

# Rudolph Hennig Junior High

## Parent Advisory Council



### MINUTES

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 pm RHJ  
Library

In attendance: Sara Secrist, Crystal Hudson, Kim Fischbach, Karen Clipsham, Shelly Carter Schofield, Matt Shudra, Cherum Orr, Sarah Burgess, Carlin Adams, Stephanie Stoddard

1. Motion to approve agenda - Kim made motion & Shelly seconded motion.
2. Motion to approve minutes Karen made motion & Sara seconded motion.
3. Business Arising

### Staff Report

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- Thanks for the survey completion.
- Course requests for next year – 15 left.
- 357 tickets for drama production were sold.
- \$ 157 throw a pie fundraiser for drama.
- Thank you for staff meal for interviews.
- Permission Click field trip forms – feedback? Parents like it's and it's fast.
- Budget and staffing – schools get it Friday. Due the following Thursday.
- Up for numbers next year. Increased money for Success and Honours programs.
- Staffing will be done soon.
- Upcoming field trips – rec 7s and 9s May 4<sup>th</sup> drama going to a play. Grade 8s skills Canada at the EXPO center. Hack-a-thon

- May 18<sup>th</sup> Track Meet.
- Shoebox theatre for drama
- May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – Grade 8s going to Metis Crossing
- June 8<sup>th</sup>- Grade 9 Farewell field trip.

## **Trustee Report – See attached**

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4. Trustee Report – See attached.
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6. Other Business -
7. Next meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
8. Adjournment – 6:29pm

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## Parent Association

### MINUTES April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023



1. Call to order 6:29pm
2. Motion to approve agenda – Kim made motion & Karen seconded the motion.
3. Motion to approve minutes - Kim made motion & Karen seconded motion.
4. Business Arising
  - Treasurer's Report – \$7877.82 (General Account). \$8068.61 (Casino Account).
  - Casino – nothing to report.
  - Fundraising – nothing currently.
  - Hot Lunch – Calzones when over well. One of the highest number of orders – 50! One more before the end of the year. Menu TBD. Thank you to Maegan at Fort Sask Lunchbox for her donations to our parent council. This will go in the newsletter.
  - Other Business – Fitness Room Equipment funding – Gov't of Alberta matching grant. Sara will put be in charge of putting the grant together. (2 treadmills, a bike, and a rower)
  - Dance? Administration will do a quick poll to assess student interest. And we will revisit next meeting.
  - Lindsay made a motion to put \$600 toward Grade 9 Farewell. Crystal seconded. All in favour.

5. Next meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ Pots at 6pm
6. Adjournment – 9:59 pm

### **RHG Trustee Report – April 24, 2023**

Ralph Sorochan

1) **APPRECIATION** – Your participation is valued! Thank YOU!

2) **BUDGET 2023-24** – At the April 20<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, The Board of Trustees approved the key budget assumptions for the 2023-24 spring budget. Full details and report are available on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). The EIPS Finance Department continues to work hard at analyzing the funding envelope for next year's budget. The Board has had multiple budget meetings that included details regarding a draft budget and its implications. When the spring budget is finalized and complete, details will be made available to stakeholders.

3) **ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR FORT SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS** – The following programs will be in place for the 2023-24 school year:

- a) Transition Program at Ecole Parc (Brand new program for a specific cohort of autistic children transitioning from PALS.)
- b) Connections Programs at WFG and Fort Christian
- c) CASA Classroom at Fort Elementary (Brand new treatment-oriented program.)
- d) Jr. High SEAS program at Lamont Jr./Sr. – accessible to Fort Saskatchewan students
- e) Jr. High Honours at Rudolph Hennig
- f) Elementary Reading Intervention Pilot Project (Grades 1-3) at all elementary schools in Fort Saskatchewan (Brand new program)

Existing program descriptions can be found here: <https://www.eips.ca/programs-services/specialized-system-programs>

4) **SCHOOL FEES** – The Board of Trustees approved school fees for 2023-2024, as presented at the April 20, 2023, Public Board Meeting. School fees were discussed several times at each school with parents and administration. School Council Chairs were asked to sign off on the discussion process being completed. I wish to commend parents for their participation in this process. I also appreciate the diligence in which Fort Saskatchewan school administration teams considered the landscape of its community when deliberating the need for changes next year.

5) **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FEES 2023-24** – Implementation of a new funding model for transportation by Alberta Education will take place over the next two years. Increased funding to address the rising costs for fuel, insurance, parts, supplies, training for drivers and the new rider eligibility criteria are factors of the new funding model. The new eligibility criteria are mandated for 2024-2025. School Boards do have the option of implementation for the 2023-24 school year. The new eligibility criteria outlined by Alberta Education is as follows:

One kilometer for students in grades 6 or lower

Two kilometers for students in grades 7 or higher

The Board of Trustees will discuss proposed transportation fees and new criteria implementation at an upcoming Special Public Board Meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Should the proposed criteria and fees be approved by the Board, most parents should see a reduction in their yearly transportation fees.

6) **UPCOMING PROVINCIAL ELECTION** - The Division has developed plans for advocacy around public education during the upcoming election. See the attachments at the end of this report.

7) **LOGOS CHRISTIAN PROGRAM** - The Board approved the recommendation to amalgamate EIPS' elementary Logos Christian program at Brentwood Elementary, effective in the 2023-24 school year. Amalgamating the elementary allows for a more viable program, with sustainable student numbers and available student capacity, to hopefully, once again, grow the program in future years.

8) **ANDREW SCHOOL** - At the April 20<sup>th</sup> Public Board Meeting, trustees received a report for information regarding the possible closure of Andrew School. Further discussion will take place in the upcoming weeks.

9) **FRENCH IMMERSION ENGAGEMENT** – EIPS held another engagement meeting for stakeholders of French Immersion programming on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Davidson Creek Elementary. A survey is currently open until April 24<sup>th</sup>. **Take the Survey Now!** Background documents can be found at [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca). Once all the input is submitted, EIPS will use the feedback gathered to inform next steps and further develop the potential solution. Then, in June, EIPS will present a report to the Board of Trustees about the French Immersion engagement efforts. Any Board-approved changes will take effect in the 2024-25 or 2025-26 school years, at the earliest.

10) **CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: APRIL** - Alberta Health Services hosts a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, depression and technology, while teaching leadership skills, communication, resiliency and more. [Learn more](#)