

ECOLE MERIDIAN HEIGHTS SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2024

Present: Caleigh Pagnucco (Chair), Serene Wakelin, (Co-Chair), Amy Strachan (Principal), Paul McCann (Board Trustee), Landis Wall (Secretary), Laura Bell.

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

1. Caleigh read through meeting Agenda and moved to change one agenda item. Accepted.
2. Principal's Report (Amy):
 - a) Roland Bibeau concert happened in February. Family Fun Night saw about 50 people out.
 - b) Basketball just wrapped up, didn't win tournaments but great progress. Shout out to all the coaches and players.
 - c) Ski/Snowboard club was super subscribed; staff members were added to be able to accommodate extra kids. There was a design contest for hoodies.
 - d) Kindergarten open houses saw about 44 kids registered, 14 in English the rest in French Immersion. Serene wants to add an item to the April agenda (How to make the Kinder first days extra special).
 - e) Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is due by March 22. Reminders have been sent out to families. We are already ahead of where we were last year at this time for registrations.
 - f) There were also Gr. 9 High School open houses, forms were already sent home for course selections. The Gr. 9 Farewell will be at different times than the High School Grads.
 - g) Valentines Day saw everyone "Dressing to Impress".
 - h) Our school is next in line after Spring Break to receive a new Wifi connection process, this will provide extra security.
 - i) The updated PAT schedule is posted on our school and division website.
 - j) Francofete is next week.
 - k) Graphics are being sent out regularly to advertise for volunteer opportunities. So far one parent has volunteered inside the classroom as a result.
3. School Board Trustee Report (Paul McCann):
 - a) Summary from Lorraine Stewart that Paul presented. Report is attached.
4. ASCA Resolution Review (Caleigh):
 - a) The Alberta School Council Association asks all school councils to put forward a resolution for review. We didn't get one in this year, but we will start the process now to prepare for the next one in January 2025. It will be well worth our time to dive into this process.
 - b) These resolutions are voted on by members of the school council before they are presented to the ASCA. One may vote YES, NO or OBSTAIN. There will be three votes. The first being what resolution will be presented, then on changing the language and lastly the final YES/NO/OBSTAIN. The Board Trustee is usually present to help school councils realize the impact of specific language in the resolution to the school division. The final approved resolution will be presented to the Provincial Government by ASCA.
 - c) A document outlining the resolutions to be voted on for the 2024 ASCA Annual General Meeting is attached to these minutes.
 - d) In reviewing a few of these resolutions (included in the attached document), there was discussion regarding classroom sizing versus complexity and funding. The Provincial Government doesn't collect data regarding this but the school does. The discussion continued about special needs assessments. EHMS budgets to assess 6-8 students each year, in addition to the funding received by the Governments for assessments. There have been over 40 assessments in just over a year at EMHS.
 - e) The purpose of these resolutions is a parent voice forum. Amy is permitted to provide context on EMHS, but it is ultimately up to parents. Each school is different and each parent group has different ideas and opinions.
5. Dates:
 - a) Caleigh mentioned a few dates of events happening: there will be an online safety presentation at Prescott School

on April 3. A PowWow

6. MHSAA (Landis):
 - a) The “Growing Smiles” Fundraiser is moving forward. Forms will be sent home in time for Spring Break.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm