

École Campbelltown School Council

Minutes

March 20, 2024 6:30pm-7:15pm

In attendance: Kelly Eves, Anne Corser, Kelly Bertoncici, Krista Shepherd-McInnis, Letitia Dempster, Rosie Chew, Nicole Bray, Jennifer Sherburne, Don Irwin, Melissa Manolescu, Greg Probert

Regrets: Andrea Brown, Shaheen Alarakhia

1. **Call to Order** at 6:30pm

a. Welcome

- Kelly E. volunteered to take Minutes – thank you!

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

c. Quorum, Minutes, and Agenda

- Quorum achieved

- Minutes and Agenda accepted as presented

2. **Reports**

a. Trustee

- See below

b. Principal

- Grade 4 classes represented Campbelltown at the Legislative Grounds for La Journee Internationale de la Francophonie March 20- sang beautifully!

- Student teachers will end complete their practicums the third week of April.

- Some of the student teachers will continue on at the school and will fill in for those teachers who will be taking maternity leave. Mr. Probert will send out an email regarding these staff changes closer to that date.

- Math week was a success, with a scavenger hunt organized by the student teachers. Having the student teachers come together to create a school-based project will be encouraged in years going forward

- Sunridge Ski Day was full of positive feedback. The staggered start times worked well. The weather was great!

- Spring breaks starts Friday!

c. COSC

- ASCA came to speak about what they do and the upcoming AGM meeting, and conference.

- Our next school council meeting on April 17 will include a review of and vote on the ASCA resolutions for our representative (Andrea Brown) to take forward to the ASCA meeting.
- Our representation at the ASCA conference and AGM has been funded by EIPS.

3. Old Business

a. School Council Engagement Grant

- A portion of our grant money was used for the Saffron presentation on February 27, 2024.
- Remaining amount will fund a parent:child yoga workshop at the school
 - o Div 1 – April 10 @ 6:30-8:30pm
 - o Div 2- April 24 @ 6:30-8:30pm
- One child per one parent ratios for up to 30 pairs per session. SignupGenius will be used to reserve spots; to be sent out in this week's email.

4. New Business

a. Organic collection – compost program proposal

- See below
- PLA will need to make a motion to fund the pilot project until the end of the 2023/4 school year.
- Motion for ECSC to support organic collection at Campbelltown as a pilot project for the remainder of this school year by Krista, 2nd Rosie, motion passes.

b. Spring Dance

- April 26 from 6:30-8:00pm
- Theme: TBD

5. Meeting Dates (6:30pm)

- a. April 17, 2024
- b. May 15, 2024
- c. June – TBD (AGM only)

6. Adjourn – 7:24pm

Don Irwin – March Trustee Report

Hope you are enjoying our good weather and longer days.

March 11 to 15 is the Week of inspirational math. Watch for your school's activities.

Summer school registration opens March 15th see the EIPS website for more details

Grade 9 to 12 EIPS annual feedback survey for students staff and caregivers ends on March 21st.

You are invited to participate in the EIPS round dance ceremony at FR Haythorne on Friday March 15th at 6:00 PM. All students and parents are welcome to attend.

Alberta Health continues their parent seminars with junior high jitters for students and parents going into grade 9 on March 20th at 6:20 PM.

[Www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca](http://www.cyfcaregivereducation.ca) .

March 21st separation and your parenting rights 6:30 in the Fort Saskatchewan library

High school scholarships and awards are listed on the EIPS website - www.eips.ca.

Update on the Sherwood heights replacement school.

Alberta Infrastructure has posted a request for proposals on Feb 15th. The request for proposals closes on May 7th and the contract is expected to be awarded before the end of May.

The project will be completed in two phases phase one consists of constructing the replacement school, bus parking and drop off parking.

Phase two consists of demolishing the Sherwood heights junior high building and adding a staff parking lot.

While still early, current project timelines indicate that the school will open to students in September 2026 at the end of phase one. Phase two will be completed for September 2027.

For more information or questions on any items in this report or other areas, feel free to text, phone, or email me at 587 986 3900 or don.irwin@eips.ca.

Don Irwin

Trustee for Sherwood Park

Organic Collection Pilot Project at Campbelltown: Proposal

March 2024

This proposal is put forth by ECSC and ECPLA, but is a group effort which would also include support and participation from Ecole Campbelltown, EIPS and County of Strathcona (Waste Diversion Outreach Program).

Why have organic collection at Campbelltown?

- Organic collection is a valuable program and a standard within our community of Strathcona County; *this teaches kids responsible citizenship!*
- Organic collection is heavily promoted for individual households, public buildings, such as recreation centres and libraries, and commercial venues; *kids compost at home and away from home already!*
- Organic collection has been happening in EICS already for the past ~ five years; *the county already works with schools to make it happen logistically and financially!*
- Grade 4 Science curriculum includes a unit on garbage and composting; *we do the 'talk' but not the 'walk'?!*
- Organic collection will decrease waste collection; *this keeps more material out of the landfill!*

How does organic collection work at a school?

- As arranged by the county, the contractor will supply 3 x 95 gallon carts for organic collection outside the school.
- Each classroom will have a 'kitchen catcher' (bin akin to those provided for residential use) with compostable bag for collection of food scraps and organic material which will be emptied daily.
- Each bathroom will have an appropriate receptacle with compostable bag for collection of paper towels.
- Compostable hot lunch waste will be collected when possible on hot lunch days.
- Organic material in compostable bags will be put in the organic carts and will be collected every two weeks initially.

We have support from the County of Strathcona! The county will:

- Supply a 'kitchen catcher' for each classroom.
- Supply compostable bags for kitchen catchers and bathrooms until the end of the 23-24 school year.
- Present to students and teachers how to carry out organic collection; program geared toward Grade 4 to empower them as *Green Routine Gurus* to do presentations to other classrooms.
- Provide and guide use of app developed to track waste reduction before and after implementation of organic collection.
- Work with hot lunch committee to choose vendors with compostable packaging.
- Help to find grant opportunities and funding.

Proposal to make this happen at Campbelltown includes:

- If desired, empower the Grade 4 classes to take on the teaching and advertising role for the school. Otherwise, this could be done with the leadership group or parent volunteers.
- Utilize classroom leaders (one student identified per classroom) to take the organic collection bag at the end of lunch daily from their classroom to the bin in a supervised location.
- Educate and enlist the assistance of the lunch supervisors when possible to oversee use of organic collection and removal from the classroom following the lunch period.
- Ask school/EIPS if our janitor could empty bathroom organic collection appropriately.
- Commit to funding pickup of organic collection until the end of 23-24 school year: initial proposal for 3 x 95 gallon carts to be picked up every 2 weeks = \$33 per pickup (~7 x \$33 = \$231)
 - o Pursue grant opportunities with assistance from the county to offset costs.
 - o Ask EIPS for financial support, even just to recover the cost of reduced waste pick up; if we can decrease waste pickup from a 6 to 4 yard bin, the waste collection cost would decrease by 30% - a savings incurred by EIPS which could be passed to us hopefully.
 - The cost increases to \$45 per pickup if we use 4 x 95 gallon carts, but the reduction in waste would also be more significant.
 - o Idea 1: use funds generated from collection of Save-On receipts.
 - o Idea 2: host a bottle drive asking families to drop off any recyclable beverage containers for one day (week?) to raise funds to support our organic collection.
 - o Idea 3: hold a separate fundraiser.
- Advocate to EIPS to support organic collection for 24-25 school year!
 - o If it is not possible, continue with use of grants and ask EIPS for support in the following ways:
 - Janitorial support to empty organic collection from bathrooms.
 - Sale of compostable bags at their contract pricing rate.