

École Campbelltown School Council

Minutes

May 10, 2023 6:30pm – 7:15pm

École Campbelltown School (virtual link available)

In attendance: Andrea Brown, Heather Curran, Jennifer Sherburne, Letitia Dempster, Christina Swabey, Lindsay Mok, Anne Corser, Brendon Alsef, Kelly Eves, Shaheen Alarakhia, Melissa Manolescu, Sheena Singleton, Nicole Bray, Greg Probert, Taylor Cullum, Elizabeth Booij (virtual)

1. Call to Order at 6:30pm

a. Welcome

b. Introductions: Executive, Administration, Staff and Parents

c. Housekeeping: quorum achieved, Agenda and Minutes accepted as presented

2. Reports

a. Trustee

- Attached below
- Discussion on French Immersion Proposal
 - More engagement and dialogue needed with parents
 - Letters from parents have been very effective, further consultation will occur before June 15
 - Some confusion on clarity of plan for French Immersion (miscommunication)
 - What supports are going to be put in place in terms of separation of junior and senior high at Bev Facey?
 - Junior high at Bev Facey - concerns with: Options? Sports teams? Debate clubs? Student Councils? How can we be sure FI junior high students will receive the same opportunities as junior high students at other schools?
 - Potential capacities of schools should be shared so we know which schools have space for students/staff/admin?
 - If we are being asked for feedback, we (parents) need transparency as to the bigger picture of what the Board is deciding.
 - Feels like the Board has already decided what changes will be made to the French Immersion program, regardless of parent feedback.
 - Catholic school district FI program is different with schools accommodating grades 5-8 and 9-12 - can this be adopted by EIPS too?
 - Why did the Board not consult with French Immersion teachers? They would have valuable insight.
 - Why is the Value Scope project of Fall 2020 used to obtain funding for the new

Heights school no longer valid? Feels like a bait and switch, used to gain funding but then being told something entirely different in regards to who the students at the new school would be.

- Have other options actually been explored, and can you share that data with us?
- What is the anticipated number of students staying enrolled in the French Immersion program at Bev Facey?
- What is going to happen when enrollment shifts at Bev Facey in regards to capacity if it's full? Will the junior high French Immersion students be moved again?
- New school: Will end up being under capacity with students being placed in different zoning, so why the lack of transparency on balancing?
- At risk youth - what has been considered in terms of mental health, bullying, drug use, exposure to drugs and differences in those experiences between junior and senior high students? Are measures in place to protect younger children?
- Avoiding transitions at younger ages benefits mental health
- Has EIPS considered children with special needs?
- We encourage parents to write letters to Board Trustees, Superintendent and EIPS to have our voices heard on this proposal
- Motion for School Council (Melissa) to register a delegation to present above questions and share concerns to the Board of Trustees on behalf of and representing Ecole Campbelltown School Council at the May 25 Board of Trustees meeting - Letitia motioned, Christina seconded, motion passes.
 - A special meeting of School Council will be called if necessary to continue support for our students in the French Immersion program.
 - Information will be emailed to parents again to encourage writing letters to the Board of Trustees.

b. Principal

- Family blanket exercise tomorrow (May 11)
- Staff luncheon coming up this Friday (May 12)
- Pile of field trips coming up!
- ECS open house May 17th
- Volunteer tea May 18th - email your teacher to let them know you'll be attending
- STEAM week after Victoria day long weekend - variety of guest presentations planned
- May 29 - June 1 - Unitheatre presentation
- June 27th 1pm Grade 6 farewell (last day of school)
- Staffing changes for next year: Mme Fortin and Mme Deloisy are retiring - Congratulations! 😊 and maternity leaves for Mme Cyr and Mme Dunlop
- Kindergarten will form 3 classes next year - will be hiring 0.5 staff to accommodate
- Swimming lessons in the Fall will be 8 weeks (8 lessons) for Grades 1-6
- Sports day June 9

c. Committee of School Councils (COSC)

- As per Don Irwin's report
- Next meeting October 4th, 2023

d. Parent Liaison Association (PLA)

- Spring dance (luau) successful! - \$251 profit from concession, but budget shortfall due to decor and prizes
- Sports Day - School Council asked to provide volunteer support for a hot lunch (hotdog BBQ) that will be planned to be an at-cost event with ask to PLA to provide any necessary financial support
 - Motion to help with Sports Day BBQ planned as an at-cost event and request financial support from PLA as needed by Nicole, seconded by Christina and motion passed.

e. Committee Updates and year-end reports: literacy, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), physical literacy, French culture

LITERACY - events included:

- Used book sale - raised \$485.50 for Campbelltown hampers, reception was positive, many asking to repeat next year
- Andrea attended ASCA conference and got some ideas for the literacy committee for next year (Math fair, Kids Comic Book club, Parent book club)
- READ-a-thon raised about \$4000 for the purchase of new books in each classroom's home reading bins
- PD Session from Mme Corsi on how to help your child read French books

STEM

- STEM-a-thon to coincide with upcoming STEAM week - paper handouts sent home with each students, prompts to engage in STEM learning, fundraiser for Chromebooks

PHYSICAL LITERACY - projects included:

- Floor decals arrived and installed, proving to be a huge hit
- ROCKS and RINGS successful, kids loved it
- Organized PD day for staff
- Invested in team jerseys for the school
- School teams included: volleyball, basketball, badminton and track
- Jump rope for heart successful
- Running group started
- Gym storage rooms have been organized
- Gym equipment lists created for ordering
- Recess bins filled for spring - ongoing issue of balls on the roof, but kids enjoying overall!

FRENCH CULTURE

- Movie night went really well, hoping to do more movie nights next year

3. New Business

a. ASCA Summary

- Attended three sessions: Equity, Inclusions and Schools: Reflections for School Council, hosted by AHS, Fostering SOGI inclusion for the wellbeing of all students, and Financial Literacy which has resources that can be provided in French
- Bonus presentation on Reset Rooms for mental health
- Only one keynote speaker who discussed creating a school centric environment to a family centric environment, interesting ideas to get families more involved in school not just outside looking in
- Resolutions:

P23-01 Mandating Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks for school board trustees - passed 73%

P23-02 Supporting Integrated Education Funding - Passed by unanimous consent

P23-03 Integrate Climate and Biodiversity Education Throughout K-12 Curriculum - Defeated

P23-04 Add Rights of Victims of Bullying and Violence to Education Act - Passed, 82%

2nd Motion - Minister of Education to consult with broad range of stakeholders to ensure all voices are heard and reflected in changes to education act - Passed, 91%

P23-05 Required Consultation Opportunities for Proposed Changes to Legislation, Regulations, or Established Programs or Practices - Passed, 91%

P23-06 Setting and Meeting a Student to School Council Counsellor Ratio to Improve Mental Health - Passed with changes:

Smaller schools in rural areas to have a minimum of 1 mental health personnel (Social worker, psychology etc)

Advocate for funding from provincial budgets to prevent even more school budget cuts

b. Bylaw Feedback

- Feedback can be provided to Melissa; final draft will be emailed with AGM announcement and will be voted on at AGM

c. French Immersion Proposal

- Delegation to the Board of Trustees - motion proposed and passed (see above)

4. Upcoming Meeting Dates (6:30pm)

- a. **June 14, 2023 – Annual General Meeting (AGM) only**

7. Adjourn 8:16 pm

Don Irwin May 2023 Report

We are starting to enjoy some spring weather and hopefully you were not directly affected by the wildfires.

We are continuing to work on the budget which overall seems pretty level compared to other years. There are some increases that are offset by decreases in other areas. We have to reduce our reserves and with the repurposing of funds we do not have any reserve funds to use this year having to keep our reserves to a lower level.

Allocations have been sent out to schools as they begin to work on staffing for next year .

Last week was Bus Driver Appreciation week and we so appreciate the drivers and made a presentation to each driver at the start of their routes.

Transportation fees have been decreased due to extra funding in this area. Details have been sent out to schools and parents .

We continue to get input on the French immersion proposal and this is scheduled to be back at school board in June 15.

Public consultations will take place on May 31 and June 6 on the new Sherwood Heights/Campbelltown facility. The time is 5:30 and the location is to be announced. Please save the date.

Annual reports are due from School Council by June 27 to the Alberta school council association.

The School Board continues to do School Tours and meet with municipal councils.

Please feel free to send me or phone me if you have questions or comments about any of these matters or any other matters.

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