Tuesday November 23, 2021
6:00 PM Virtual

**People & Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation. These are the meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Nakota Sioux, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, and Métis. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

**Attendance** – Rod Leatherdale, Kelly Sawatzky, Sabrina Komarniski, Laurel Driedger, Erin Robert, Michelle Gladys, Randy Footz

**Parents**: Laurel, Sabrina, Erin Robert, Kelly, Michelle

**Staff**: Rod Leatherdale, Sabrina Komarniski, Kelly Sawatzky

**Trustee:** Randy Footz

**Others**: Minute taker is Michelle Gladys

1. **Call to Order**

Laurel called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

**2. Review of Agenda**

Laurel made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by ??

 **3. Approval of the Minutes**

Laurel made a motion to accept the minutes of previous meeting; seconded by Sabrina.

 **4. Old Business**

 Rod Leatherdale will initiate a possible new date for future meetings to avoid conflicting with Mundare Parent Council Meetings.

 **5. Parent Foundation Report –** Sabrina Komarniski

* An all new executive is in place: Brad Mills – President, Erin Robert – Vice President, Michelle Gladys – Treasurer, Sabrina Komarniski – Secretary
* General Account has $1,000.97; Casino Account has $13,682.52
* The school is ordering 32 chromebooks plus a cart for: $13,696.96 (chromebooks are $378.21 each and a cart is $1,594.24)
* Our next casino was supposed to be Quarter 1 of 2022, but due to Covid they all got pushed about a year. So we should be having a casino between Jan-March of 2023
* Legion Pancake Breakfasts and Steak Frys have started back up. The Foundation is working the steak fry this coming Friday.

 **6. Principal Report** – Rod Leatherdale

* Congratulate Randy Footz back as Trustree
* We have a full parent council as well as a full parent foundation….thank you to everyone who stepped up.
* Literacy update: right now we are well into process to identify students that require support. Have been meeting with district consultants.
* Athletics: met with grade 8’s...been meaningful to have athletics back. Hoping to spectators at some point, but it is not allowed yet. Have been using an Instragram feed to provide live coverage of home sports games. Volleyball had a slow start with limited tournaments. Jr High level the district has been very careful with tournaments and keeping everyone safe. Have re-adjusted that with basketball and will see how it goes. High level of coordination to make tournaments happen. Sr. Girls volleyball attended Bronze medal game and unfortunately didn’t win, but had a great time. In Track & Field, had one student with a gold medal win. Basketball is currently underway.
* School Activities: last week was anti-bullying week. Games sent out to all classes and class with most participation won a free pancake breakfast. Received feedback from students regarding anti-bullying and what we can do better. In support of Mental Health... working on creating a safe space for kids and connecting with kids. Sent out survey to students before November break as a mental health check in. Looking as how we can use the responses to better help students. Looking at sending out a survey to parents as well.
* CTS and Fine Arts Awards, Athletic and Academic Awards were given class by class this year due to Covid.
* Have had one grad meeting so far this year. Planning to have Grad in the gym this year if possible, which helps keep costs down. Hoping for grad to be in person, but uncertain as of yet. These decisions are made at a district level.
* IT support person came in and did a complete survey of cromebooks and had to remove 69 cromebooks from circulation.
* Sitting in on a Tech Review committee and will be able to report back some aspects of that.

 **7. Trustee report**- Randy Footz

* Echoing Principal Leatherdale’s compliments to a full parent council
* There were 4 new trustrees elected and 5 returning, New: Ralph Sorochan, Jacquiline Shotbolt, Susan Miller and Cathy Allen. Three trustees have opted to retire: Heather Wall, Harvey Stadnick and Skip Gordon.
* The Board held an organizational meeting on Oct. 28th, which included nominations and elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. For the 2021-22 school year, Trustee Trina Boymook was elected the Chair and Trustee Colleen Holowaychuk was elected the Vice-Chair.
* The division ended the 2020-21 school year with an overall operating surplus of 6.11 million dollars, which the Division has carried forward to the 2021-22 school year.
* Decisions were made to:
	+ Relocate 3 modular classroom units to South Pointe School from Fultonvale Elementary Junior High
	+ Replace 3 modular classroom units at James Mowat Elementary with 4 new modular units – to address aging infrastructure and the growing student population
	+ Demolish 3 modular classroom units at Uncas Elementary. EIPS expects a decision with regards to funding these projects from the province in early 2022.
* The ATA and Alberta School Councils’ Assocation have joined together to launch a Stand for Education campaign – families and teachers are lobbying across the province to put children first in the public education system – by making necessary changes to the draft K-6 curriculum and funding manual.
* The governments initial goal was for at least 10% of students to test try draft curriculum prior to it becoming mandatory. Edmonton Catholic School Board states that the draft curriculum in its present form is not ready for implementation. Alberta Francophone school boards refuse to pilot the curriculum.
* According to Alberta’s Deputy Minister of Education, fewer than one per cent of the province’s teachers are pilot testing a new draft elementary school curriculum.
* EIPS has a mandate to be vaccinated within the school division, a negative test will suffice but those are only good for 72 hours and at personal expense. December 1st is the deadline day for complying with EIPS Vaccination requirement for employees, contractors, volunteers and visitors.
* Cost of insurance for busses has jumped from $1,300 to $4,300 per bus, an increase of 385%. The increase occurred in November of 2020 and has caused a number of small contractors to cease operations. This may mean that provincially a number of routes will be eliminated and areas where that has happened, ride times will increase. EIPS is doing everything they can to ensure bussing continues in a similar format as past years.
* There will likely be a parent consultation with regards to the school calendar for the 2022-23 school year.

 **8. Teacher Report**:

 Tabled until next meeting.

 **9. Student Council Report**

 Tabled until next meeting.

 **10. New Business** - none

**11. Next Meeting**  - January, date TBD

**12. Motion to adjourn meeting:**

Laurel made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 6:42pm, seconded by Erin Robert