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Glen Allan School Council (GASC)  
Thursday, November 16, 2023, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Minutes

Attendance: *In attendance - Jen Ference, Chrissy Appleby, Erin Barrett, Mandy McWha, Erin Hamilton, Rosa Bull, Kris Kasawski, Grant Glowinski, Trina Boymook, Jenn Campbell*

Call to order 6:30pm

**1. Welcome and introductions**

**2. Approval of May meeting minutes**

*Council executive (Motion-Erin . 2nd-Rosa)*

**3. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees report (10 minutes)**

*Welcome Trina Boymook - summary report to be hyperlinked.*

- *Superintendent reviewing information about French Immersion. More about the recommendation will come in the next few months. Reminder that Trustees meetings are live streamed.*
- *Assurance reviews are coming up. Nov 24th for Glen Allan.*
- *NDP Education critic and our Sherwood Park MLA visited schools in Sherwood Park. Visited Davidson Creek and Bev Facey. EIPS is advocating that decisions about classrooms and associated costs/functioning should be made on a case by case basis. EIPS does not agree with applying simple metrics to complex educational opportunities and options.*
- *High School CTS course funding has changed which adds challenges to class options.*

**4. Principal/Assistant Principal's report (15 minutes)**

*Jen Ference & Chrissy Appleby*

- *original to be hyperlinked.*
- *Literacy October went well. Book Fair was a success. Sales over \$7000, Glen Allan gets 50% of that value for purchases from Scholastic. Funds will be used to add more valuable books and learning materials to the school.*
- *Indigo Adopt A School Program. \$1730 for Glen Allan to purchase from Indigo at 30% off. \$334,000 donated across 140 Indigo Locations in Canada.*
- *234 Conferences booked. 90% attendance.*
- *Grade 6 Logo is being worked on for Glen Allan Merchandise.*

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- Report Cards coming out Dec 1st. Some new information and FAQ to help parents interpret the Report Cards will be coming.
- Assurance Review coming Nov 24. Data will be out in the principal's report.
- More survey options will be coming out January/February
- Winter Showcase on Dec 20th.. 4 tickets for each student. Different times for 3 groupings of grades (1,2 + 3,4 + 5,6).

**5. FMNI report (10 minutes)**

*Chrissy Appleby*

- *Welcomed new FNMI advisor, Matthew Spencer.*
- *Giant Floor Map lessons have been ongoing at various times.*
- *This week is Metis week. Great learning opportunities for Rock your Mocs day.*
- *Inuit education package arrived this week.*

**6. Teacher report (10 minutes)**

*Stacey Robinson - Relayed by Mrs Appleby*

- *Halloween Assembly was a success. Kids had lots of fun with the showcase.*
- *Evacuation Drill last week went well. Lock In Drill coming this week.*
- *Junior Achievement came to speak to Grade 5s for financial literacy lessons.*
- *Division 1 Assembly - Kindness Moments reinforced. Anti Bullying Week.*
- *Food Bank Drive running until Nov 22.*

**7. School council updates (30 minutes)**

***Chair update***

*Erin Hamilton*

- *Thank you to Erin Barrett for chairing last month's meeting.*
- *GASC now has membership in the Alberta School Councils Association.*
- *A School Council Engagement grant for \$500 per council has been initiated. Intended to improve engagement in the school community. To receive the funds the council will have to decide how we wish to use the funds. There is a list of allowed expenses that Erin will send out.*
- *Assurance review. Erin will be attending the review date Nov 24 to act on behalf of the Council/Parents and answer the question of engagement and participation in the school.*

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**Fund Development Committee Chair update**

Jenn Campbell

- Requesting from GASC \$667 for toner for Art Cards. A future purchase of \$1400 for card stock and envelopes will need to be decided upon.
- Playground fundraising. Meeting with volunteers has been challenging.
- The group discusses how to increase awareness about the fundraising initiative with the community.
- Grant Glowinski presents visual options for the fundraising visual aids. Two concepts from Bev Facey students presented to the group. Hoping we can have it in place for the Winter Showcase.
- Read A Thon - Raised net \$10,395
- Jenn will contact Sheila Connolly to see if she wants to continue to help in Family Dance organizing.

**Budget Vice-Chair update**

Erin Barrett

- Hot Lunch looking on Budget.
- GASC is able to place some Casino Funds into GIC accounts. September 30 would be a deadline for liquidity.
- Motion for \$18,800 to be moved from account into GIC (Rosa, Mandy - 2nd)
- Motion to release \$4,240 to School (Erin, 2nd - Jenn)

**Art Cards update**

Mandy McWha

- Art Card, Order forms will come this week.
- How payment will be accepted is discussed. Hot Lunch vs E-Transfer.

**Programs Vice-Chair update**

Caitlin Burkholder - Relayed by Erin Hamilton

- She is willing to lead the candy/treats for the Winter Showcase by GASC. Ms Ference suggested that handing out on the way into the event would be best.
- The question came up about the Family Dance. Most discussion will be tabled with March 8 & 15 as possible dates..

8. Parent feedback/suggestions
9. Invitation to next meeting (January 18, 2023),
10. Meeting adjournment 8:15 pm

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