



Cherishing and Challenging Every Child

Glen Allan School Council (GASC)
Thursday, January 16, 2025
Hybrid meeting / Agenda – Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions

In attendance – Stacy Robinson (Teacher), Jenn Campbell (Fund Development Chair), Caitlin Burkholder (Programs Vice-Chair), Sheila Connolly (Family Dance Coordinator), Erin Barrett (Budget Vice-Chair), Rosa Bull (Treasurer), Crystal Brownlee (Assistant Principal), Lana Lastiwka (Principal), Trina Boymook (Trustee), Kersten Morris (Member at Large), Erin Hamilton (Board Chair), Grant Glowinski (Secretary)

Welcome to our new school principal, Lana Lastiwka!

2. Approval of November 21, 2024 meeting minutes

Council executive (Motion required from two members)

- Rosa Bull motioned to approve; seconded by Caitlin Burkholder.

3. School council updates

Chair update

Erin Hamilton

- Playground/grant update - meetings coming up to evaluate bids and make selections; payments have been made
- Casino update – AGLC does not have record of current by-laws; ones on file do not meet criteria; will need to update by-laws by May in order to prevent current ; no casino this spring

Motion to amend by-laws put forward Erin Barrett

- GASC newsletter – will collect updates and information to send out to families after meeting

Budget update

Erin Barrett, Vice Chair

- Financials – grant money was received and paid out
- 50/50 timing and busing fund requirements for school – Read-a-thon, family dance, and 50/50 to help finish requests from school
- Rafflebox is now ready to go for 50/50

Programs update

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Caitlin Burkholder, Vice Chair

- Yearbook – order was completed in November; looking to re-open the week of January 27 for families who missed the first order; work will start once Edge Photography (school photo company) has connected to put individual head shots
- 2025-26 welcome BBQ (playground grand opening) – starting to research BBQ rentals; format to be decided (BBQ hot dogs, food truck, etc.); ideas welcome; budget set at \$2500; potential alignment with Meet-the-Teacher

4. Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees report – *Trina Boymook*
 - a. In preparation for the upcoming Trustee election the Board approved to require a criminal record check to be included with candidates' nomination papers at the December 19 Board at meeting.
 - b. Also, at this meeting the Board approved a new calendar that will include early dismissal every Wednesday. This will come into effect September 2025/26 school year.
 - c. The Board approved a new name for the replacement school that is being built on Sherwood Heights. The new name is Forrest Grove and will provide an opportunity for two school communities to define their new identity.
 - d. The Board approved the school fee parameters that allow fees to be increase up to 2%. Exceptions may be provided upon review and approval of senior administration.
 - e. Re registration will begin in February where kindergarten will open on February 1 and go until the start of the year and re registration will begin February 10-24. If you are hoping to attend a school of choice or program of choice please register during this time period. The following schools have closed boundaries for the upcoming school year:
 - Davidson Creek Elementary
 - École Campbelltown
 - Salisbury Composite High – closed only to non-resident students
 - Sherwood Heights Junior High
 - f. January 29 we will be holding our next FI and Lakeland Ridge Senior High attendance boundary transition engagement session to review the feedback received, provide information and seek feedback on a draft transition plan. The engagement session will be a drop in format starting at 5:30 – 7:30 in Sal's gym.
5. Principal/Assistant Principal's report
 - a. Principal's Report – *Lana Lastiwka*
 - Thank you for the warm welcome!
 - Land Acknowledgement at meetings.
 - Continue with in-person meetings
 - January 27 – Feb 5 – Book Fair
 - Preview times for each class
 - Purchasing times for each class
 - Open for PTI's Feb 3 and 4 – 4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

- PTI's – Bookings open January 22 – 30 – link will be sent in the Buzz
- New and Returning Student Registration for 2025-26
 - New student registration for the 2025-26 school year will open at 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2025.
 - Returning student registration Feb 10 – 24, 2025. Parent Portal.

Returning Student Registration 2025-26

- The 2025-26 returning student registration process for all current EIPS students will take place Feb. 10-24, 2025. Families who apply to attend a non-designated school will be advised of the outcome by early March.
- Between 9 a.m. and noon on February 10, current EIPS families will receive a Returning Student Registration 2025-26 form via Permission Click. No log in is required to complete the form.
- All current PALS to Grade 11 students in EIPS must complete the returning student registration process—whether they're continuing at the same school or moving to a new school next year:
 - if you'd like your child to attend your designated school next year;
 - if you'd like to apply to have your child attend a non-designated school or program next year;
 - if your child is applying to join or continue in an alternative program; or
 - if your child will not return to EIPS next year.

Applying to a non-designated school or program:

- To be considered for enrolment in a non-designated school or program in the upcoming school year, **families must make that request during the returning student registration process**. Acceptance at a requested non-designated school or program is based on available space. Some EIPS schools have closed boundaries because of high enrolment numbers and are not accepting registrations from non-designated students.
- NOTE: All requests to attend a specific school or program for returning students in grades 1-12 must be completed during the returning student registration process to be considered for the next school year. The only exception: Students who move into the Division from outside the geographic area, or another community within the Division, following the deadline. The Division will contact all families who apply to attend a non-designated school to advise of the outcome by early March.

<https://www.eips.ca/registration/returning-students>

OPEN HOUSES - <https://www.eips.ca/registration/open-house>

- Strathcona Christian - January 20 – 6 – 7 p.m.
 - Clover Bar - January 28 - 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - F.R. Haythorne – February 4 – 5 – 7 p.m.
 - Sherwood Heights – February 11 – 6 – 8 p.m.
- b. Assistant Principal's Report – *Crystal Brownlee*

6. School fee consultation

Lana Lastiwka

- Field trip fees, lunch supervisors, extracurriculars
- 2% fee increase maximum allowed
- No increase to lunch supervision
- No increase to extracurriculars
- Field trip fees proposed to increase the 2% to cover the increased costs (gas, entry fees, etc)
- Choices and Young Authors entry fees

7. Teacher report

Stacey Robinson

- i. In January students are participating in the following clubs:
 - Mindful Mondays Lunch Club
 - Wednesday Lunch Club
 - DND Club
 - Basketball Team Tryouts and Practices
 - Basketball Club
 - Announcements Club
- ii. EA Appreciation Day is Friday the 17th and the school is giving them cards signed by staff and a small gift. Teachers are also doing things with their classes.
- iii. Grade 5 had a presentation from the Edmonton Fur Trappers Association on January 7th. It was very interesting and informative as well as respectful regarding the animals and how students may feel about it.
- iv. Grade 2sand 3s will be having a presentation about the Arctic from a knowledge keeper.
- v. Buddy classes have been reading and doing activities together. Many grade 1-3 classes are having their grade 4-6 buddies help them to with computer sign on and activities.

8. Parent feedback/suggestions

9. Invitation to next meeting (February 20, 2025)

Meeting adjournment at 7:45 p.m.