding**

The Board has been approved for \$792,000 as part of the Learning Disruption Funding that the Minister recently announced. The funds that we received will provide 12 to 16 weeks of targeted programming for 1616 identified students in Grades 2 and 3 to deal

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with literacy and numeracy learning loss due to the disruption to learning as result of the pandemic. We will be making an application to access funds from this program for identified Grade 1 students. Approval of the funds are expected in the new year.

### **School Assurance Reviews**

The Board is entering Assurance Reviews this month. We met with the EIPS Departments on November 1 and 2. School Assurance Reviews will start on November 24. Glen Allan will be presenting on Wednesday, November 24 at 1:00 pm. The Assurance Reviews will be conducted via Zoom.

### **2022-2023 Calendar**

This will be determined in the new year.

### **Board Chair and Vice-Chair**

For the 2021-22 school year, Trustee Trina Boymook was elected the Chair, and Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk was elected the Vice-Chair. Both individuals will lead the Board of Trustees throughout the 2021-22 school year.

### **Council Of School Councils Meeting**

On October 6, I attended the first COSC meeting of the year. Looking forward to attending these meetings this year.

### **Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting**

I attended the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General meeting on November 15 and 16. Trustees from across the province came together to discuss educational issues at the business meeting and participate in professional learning.

### **EIPS Board Retreat**

I will be participating in the EIPS Board Retreat on December 6 and 7. The Retreat will focus on setting the priorities for Board's work over the next 4 years.

Question from member about what areas parents should focus on when reviewing and providing feedback on the draft curriculum. A few items suggested:

1. Social studies – age appropriateness, factual memorizing, diversity (or lack there of)
2. Fine Arts – playing the music and creative expression
3. Language Arts – expressive and creative writing

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**7. Principal Report – Jen Ference & Dustine Vicic**

[Click here](#) to read the full report.

**8. Teacher Report – Stacey Robinson**

- Halloween was a fun day with creative costumes, photos will be shared with the students.
- Remembrance Day ceremony was wonderful, and the students were so respectful.
- Anti-bullying week – lots of great activities, readings, conversations this week, including a “one kind wish” display.
- Next Friday is a secret theme day.
- Report cards online Nov 26.
- Field trips coming up soon.
- Christmas concert filming will be Dec. 10, and then the link will be shared in the Buzz.

**9. School Council Updates**

- *Programs Vice-Chair Updates – Sheila Connolly*
  - Spirit Wear and T-Shirt Sales - Discussion and vote
    - There are websites available where the parents and staff can choose their item, customize it, and delivery to home.
    - Contests can still be run by council and chosen designs could be uploaded to the website as options.

**Motion** for Glen Allan School administration to take lead on spirit wear moving forward, made by Sheila, seconded by Erin.

- Hot Lunch Update
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> hot lunch date will be Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Families can order pizza (and possibly chicken fingers) from Nitza Pizza. This will occur on the same day as the winter concert filming day.
  - The pay pal fee will be included into the charge based on parent feedback.
  - Also, no cash or cheques will be accepted for financial audit reasons; online payment only.

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**ACTION:** Ryan to look at whether we can eliminate the option for cash payment on the payment website page.

**ACTION:** Jen F. to ask around about alternative ways to accept donations and payments for future events.

- *Fund Development Committee Chair Updates – Jenn Campbell*
  - Book fair update – this was a successful event at earning \$1106
  - The next fair will be held Feb. 7-8, 2022
  - Art Cards update – exceeded budget income with \$3802
  
- *Budget Vice-Chair Updates – Erin Barrett*
  - Ryan: we have 3 bank accounts with different signers which require clean up so all accounts have the same signers. The following council members will be added/kept on each account:
    - Sheila
    - Christy
    - Erin
    - Ryan
    - Jenn C.

**ACTION:** Christy to coordinate the timing and signing at the bank with all effected members.

**Motion** to accept Sheila Connelly, Christy Ravndahl-George, Erin Barrett, Ryan Fukala, and Jenn Campbell to have signing authority on cheques, made by Erin, seconded by Ryan.

- Erin: reviewed current budget

**ACTION:** Sheila to draft a blurb to be included in the Buzz regarding call out for volunteer coordinators, when appropriate.

- *Chair Updates – Christy Ravndahl-George*
  - Update 20/21 Reporting: Annual Report, Annual Society Return
    - Annual Society Return was submitted

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- COSC meeting update (COSC meeting packages can be found here: <https://www.eips.ca/parents/committee-of-school-councils-cosc/meetings-agendas-minutes>)

**10. Parent feedback/suggestions**

- Question regarding casino date to prepare/plan – still tbd
  - Casino will be held next school year; more details should be known in May 2022.

**11. Next meeting (January 20, 2022) and Adjournment at 8:05 pm.**

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