



VCHS Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday January 23, 2024

6:00 PM

In Person & 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 – (in person) Sabrina Komarniski, Randy Footz, Brandon Salyzyn, Deniene Zaseybida, Taneen Rudyk

(virtual) Erin Robert, Michelle Gladys, (Katie Perepeletza joined near the end)

Parents: Michelle, Sabrina, Deniene, Taneen, Erin, Katie

Staff: Brandon, Sabrina

Trustee: Randy Footz

Others: Minute taker is Michelle Gladys

1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

Brandon called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda

- no changes brought forward

Sabrina made a motion to approve the agenda. Erin seconded. Approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes – from September 26, 2023

Sabrina motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Erin. Approved.

4. Student Council Report – No report due to diplomas

5. Trustee Report – Randy Footz

- RECEIPT OF TRUSTEE RESIGNATION

The Board accepted the resignation of Trustee Jim Seutter, effective Nov. 30, 2023. Seutter recently moved. His new residence is outside the ward he represents, which disqualifies him as an EIPS trustee. As outlined in the Education Act, section 81(2), a by-election isn't required when there is only one vacancy on the Board. As such, EIPS will not hold a by-election. Instead, the remaining eight trustees will assume Seutter's duties.

- ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT 2022-23

The Board approved EIPS' Annual Education Results Report 2022-23. The



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Annual Education Results Report 2022-23 features detailed information about how EIPS is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how the Division's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priorities moving forward. The Division has submitted to Alberta Education and has posted it online. To read the report visit, eips.ca.

- EIPS 2023-24 FALL BUDGET

The Board approved the EIPS 2023-24 Fall Budget Report for the period of Sept. 1, 2023 to Aug. 31, 2024. The Board initially approved the 2023-24 operating budget on May 25, 2023. Every fall, the budget is updated to account for current information regarding enrolment numbers, revenue changes, carry-forward amounts, expenses and planned reserve spending. Highlights from the Fall Budget Report: 2023-24 include:

- operating budget – \$207.5 million, which includes \$1.05-million from operating reserves
- student enrolment – 17,760, as of Sept. 29, 2023
- employees (full-time equivalent) – 1,372.58, as of Sept. 30, 2023
- compensation – a 2% increase, effective Sept. 1, 2023—for classified as well as certificated staff.
- operating reserves – \$7.25 million, as of Aug. 31, 2024.
- instructional spending –78.5% of the budget, equating to \$9,448 per student.
- system administration spending – \$4.59 million, 2.2%, of total expenses.

- Dec. 14 Board Meeting

On December 5, trustees attended an Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advocacy session about the proposed collegiate school in Fort Saskatchewan which is the first priority on the EIPS Three Year Capital Plan. Partners throughout the Industrial Heartland attended to discuss the collegiate school's potential, workforce needs and how to work together to enhance student learning opportunities in ways that benefit the region and its economic growth.

- Thank you very much, Principal Salyzyn for sharing my message to the students, parents, guests and staff at the Dec. 1 Awards Night.

- Thank you for inviting me to the Annual Vegreville Composite Christmas Luncheon. It is a massive undertaking and I commend the hard work done by teacher Nancy Broatch and her students for handling such a huge task so masterfully.



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6. Principal Report – Principal Brandon Salyzyn

- Events:
 - Matching Day (Nov 29)
 - Anti Racism Presentation
 - Awards Ceremony (Dec 5)
 - Food Drive Competition & Socks for Santa
 - Wacky Hat Day (Dec 7)
 - Speech Arts
 - Guess the Candy
 - Bake Sale
 - Christmas Week
 - Christmas Hat/Sweater/Socks Day
 - Formal/Holiday Meal
 - Christmas Colours/Photo Scavenger Hunt
 - Christmas Character Day
 - Bring A Stuffy/Pajama Day/Hot Chocolate
 - Door Decorating (Mr. Carothers' Grade 7 class for the win)
 - Band Students playing at St. Joseph's hospital (Dec 18)
- Upcoming:
 - We are in the middle of Exams
 - See the schedule on our website
 - Second Semester starts Feb 1, 2024
 - Couldn't find a mechanics teacher
 - Running a Foundations of Industry class block 3
 - 8 certifications that are recognized in industry
 - Alternate option block 2 geared for grade 10's
 - Interest meeting for Health Care Aide dual credit
 - Registration
 - February kicks off the start of registration for next year
 - Returning student registration will open on February 8-21, will be completed through Permission Click
 - Open House is February 6, 2024 from 6-7pm
- Athletics:
 - Basketball is in full swing
 - High school teams are both currently ranked #2 in the zone
 - Jr high teams have been involved in some tournament play recently and are representing the school well in sportsmanship
 - Curling is in the process of getting started



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- Fee's:
 - Majority of fees will remain the same as this current year
 - Only fees that are receiving an increase are those for foods classes where inflation on groceries have had a major impact on costs
 - A few new fees for classes not currently in existence that we would like see if there is interest
 - Musical Theatre (running as a club this year)
 - This list is the maximum we can charge

7. **Teacher/Athletics Report** – (included above)

8. **Fundraising Foundation Report** – Sabrina Komarniski

Casino account: \$12,052.56 General account: \$2,294.69

- Amendment: when we worked the casino in October 2022, the advisors gave an advanced cheque to cover their fees, which was accidentally put in the general account, not the casino account. Over Christmas break, I did the casino report and made a transfer. So the casino and general account amount numbers from the report are now corrected.
- Running a Little Ceasars Pizza Kit Fundraiser ending on Friday, orders being delivered the week before Family Day weekend in February. We have received a few etransfer payment for pizza, so that amount is included in the general account as of today.

9. **COSC Representative Report**

- See attached minutes from January 2024 meeting

10. **Old Business**

- Don't forget to log in and review your PowerSchool Parent Portal for school fees that may be added throughout the year for things such as field trips, class projects or extra-curriculars, etc.

11. **New Business**

- Please note Vegreville Composite Foundation AGM to follow
- VCCHS has partnered with Vegreville Driver's Training to offer a \$75 discount when you register
 - Registration is available online
 - Class 5 packages start at \$875 + tax
 - Class 7 lessons start at \$150 + tax
 - Did it last year too. 8 people registered last year, 5 so far this year
- Little Caesar's Pizza fundraiser – online orders open now
 - Orders due Friday, Jan. 26; pick up is week of Feb. 12th
- Pre-order your 2023/2024 Year Books through the office or parent portal account online
- Don't forget to review the online January schedule for PAT and High School Exam dates



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- Jan. 31 PD Day and Thursday Feb. 1st semester 2 begins.

12. Next Meeting – March 19 @6pm – hybrid model

13. Motion to adjourn meeting:
Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm