

Sherwood Heights Junior High School Council

Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

April 15, 2025 – 6:00pm – Sherwood Heights Junior High School

In attendance:

Executive: Kim Scott (Chair), Becky Mitchell (Vice-Chair)

Staff: Sunny Sandhu (Principal), Johanna Ryan (School Registrar),

Trustee and Board Chair: Cathy Allen

SWH Parents/Guardians: Rachel B, Christina S., Kristin, Michelle, Trina E

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Meeting called to order by Kim at 6:04pm.

2. Chair Report- Kim Scott

- a. ASCA Resolutions
 - i. Pilot Program for Electric School Busses in Alberta
 - Discussion and Consensus: **No**
 - ii. Mandatory for Specialist teachers in elementary schools
 - Discussion and Consensus: **Unsure, doesn't sound feasible**
 - iii. Sunlight is the best disinfectant
 - Discussion and Consensus: **very cautious, should not be tied to funding**
 - iv. Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing if Kindergarten to Gr 3
 - Discussion and Consensus: **support about changes to timing of testing**
 - v. Our children are growing up in a world where online threats-like cyberbullying, non-Consensual imagery, and cyber attacks-are more dangerous and widespread than ever before
 - Discussion and Consensus: **need to hear more**

3. Trustee Report – as provided by Board Chair Cathy Allen

ASBA EDWIN PARR TEACHER AWARD: 2025

The Board approved EIPS' nomination for this year's Edwin Parr Teacher Award nominee, Janna MacLelland. Every year, the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Zone 2/3 hosts the award program to honour and recognize outstanding first-year teachers who demonstrate excellence in the Teaching Quality Standard. Janna, a first-year French Immersion teacher at Ardrossan Elementary, was selected as EIPS' nominee for her commitment to education through her exceptional learning spaces, inclusive approach to learning and innate ability to engage with children.

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THREE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN: 2026-29

The Board approved EIPS' 2026-29 Three-Year Capital Plan. Annually, the Board reviews and updates the plan to prioritize its key capital projects. The Division's top five capital priorities are:

Priority 1: A replacement school for Rudolph Hennig Junior High and Fort Saskatchewan High (grades 7-12).

Priority 2: A replacement school for James Mowat Elementary (grades K-6).

Priority 3: A new school for the Cambrian Crossing neighbourhood (grades K-9).

Priority 4: A modernization and expansion of Vegreville Composite High to accommodate K-12 programming.

Priority 5: A modernization of Win Ferguson Elementary (grades K-6).

Now approved, the Division will submit the Three-Year Capital Plan to the province for funding consideration.

COLLEGIATE PROGRAM: SCHOOL NAME AND CODE

The Board approved a school name for the Division's new collegiate program—Campus EIPS.

Now approved, the Division will submit the school's name to Alberta Education for inclusion in the Provincial Education Directory and the Provincial Approach to Student Information. Starting the 2025-26 school year, Campus EIPS will offer programming to students at secondary schools throughout the Division, including Ardrossan Junior Senior High, Bev Facey Community High, Fort Saskatchewan High, Lamont High, Salisbury Composite High, Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary, Vegreville Composite High and Next Step.

The Career Pathways team at Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is hosting a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) and Collegiate Pathways information session on April 22 and 29. All students in grades 9-12 and their families are invited to attend one of these sessions to learn more about the programs.

- RAP: Participants will learn how the program works, gain insight about new opportunities in the trades—particularly for women—and hear real-life stories from current and past RAP students.
- Collegiate Pathways: A career-focused education program—part of the new Campus

EIPS—designed to provide students with real-world skills and post-secondary opportunities while still in high school. Through hands-on learning, industry partnerships and dual-credit options, students gain valuable experience, certifications and a competitive edge for their future careers. Collegiate Pathways programs are open to incoming Grade 12 or returning Grade 12 students this fall.

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Event details:

Date: April 22, 2025
Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Ardrossan Junior Senior High - 53129 Range Rd. 222, Ardrossan

Date: April 29, 2025
Time: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Location: Fort Saskatchewan High- 10002 97 Ave., Fort Saskatchewan

For those unable to attend, a recap of the session will be available on eips.ca.

More information about RAP, Collegiate Pathways and the new Campus EIPS is available on the EIPS website.

FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS: 2024-25

The Board received for information a report regarding the Division's financial projections for the rest of the 2024-25 school year. Overall, there are no areas of concern and no excessive deficits or surpluses. EIPS projects its accumulated surplus to increase by \$57,215, from the amount reported in the Fall Budget Report. There are also some offsetting changes, including a projected decrease in School Generated Funds Reserves and a reduction in Central Services Reserves from an anticipated deficit in Student Transportation—offset by an increase in Division Unallocated Reserves from unused contingency funds. Finally, the Division projects its reserve funds to remain within the provincially mandated limit (see pg. 56, "Financial Projections 2024-25").

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2025

The Board received for information the EIPS Unaudited Financial Report for the six-month period ending Feb. 28, 2025. Overall, expenses exceeded revenue, resulting in an operating deficit of \$34,938. In total, revenue for the six months is \$102.24 million, which represents 50 per cent of the year-to-date budget—an expected percentage for the fiscal year midpoint.

Similarly, total expenses are \$102.28 million, which also represents 50 per cent of the year-to-date budget. Generally, the variances are the result of timing differences, meaning expenditures aren't incurred evenly over the year and are expected to resolve themselves by the end of the school year, when all expenses are incurred (see pg. 68, "Unaudited Financial Report for Sept. 1, 2024 to Feb. 28, 2025").

4. Principal Report – Sunny Sandhu

- a. As below; agenda items 4-10.

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5. Forest Grove Update– Sunny Sandhu

- a. Trees are being removed because of waterline and new green space will be made available

6. School Goals DRAFT 2025-26– Sunny Sandhu

- a. School Goal #1: All Students achieve academic success through high-quality instruction and assessment practices
- b. School Goal #2” All specialized programs (French Immersion, LOGOS, IMPACT, and honours) are effectively supported to ensure student success and program integrity.
- c. School Goals #3: All Student and staff experience a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that promotes well-being and positive relationships.

7. Career Fair – May 1, 2025 – Sunny Sandhu

- a. Great response!
- b. Request to use the \$500 ASCA grant towards the Career Pathways Presentation and resources
 - i. Council in favour of the use of funds

8. EIPS Data Engagement Surveys– Sunny Sandhu

- a. Preliminary Data- good changes in results. More will be presented in coming months

9. Month of June – Sunny Sandhu

- a. Changes to meaningful learning in exam time.
- b. Working to keep students in school after writing
- c. Engaging Grade 9 students with High School learning

10. Closing questions and/or feedback

- a. Ask any questions!

11. Adjournment – Kim called the meeting to adjourn at 7:23pm

Upcoming School Council Meeting Dates – All meetings will be held in the school library at 6:00pm.

- Tuesday May 20, 2025