

# **École Campbelltown School Council Minutes**

In attendance: Melissa Manolescu, Greg Probert, Taylor Cullum, Don Irwin, Kelly Eves, Andrea Brown, Rosie Chew, Christina Swabey, Krista Shepherd-McInnis, Letitia Dempster, Kelly Bertoncini, Paul Willsher, Nicole Bray, Shaheen Alarakhia

## **1. Call to Order – 6:33pm**

- a. Welcome**
- b. Introductions: Executive, Administration, Staff and Parents**
- c. Quorum, Minutes (April 16, 2025) and Agenda**
  - Quorum achieved
  - Minutes and Agenda accepted as presented

## **2. Reports**

- a. Trustee**
  - See below
- b. Principal**
  - Lots of field trips coming up - dates and info should be sent by teachers
  - PATs are all online this year - back up hard copies are available in case online doesn't work
  - Some of the team logos and letterhead designs were shown by Greg – school mascot will be the lynx!
  - Soccer workshops confirmed for the beginning of June
  - Swimming dates have changed – will end one week earlier
- c. Committee of School Councils (COSC)**
  - ASCA Conference – resolution voting outcomes below
  - School Council Annual Reports are due June 25
  - Superintendent Stoddard provided an overview of the draft 2025-26 EIPS Budget and new funding model. She shared the Division's four-year education plan, budget priorities for the upcoming school year and went through the 15 major grant allocations EIPS receives. The funding model has changed from a three-year weighted moving average to a two-year average adjusted enrolment method. The presentation slides are available. The budget will be brought forward to the Board for approval at the public Board meeting on May 29. The first meeting for the 2025-26 school year takes place on Oct. 1, 2025.
- d. Parent Liaison Association (PLA)**
  - No report.

### **3. Old Business**

#### **a. Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2025 Advocacy Resolutions – outcomes**

- A25-01 – Revise existing ASCA Advocacy Policy 24-05
  - Sponsor: ASCA Board of Directors
  - 1st Motion: To revise ASCA Advocacy Policy 24-05 Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students – adopted: 78.02% in favour.
  - 2nd Motion: To revise ASCA Advocacy Policy 24-05 Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQIA+ Students – adopted: 77.32% in favour.
- P25-01: Pilot Program for Electric School Buses in Alberta
  - Sponsor: Sundance School Council
  - Defeated: 64.42% opposed.
- P25-02: Mandatory Funding for Specialist Teachers in Elementary Schools
  - Sponsor: Fish Creek Elementary School Council
  - Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister of Education to mandate that school boards receive additional dedicated funding from the Ministry of Education, separate from per-student and regular division funding, to provide all public schools with full-time and/or part-time as determined by individual school administration, including but not limited to, gym teachers, music teachers, librarians, counsellors/wellness workers, and resource teachers (i.e. reading and math specialists). Furthermore, that the Minister of Education mandates that school boards receive additional dedicated funding from the Ministry of Education, separate from per-student and regular division funding, to provide other specialist teachers, such as gifted and talented, arts (other than music), science and technology specialists, and specialists in instructional coaching and guidance/counselling roles in all public schools that request those staff positions.
  - Main motion as amended – adopted: 73.2% in favour.
- P25-03: Mandatory Public Reporting on the State of Public Schools
  - Sponsor: Fish Creek Elementary School Council
  - Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education to:
    - Mandate the following annual data related to all schools, ranging K-12, within Alberta public school boards be publicly reported, as soon as possible upon completion of the school year, including:
      - i. Funding calculations and rationale for each school;
      - ii. Staffing details by type of educational professional, including

- specialists;
- iii. Actual enrollment figures;
- iv. Average class size by grade;
- v. Teacher retention and turnover rates;
- vi. Technology access per student (e.g., computer-to-student ratio);
- vii. Average years of teacher experience;
  - Ensure funding for this report is provided by the Ministry of Education, separate from current division allocations, to avoid additional burdens on schools.
  - Commission an independent third-party consultant to collect and analyze the data, publish the results on a publicly accessible website, and notify all parents with children in Alberta public schools of its availability no later than 6 months after the completion of that school year.
- Main motion as amended - defeated: 55.21% opposed.
- P25-04: Discontinue Mandatory Timed Testing of Kindergarteners to Grade 3
  - Sponsor: St. Patrick Catholic School Council
  - 1st motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocates to the Minister of Education to discontinue the new mandatory timed literacy and numeracy testing of kindergarteners to grade 3 mandated for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond.
  - Adopted: 73.96% in favour.
  - 2nd motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Advocacy Policy 12-4 Assessment Measures of Students Success (2017) be amended to read:  
That the Alberta Education develops age appropriate, equitable and adaptable assessment tools and authentic measures that reflect how deep the learning is in our school system, and measure student success with respect to the competencies that are the foundation of the current curriculum development work.
  - Adopted: 88.76% in favour.
  - 3rd Motion: That Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) Advocacy Policy 18-3A Supports for Learning Success of all Students: Early Screening be amended to read:  
That the Alberta School Councils' Association advocate to the Ministry of Education for mandatory early fully funded, developmentally appropriate, easily accessible, equitable and untimed screening for learning or developmental challenges so that children will be identified earlier in the school year as well as in their educational journey, receive

the needed supports and resources and to experience success from the beginning.

- Main motion as amended: adopted: 86.36% in favour.
- 4th Motion: That Alberta School Councils (ASCA) Advocacy Policy 03-7 Sharing

Responsibility for Appropriate Use of Standardized Testing (2014, 2024) be amended to read:

That ASCA collaborates with Alberta Education and relevant education stakeholders to:

- Ensure positive, developmentally appropriate, and inclusive standardized testing environments for all students.
- Develop and distribute a discussion guide to aid parents in constructive dialogues about their child's standardized test results during parent-teacher interviews, fostering a student/parent/teacher team plan to enhance learning.
- Explore ways to use standardized test results for meaningful professional development for teachers and administrators.

- Adopted: 90.59% in favour.

- P25-05: Online Safety

- Sponsor: ASCA Board of Directors

- 1st motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister for Education to add to Section 33 (Board Responsibilities) of the Alberta Education Act:

Each board must establish a Committee composed of representatives including, but not limited to, educators, counselors, law enforcement, and appropriate professionals, to recognize, report, and respond effectively to all forms of harm affecting students, including bullying, racism, online harms, physical harm, and threats to student safety or well-being.

The committee must refer cases to appropriate support services, notify the school principal, report to Alberta Education, and ensure appropriate follow-up to protect and support all impacted students.

- Main motion as amended – Defeated: 54.32% opposed.
- 2nd Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister for Education to add to Section 33 (Board Responsibilities) of the Alberta Education Act:  
Each board must ensure mandatory age-appropriate in school instruction for students and equivalent resources for parents/guardians on the reporting of online harms, the risks of sharing non-consensual digital

content, the harms of exposure to pornography, strategies for protecting digital privacy and security, and awareness of agencies and resources available for support. Before this instruction is delivered, parents must be informed of the topics covered, and provided with an opt-out option for their child.

- Main motion as amended – adopted: unanimous consent.
- 3rd Motion: That the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) advocate to the Minister for Education to add to Section 56 (Student records) of the Alberta Education Act: Each board must ensure that all student records (e.g. contact details, learner supports, and school health details) including those maintained by third-party service providers, are anonymized where possible and encrypted at all stages of storage, transmission, and processing. Boards must verify that third-party service providers comply with these standards and provide safeguards to protect against unauthorized access, breaches, or data loss. Student records must not be retained beyond the time necessary to fulfill their lawful purpose and must be securely destroyed or anonymized when no longer required.
- Adopted: unanimous consent.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **a. Staff appreciation event**

- \$1000 allocated from ECPLA – planning to organize a couple of masseuses for the staff to each enjoy a 20-minute massage during a school day with class coverage – early June
- Alternative plan – food

##### **b. Year-in-review:**

**Literacy** – initiatives include Read-a-thon (raised \$1314), Holiday Book Sale (raised \$410) with over 500 books donated, Lending Library (parent resource books), Book Club held 7 meetings and 2 more still planned, Little Free Library (will add to next email)

- Q: Are we doing the read-a-thon next year? A: Read-a-thon is a great idea, do we need to have it as a fundraiser?

**STEAM** - Math week we helped with pizza at the math game night, organized prizes and the pie throw

**Physical literacy** - collected donations for the recess bins, grades 3 and 4 had tennis lessons which also led to the purchase of nets from Tennis Alberta for next year, in-house soccer tutorials planned for early June with for all classes, grade 6 golf and tennis lessons organized

- Sidewalk stencils for next year are a possibility

**French culture** – French movie night

**Leadership** – advertise theme days such as dress like a rock star day, classroom leaders collect hot lunch and compost, refundable bottle collection

- Q: Could we recruit leadership students to help with the holiday book sale?

**Compost** – overall successful! We are the second public school in EIPS to take on this initiative!

- \$2127 spent on compost services and bags (from \$3000 in grant funding)
- Next year:
  - Advocate for funding from EIPS – letter will be sent
  - Pursue additional grants
  - Provide more information for students on which items are compostable, recyclable and waste, especially on hot lunch days

**Communication** - maintained our weekly Friday email to keep parents informed on school events including a 2-week graphic summary of school events introduced mid-year, send hot lunch reminders

- Back to school BBQ Sept 9, 2025 - volunteer needed to coordinate event – roles include purchasing food, set-up, signing up volunteers – please email [ecolecsc@gmail.com](mailto:ecolecsc@gmail.com) if interested

## 5. Meeting Dates (6:30 pm)

a. **June – AGM only – June 11, 2025**

## 6. Adjourn - 7:43 pm

### Don Irwin Trustee Report

I hope you're enjoying the warm spring weather.

Transportation fees for 25- 26 school year.

The Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the transportation fees for next year on May 1st. Transportation fees are increasing by \$25 in each category for the coming year. The increase is to help offset a reduction in grant funding from the province. Tentative route schedules have been drawn up and transportation fee invoices have been sent to all parents. The fees are due by June 30th for the early bird rate. Fees paid on time help student transportation ensure the

division has enough buses and drivers, enables the planning of bus routes and accurate scheduling and ensuring timely communication with the families. After June 30th will be an additional \$25 fee applied to each category.

#### Long Service and Retirement

On May 6th we celebrated the long Service Awards for all staff with 20 years of experience. As well there were 12 certificates presented for educational assistants, Library Tech and a master's degree. There are 22 staff retiring next year. We appreciate we appreciate the service of all staff.

#### Trustee Election Handbook

This has been updated for the election on October 20, 2025 and can be viewed on the website - [eips.ca](http://eips.ca).

#### Superintendent's Evaluation

In May, the Board of Trustees will take a full day to evaluate the performance of our Superintendent. This evaluation is done annually.

#### 2025/2026 Budget

The Board has spent much time in April and May reviewing expenditures and revenues and finalizing the new budget. There are some increases for inflation.

#### Suggestions / Questions

Please feel free to contact me directly at [don.irwin@eips.ca](mailto:don.irwin@eips.ca) or text or phone me at 587-986 3900.