**Glen Allan School Council**

**Thursday November 17, 2022 6:30**

Hybrid Meeting – Minutes

**Attendance:** Erin Barrett, Cathy Allen, Jennifer Ference, Chrissy Appleby, Sheila Connolly, Stacey Robinson, Kris Kasawski, Michelle Reschke, Mandy McUna, Lindsay Frank, Erin Hamilton, Christy Ravndahl-George,

Jenn Campbell (online)

1. **Call to Order**: 6:30 p.m.
2. **Welcome and introductions**
3. **Minutes:** Approval of September 15, 2022 Draft Minutes (Attachment 1)

* Motion to approve minutes as presented, made by: *Sheila Connolly,* seconded by *Kris Kasawski*

1. **Trustee Report** *– Cathy Allen*, Trustee, Elk Island Public Schools

* ***Original to be attached hyperlink***
* Made a request to Alberta Education to address situation in Fort Sask – too many kids, not

enough desks

* Asked for approval to move two modular from Campbelltown to South Point ($450,000

each to move)

* Also asked AB ED to purchase two new modular for South Point
* James Mowatt School is on capital list for replacement school
* Asked to demolish three very aged modular at Uncas School so it doesn’t look like Uncas

has room for Fort Sask kids

* Next two-year school calendars approved – start before Sept long, Nov break, finish Friday

before Christmas – no big changes

* Received audited financial statements – going to have to watch reserves very closely because
* only 3.15% of budget allowed in reserves; so if grants come in, plans have to change quickly so that the reserve doesn’t grow higher and get clawed back
* Question – does this relate to operating or capital budget? Cathy said both. Has there

always been a limit? Schools have always had a cap. EIPS Board has asked for 5% limit which would help

1. **Principal Report** – *Jennifer Ference*, Principal
   * ***Original to be attached hyperlink***
   * Thank you for the disbursement funds! Teachers already using to bring materials, project into

classrooms as well as Fit Kids is underway

* + Schools can only carry over 1% of budget to the next year
  + Superintendent has announced retirement
  + Book fair was a huge success! Big thank you from Miss Gauchier! Total sales = $6,554; library

got $1,025 in product plus $1,200 going towards purchasing more materials from other sources

* + Parent/Teacher Conferences - 255 booked (278 students) = 92% attendance
  + Absence rates are tracked (including symptoms) – 10% absent rate due to illness (AHS wants to

know details) and may result in “outbreak status” – Glen Allan did have more than 10% absent

at times but based on symptoms did qualify for outbreak status

* + Gr 6 Farewell logo for hoodies ready to go – can be ordered from school store shortly
  + Report cards – teachers working on them currently – published on Nov 25 – accessed via Power
  + School
  + Assurance review being submitted Mon, Nov 21 – Gr 6 PAT data included – Glen Allan students

did very well on PATs (higher than overall EIPS and higher than overall province numbers for

both ELA and Math! Also, higher than EIPS and province averages in Science and Social)

* + Christmas concert on Dec 14 at Park Church – dress rehearsal day of Dec 14 as well

**Assistant Principal Report** *- Chrissy Appleby*, Assistant Principal and Stacy Robinson

* This week is Metis week – lots of learning this week
* Rock Your Mocs Friday, Nov 18 – school wide assembly with Jeremy Albert
* Giant floor map will be here first two weeks of Dec; parent night Dec 7
* Hoping to have blanket exercise in the New Year

**Teacher Report** – *Stacy Robinson*

* Staff really enjoyed in person parent teacher conferences

couple of assemblies so far and kids are doing well

* Halloween – each class got to stand up and show off costumes
* Remembrance Day – Gr 5 spoke, kids very respectful
* Anti-bullying week – school theme is “reach out with kindness”
* Food Bank drive until Nov 23
* Keep an eye on the Buzz for theme days in December
* Question: how are the teachers finding the new curriculum?
* ELA transition fairly smooth because teachers were starting to implement ELA stuff already
* For math Gr 1 – a few changes, Gr 2, more and Gr 3 – asking to do more than Gr 4 are currently

doing – implementation year so

* EIPS has great resources to support teacher with new curriculum – EIPS was very proactive with

this.

* Question: could new government go back to the June 2022 curriculum? Yes

1. **Glen Allan School Council (GASC)** Vice-Chair Updates – *Sheila Connolly*, GASC (online)
   * Hot Lunch website – they have not received our cheque yet – giving us 14 day extension
   * ACTION: Decided we will pay by PayPal and put a stop on the original cheque
   * Family Dance – Mar 10 – planning underway
   * Going to make a lot of money if we keep things the same because expenses will be

much lower – should we make it as a fundraiser or just make it to break even? Council

to discuss offline

**Fund Development Committee Chair Updates** – *Jennifer Campbell and Michelle Reschke*, GASC

* Art Cards – to date all orders have been collected – to date raised over $3,000 but
  + Toner costs $300 each and we need 2 to finish – invoice to GASC
  + 100 hours of volunteer time
  + Maybe this isn’t a fundraiser anymore? Or we outsource printing?
* Casino date is June 8, 2023 at Camrose casino
  + Coordinator will organize
  + Asked to add to school calendar

**Budget Vice-Chair Updates – Erin Barrett, GASC Financial Update**

* Signing authorities have been sorted out – Erin, Rosa and Jenn are the signing authorities and

can sign on any and all accounts

* Rosa is working with ATB to get e-transfer capabilities set up so we don’t need to get cheques

signed

**Chair Updates** – *Christy Ravndahl-George*, GASC

* Secretary, Programs Vice Chair and Chairperson will be needed for next year
* Start advertising in the New Year
* Principal calls meetings if new Chair not elected
* Fundraising would have to be a separate committee for sure then
* Need to check By-Laws to confirm

1. **Parent Feedback**

* Suggestion: parent idea – this is a giant white building – would love to paint mural on side of gym – is

Council the best place to bring this up at?

* + Principal to check with facilities to see if it’s even allowed
  + If allowed, contact Sal High School to find out how much their mural cost
* Council always has a healthy reserve and has talked about a legacy project in the past
* Question: Why Nitza’s every time?
  + Easy to work with for now
  + New coordinator working on different options
  + Switched to Thursdays because coordinator works on Fridays but she did organize so

Kindergarten class on Friday still gets some

* Question: New options for hot lunch websites
* Concern that Healthy Hunger doesn’t allow for other fundraisers
  + Healthy Hunger charges 11-12% extra to places like Nitza’s, so Nitza’s would then charge

us 11-12%

Adjournment at 7:43pm