

RHG Trustee Report – May 29, 2023

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- 1) **APPRECIATION** – Thank you, for all you do to support our school!
- 2) **BUDGET 2023-24** – At the May 25th Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the 2023-24 spring budget. Full details are available in the Board Meeting package on www.eips.ca.
- 3) **ADMINISTRATIVE FEES 2023-24** – At the May 25th Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the following fees: Facility Rental and Lease Fees, Specialized Support Fees, Partners for Science Fees, Non-Resident and International Student Fees, and PALS Fees. Fee increases reflect inflationary costs.
- 4) **FOUR-YEAR EDUCATION PLAN (YEAR 2)** - At the May 25th Public Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the updated Four-Year Education Plan (Year 2). The updated plan includes revised performance measures and updated priority strategies for the 2023-24 school year. The updated plan is available at www.eips.ca.
- 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 approved the proposed transportation fees and new criteria implementation at a Special Public Board Meeting on April 27th. Most parents should see a reduction in their yearly transportation fees. See Fee Schedule below.

Elk Island Public School - 2023-24 Transportation Fee Schedule - Proposed	
Fee Description	Fee
Base Rate* - <i>fee for all students accessing bus service</i>	\$ 75.00
Enhanced Service Menu* - <i>Additional service offered by EIPS not Mandated as per the 2023-24 Funding Manual for School Authorities. Base rate plus each applicable enhanced service fee from the menu below.</i>	
Ineligible - <i>(do not meet Alberta Education distance eligibility requirements)</i>	\$ 150.00
Non-Resident - <i>(are not a resident of EIPS)</i>	\$ 600.00
Additional bus to/from an alternate address	\$ 100.00
School/Program of Choice	\$ 100.00
Administrative Fees	
Replacement Bus Pass	\$ 20.00
Payment Plan	\$ 25.00
Refund	\$ 25.00
<i>*Kindergarten fees are one-half of the applicable fee</i>	

- 6) **EIPS CAPITAL PLAN** – We have received word from the ministry that our application for a collegiate jr./sr. replacement school has been denied. We were told our application was not successful was because this round of applications was for existing infrastructure and not for future builds. Interestingly, this was not indicated in the application requirements. We will continue to advocate for the new build to be designated a collegiate school when the project eventually is awarded.

- 7) **Summer Projects List** – The Board received for information, the 2023 summer projects list for all EIPS schools. For RHG specifically, the following projects are scheduled:

Rudolph Hennig Junior High		
	Custodial Services - Annual Cleaning Regime	Summer
	Dryer Duct Cleaning	Summer
	Dust collector servicing and inspections	Summer
	Elevator Inspection & Maintenance	Summer
	Fire Inspections & Deficiencies	Summer
	Gas detection inspection and calibration	Summer
	Grounds Maintenance	Summer
	HVAC System Preventative Maintenance	Summer
	Roofing Section B	Summer
	Southeast Parking Lot Resurface	Summer

- 8) **THREE-YEAR ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY: FRENCH IMMERSION** – The Board of Trustees have received excellent feedback, thus far, from engaged stakeholders regarding French Immersion programming in EIPS. Further engagement opportunities are being planned.
- 9) **ANDREW SCHOOL** - At a Special Board Meeting on May 4, 2023, the Board received a Recommendation Report from the Superintendent of Schools regarding Andrew School. The Board made the difficult decision to pass a motion that closes Andrew School effective June 30, 2023.
- 10) **CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: May and June** - 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](#)