

## École Campbelltown School Council

The mission of the École Campbelltown School Council is to foster the well being and effectiveness of the school community and thereby enhance student learning.

We will focus on the entire school community at our meetings and will not discuss individual issues. Please talk to your teacher or school administration to resolve specific concerns.

### Minutes

**September 20, 2022 6:30pm – 7:15pm**

**École Campbelltown School (virtual link available)**

**Attendance:** Christina Swabey, Kelly Eves, Krista Shepherd-McInnis, Nicole Bray, Jennifer Smith, Letitia Dempster, Mike Eisenbrenner, Jessica Clark, Heather Curran, Sheena Singleton, Andrea Brown, Melissa Manolescu, Taylor Cullum, Greg Probert

**Virtual attendees** - Shaheen Alarakhia, Rachel Greeve, Rachel Bruce

### 1. Call to Order at 6:35pm

#### a. Welcome

- Covid restrictions lifted mostly, welcome back to being hands on as volunteers
- Looking forward to creating a school community again!

#### b. Introductions: Executive, Administration, Staff and Parents

Melissa Manolescu - Chair  
Shaheen Alarakhia - Vice Chair  
Andrea Brown - Secretary  
Greg Probert - Principal  
Taylor Cullum - Vice Principal

#### c. Quorum

- We have quorum

**Agenda** - accepted as presented

**Minutes (May 10, 2022)** - adopted as correct

#### d. Thank you ad hoc committees: BBQ and Cheat Sheet

- Committees formed in June, great job!

### 2. Reports

#### a. Trustee

- See attached - Page 4

#### b. Principal

- Welcome back
- BBQ was a great success
- Hoping to have more events this year to encourage social interactions with kids, especially younger students
- Contact your child's teacher to see how you can help out/volunteer in their classroom

- If you (parents) have ideas to share for events or ways to be involved, bring it to Mr Probert or school council executive - don't be shy!

**c. Committee of School Councils (COSC): next meeting Wed Oct 5 at 6:30pm**

- EIPS meets with all school councils in the district to discuss issues/ideas

**d. Parent Liaison Association (PLA)**

- No treasurer was elected for ECSC in June
- As per the bylaws, the role of the school council Treasurer is to be a liaison with the Ecole Campbelltown PLA (ECPLA) on matters pertaining to finances; school council does not handle money
- Motion - to present relevant financial information from the ECPLA to Ecole Campbelltown School Council (ECSC) as a report in place of filling the Treasurer position for the 2022-23 school year.
  - Letitia Motioned, Christina Seconded, motion passes

**3. New Business**

**a. Committees:** literacy, numeracy, physical literacy, French culture

- Proposing to have 4 committees within school council this year
- Literacy - to work with a staff member, support literacy events in the school, examples may include Read-in-Week, used book exchange, spelling bee
- Numeracy - to work with a staff member, support numeracy events in the school, examples may include math contests, Pi day, science fair
- Physical literacy - to support the school with athletic activities, may include sports day, intramurals, sports clubs
- French culture - to encourage french language and culture, may include Epulchette, french movie nights

**b. Parent inquiry: supply lists**

- Some supplies frustrating parents, Staples stock issues
- Supply lists are set by district - based lists on original group of teachers who had recommendations
- Will advocate for supply lists to be made at the school level not district level at COSC and with Trustee

**c. Parent inquiry: staff lists**

- Email addresses are [first.lastname@eips.ca](mailto:first.lastname@eips.ca)
- However, staff are not listed online, can access child's teacher address only through Powerschool, not helpful if you need to contact other teachers
- Will advocate for listing staff or making contact with all staff an option on school websites at COSC and with Trustee

**d. Parent inquiry: Brightspace and communication**

- Brightspace is supported and encouraged over email in EIPS
- Parent/Guardian access is different from Student (Child) access and content differs between both as well
- Brightspace was a tool brought in for online learning during covid and is not ideal for communication, it is also expensive for the district

- Will advocate for movement away from Brightspace back to email for communication between teachers and parents/guardians
- Mr. Probert has asked all teachers to provide one newsletter or classroom update to parents/guardians per month at minimum. If this isn't happening in your child's classroom, follow up with the teacher and Mr. Probert.

**e. Children at meetings: is there an interest in organizing child supervision?**

- In the past, childminders were able to monitor kids in the gym while parents are in the meeting
- Based on interest, will pursue for next meeting; details to follow

**f. Parent involvement: ideas?, clubs?, community events?**

- School council is looking for volunteers interested in joining the committees: Literacy, Numeracy, Physical Literacy, French Culture; staff are available to work together with committees on projects
- Are there volunteers who would like to start or run a club at the school?
- Community event ideas for school council: family dances, flower bed planting, collecting recyclables in classrooms, school ground clean-up, adopt-an-elder card making, science fair
- Previously, school council has hosted a Hallowe'en Dance - this could happen again this year on Friday October 28th, but volunteers are needed to organize it!

We encourage parents to contact us at [ecolecsc@gmail.com](mailto:ecolecsc@gmail.com) or talk to Greg/Taylor if they are interested in volunteering at the school, especially on one of the school council committees or for a school community event.

**4. Meeting Dates**

**a. Next meeting will be Wednesday October 12th at 6:30 pm**

**5. Adjourn at 7:40pm**

## September Monthly Report from Your School Trustee

Hello again to Principals and Parent Councils

Welcome back to a regular school year (hopefully) and I hope you had a good summer and are enjoying good fall weather.

Work for the school board began mid August with planning the school year. Additional funds were added to the budget for student health projects. As well as funds to help students make up the learning gaps.

I hope you have the Committee of School Council's first meeting on October 5 at 6 PM on your schedule so that you can attend to get full updates from administration in Trustees. Free pizza will be served.

This year the board has decided to do membership in the Alberta school council Association by request. The board will still fund memberships but you need to let us know by September 30 if you wish to be a member this year. Send an email to Corrie Fletcher at [corrie.fletcher@eips.ca](mailto:corrie.fletcher@eips.ca). Also see the ASCA website at [albertaschoolcouncil.ca](http://albertaschoolcouncil.ca) for information.

You can contact me directly by email - [don.irwin@eips.ca](mailto:don.irwin@eips.ca) or my cell phone 587 986 3900 with questions or suggestions.

Working for and with you for a great school year.

Don Irwin  
Trustee - Sherwood Park