

Sherwood Heights School Council Meeting

April 20th, 2021

The regular meeting of Sherwood Heights School Council was duly called and held on April 20th, 2021 virtually via Google Meets.

In Attendance:

Executive: Ashley Frayn (Chair)

Administration: Paul Pallister (Principal), Kris Reid (Assistant Principal)

Parents & Staff: 19 Parents & Staff

Community: Trina Boymook (Board Chair, EIPS), Ryan Corbould (Saffron), Jacquie Surgenor-Gaglione, Dahlya, Sofia, Grace, Sloan (students leaders)

1. Welcome

- a. Ashley Frayn calls to order at 6:34pm.

2. Review & Approval of Minutes from March 16th, 2021

MOTION: Bree Kaminsky motions to accept March minutes as is, Cristina Rathjen seconds.

OPPOSED: None

CARRIED

3. Update on Culture and Safety at Sherwood Heights – Kris Reid, Ryan Corbould

a. Plan of Action: Overcoming Hate through Empathy

b. From last meeting:

- i. Recent increased incidences of inappropriate language and physical contact among Sherwood Heights students (misogynistic comments, racial slurs, body shaming)

c. Awareness and Education Sessions

- i. Scheduled for May 10-13
- ii. Ryan Corbould introduced Saffron, Sexual Assault Centre in Sherwood Park
- iii. Sessions will use components from Saffron's "Developing Healthy Masculinity" workshop
 1. Discussion on issues
 2. Discussion on values
 3. Skill building activities

- 4. Bystander intervention
 - d. RCMP Education Session – Constable Andrea Dyck
 - i. Scheduled for April 26
 - ii. Will discuss exploitation, meaning of consent, legal side of things, internet safety, distribution of sensitive images, online hate speech
 - iii. Constable Dyck is open to additional topic suggestions from parents, please email [Mr. Pallister](#), [Mr. Reid](#) or [Ryan Corbould](#)
 - e. Questions
 - i. Is there information or resources that could be sent home for parents to support the in-school education?
 - 1. Skills handbook available from Saffron's [website](#)
 - 2. Will review updating Counselor's Corner on Sherwood Heights website
4. **Sherwood Heights Build** – Jacquie Surgenor-Gaglione (guest speaker)
- a. Discussed information on new efforts and plans to move forward with a new building for Sherwood Heights School via community engagement.
 - b. Creating an Awareness Campaign
 - i. Website, to be published in May:
www.ReplaceSherwoodHeights.ca
 - ii. Email: building@replacesherwoodheights.ca
 - iii. Newsletter list
5. **COSC Report** – Ashley Frayn
- a. Meeting on April 7th, 2021
 - i. Highlights from meeting sent out via email.
 - b. Looking for someone to attend COSC meetings. Ashley will continue to attach COSC meeting minutes until a volunteer is found.
6. **Program Representative Reports**
- a. Logos – Melanie Ryzuk
 - i. Planned another Bless the Staff for end of the year, individually packaged treat bags to be dropped off hopefully next week
 - b. Band – Paul Pallister
 - i. No update.
 - c. French Immersion – Katharina Staub
 - i. French celebration moved again due to online learning, will plan a week celebration in May.
 - d. IMPACT

- i. Haven Wong has been selected as the nominee to represent EIPS for Edwin Parr award at provincial level.

7. Staff Appreciation – Paul Pallister & Ashley Frayn

- a. Plan is for a week of food appreciation – early to mid-June

8. Administration Report – Paul Pallister

- a. Update from Administration
 - i. Surveys out to Grade 9 students, Grade 7 parents
 - ii. May 3-7: Mental Health Awareness week
 - iii. Grade 9 Farewell: likely similar to last year, but with cohorts together
- b. Sherwood Heights move to online learning
 - i. 3 successive COVID cases within a week so about a third of students in quarantine and two-thirds of staff
 - ii. Improved learning solution to maintain staff interactions with students, virtually
- c. School budgets delayed this year, expected on Friday to determine staffing and class sizes
- d. Parents are strongly encouraged to review and give feedback to the [Draft K-6 curriculum](#) changes being proposed by the provincial government.
- e. Grade 6 tours of SWH were successful last week.

9. Parent Opportunity

- a. [Keeping Them Safe While Helping Them Grow: Supporting children's emotional growth in challenging times](#)
 - i. Date: April 21, 2021
 - ii. Time: 7:00 to 8:30pm
 - iii. Location: Online
 - iv. Teams link: <https://bit.ly/3vfw0Ed>

10. Trustee Report – Trina Boymook

- a. The Board held numerous budget working sessions over the last month, as we prepare for April 22 Board meeting where we will approve allocations to schools and departments, as well as the use of reserves. The Board is set to approve a two-year reserve plan that addresses our transition to COVID recovery, COVID recovery plan, the Mission and Values of EIPS along with the Goals and Outcomes within Priority 1 Promote growth and success for all students and Priority 2 Enhance high-quality learning and working environments of our Four-Year Education Plan. The reserve plan has a value of \$5.76M with \$4.66M

being spent in year one with the remaining \$1.1M being spent in year two. Highlights from the reserve plan are:

- i. \$2.1M – response to COVID costs (PPE and sanitization)
 - ii. \$500K – Learning Loss (COVID recovery)
 - iii. \$500K – Student Social Emotional Support (COVID recovery)
 - iv. \$130K – Career Pathway's Consultant
 - v. \$393K – Consultants (Numeracy, early learning and assessment)
 - vi. \$175K – New Curriculum
 - vii. \$20K – Junior High Honours
 - viii. \$116K – Home Education
 - ix. \$250K – Modular Year 3 Mechanical Cooling program
- b. It should be noted that EIPS will not be providing an out of school learning option for the 2021-22 school year. EIPS fundamentally believes that it is the best for students to be physically present in school. As we transition to COVID recovery EIPS will be offering a Home Education option that will only be offered to those currently registered in out of school learning and will be offered through Next Step. Those that choose the Home Education option will be committed to the program for the full school year and will not be offered an opportunity to transition back to the classroom during the 2021-22 school year.
- c. On April 22, the Board will also be approving Administrative fees and School Fees. I would like to advise you that the Board will not be considering a Technology Fee this year. The Board has deferred these conversations for another year while Senior Administration updates the Division Technology Plan.
- d. The Board held a special meeting on March 25 to approve a motion to update our modular request to move two additional modulars from ecole Campbelltown that will be relocated to Ardrossan Jr/sr. This will result in a total of 4 modulars being removed from ecole Campbelltown and 2 from Pine Street.
- e. At the special meeting we also approved the use of To Be Allocated funds to hire three full time Family School Liaison Workers to connect with identified out of school learners that we have had limited connections with as part of our COVID Recovery support. This work will start early April and continue until the end of June.
- f. On March 29, Board Chairs and Superintendents met with the Minister of Education to be debriefed on the release of the draft Curriculum. Over the next few months, the Division will review the curriculum with groups of EIPS teachers. The Board of Trustees will use the outcome of this review to form our official feedback to the Minister. We encourage parents to take time to review the information that is

available and complete the survey that the Minister has set up to collect feedback on Alberta Education website.

- g. April 18-24 is Volunteer Appreciation Week. I would like to thank the many volunteers that support and enhance student school experience. I would like to thank you for all that you do to support your school through your involvement with school councils.
- h. Questions/comments
 - i. What is the intent of staff reviewing the draft curriculum changes?
 - 1. Subject matter experts (staff will review curriculum looking for scope and sequence, age appropriateness, volume suitability and identify possible concerns.

11. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

- a. May 18, 2021
- b. September 21, 2021: Council Elections

12. Ashley Frayn adjourns meeting at 8:54pm.

The next regular meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at 6:30pm, virtually via Google Meets.

These minutes are submitted by Lorena Ellsworth, Secretary.

Adopted by Council in the meeting of May 18th, 2021.
Ashley Frayn, Chair