



RUDOLPH HENNIG
JUNIOR HIGH

Rudolph Hennig Junior High
Parent Advisory Council
September 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes & Annual General
Meeting



Call to Order – September 25, 2023 @6:04pm. RHJ Library

Attendees - Kim Fischbach, Lisa Penno, Dawn Ferguson, Shelly Schofield, Crystal Hudson, Sara Secrist, Greg Cruckshank, Glenda Gray

Motion to approve agenda –
Approved by - Kim Fischbach
Seconded By – Lisa Penno

Motion to approve Minutes – N/A

Business Arising –

Principal's report – Greg Cruckshank

1. Enrollment of 411 students. We had projected 422. We were able to keep class sizes under 30 students, with one smaller class in each grade that supports students with higher needs. We have a total of 18 teachers, one counsellor, one reset room teacher, an assistant principal, and a principal.
2. Honours program at RHJ has 18 students. The majority attended RHJ for Grade 7, with one student coming from Lamont and one from Southpointe.
3. School year started off with Week of Welcome activities. Our new Grade 7's felt well supported and connected. We finished the week with a school-wide scavenger hunt.
4. We have begun reviewing some of our goals and results from last year.

Goal 1: Support students to be positive citizens within our school and community to promote a safe and caring learning environment for everyone.

Goal 2: Support and facilitate an increase in engagement in student learning and learning opportunities to promote student success.

Goal 3: Support the mental health of the Rudolph Hennig school community to facilitate a positive, safe and caring learning environment.

Goal 1 Success The percentage of teachers, families and students who are satisfied students model active citizenship increased by 8% for students. The percentage of families who agree teachers care about their child was 93% on the EIPS parent survey.

Goal 1 Support Teachers ranked satisfaction with students modelling active citizenship 10% lower.



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Goal 2 Success The percentage of teachers, families and students satisfied with the opportunity for learners to receive broad programs of study, including fine arts, careers, technology, and physical education and well-being was 92%. All Grade 7 and 8 students receive 7 different option courses throughout the year.

Goal 2 Support The percentage of students in grades 9 who agree they're engaged in their learning, and the schoolwork's interesting was reported at 56%.

Goal 3 Success The percentage of EIPS stakeholders who agree staff care about students at their school was reported at 93%. The percentage of teacher, parent, and student agreement that programs for children at risk are easy to access and timely increased to 85%.

Goal 3 Support Percentage of teacher, parent and student agreement that: students are safe at school, are learning the importance of caring for others, are learning respect for others and are treated fairly in my school was low at 81%. 5.

Summer projects were completed successfully, with some final touches still awaiting materials.

- a. Parking lot
- b. Roofing
- c. Technology upgrades 6.

The RHJ athletics season has begun with volleyball. We had significant interest in both girls and boys volleyball, with RHJ fielding both junior and senior teams for girls and one senior boys team. Cross-country running will be next week with a meet at the Strathcona Wilderness Centre.

Upcoming Events – Orange Shirt Day – September 29

COSC- Meet and Great scheduled for October 4 at 5:15- 6:30pm and then COSC Meeting to follow. Need to register who will be attending prior to Sept 29,2023.

Trustee Report – Ralph SoroChan

- 1) APPRECIATION – Thank you, for being here today, and welcome to a brand-new school year! A big thank you goes out to Greg, Glenda and their entire team for getting the school ready for students. It's a big job and a lot of work! Kudos to the team!
- 2) NEW BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR - The Board held its annual organizational meeting, which included nominations and elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Trustee Cathy Allen was elected the Board Chair, and Trustee Susan Miller was elected the Vice-Chair. Both individuals will lead the Board of Trustees throughout the 2023-24 school year.
- 3) NEW SUPERINTENDENT – Dr. Sandra Stoddard has begun her work as EIPS' new Superintendent





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of Schools. For the last six years, she's worked as the Division's Associate Superintendent of Supports for Students. In that time, she's earned the respect of trustees, staff, students, families and stakeholders across the Division. Her expertise, abilities, creativity, and commitment will help build the Division and enhance our work to meet the diverse educational needs of the communities we serve.

4) MEETING WITH MLAs – On September 20, the Board of Trustees met with MLA Kyle Kasawski to discuss EIPS' mission, Four-Year Education Plan, Capital plan and priorities. Advocacy remains a key component in ensuring the best possible outcomes for our students.

5) FOUR-YEAR EDUCATION PLAN (YEAR 2) - The Board approved EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26 (Year 2), details the Division's priorities, goals and outcomes over a four-year period. The Division's three key priorities: Priority 1: To promote the growth and success of all students. Priority 2: To enhance high-quality learning and working environments. Priority 3: To enhance public education through effective engagement. The plan also outlines the performance measures and strategies the Division will use to meet each priority, goal, and outcome in the 2023-24 school year.

6) BUDGET 2023-24 - For the 2023-24 school year, EIPS' operating budget is \$208.09 million. Of that, \$204.95 million will come from the Division's annual revenue—mainly made up of funding from Alberta Education. That revenue is based on projected enrolment and specifically targeted grants, such as student supports, school nutrition, transportation and building operations. Other revenue comes from donations, facility rentals and school generated funds—collected on a cost recovery basis for optional courses, alternative programming, lunch supervision, extracurricular opportunities, and field trips. Meanwhile, the remaining \$3.14 million of the budget comes from operating reserves to support schools and departments, career pathways and the Division's mental health strategic plan.

7) COSC MEETING DATES – To kick off the 2023-24 COSC meeting season, Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) Board of Trustees is hosting an in-person Meet and Greet on Oct. 4, 2023. Doors open at 5:15 PM All meetings are scheduled to start at 6:00 PM and will be held at Central Office in Sherwood Park (683 Wye Road). Meeting dates: October 4, 2023 - Meet and Greet; November 1, 2023; January 10, 2024; February 7, 2024; March 6, 2024; April 3, 2024; May 1, 2024. You can also join COSC on Facebook to share information and ask questions with other school councils. Meetings will be hybrid, this year, and can be attended virtually. Check eips.ca for links.

8) NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION - September 30 is the third annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a federal statutory holiday created to honour the survivors of the residential school system, the children who never returned home, as well as their families and communities. Division staff and students are encouraged to wear orange shirts to commemorate the solemn day of remembrance of the tragic history and ongoing impacts of the residential school system. Learn more about the residential school system and events across the country on the Government of Canada website and from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

9) READ IN WEEK - Read In Week 2023—READING REIMAGINED—takes place October 2 to 6.



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Inspire, explore, connect and wonder! This year's Read In Week is aimed at engaging EIPS readers across all grades. See this poster to access Pocket Reads by the Division's very own leaders and principals and explore the world through the pages of a book, connect through text and discover the power of...IF! Join in as Reading is Reimagined at EIPS.

10) CELEBRATING WORLD TEACHERS' DAY - On October 5, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages all of its students, parents, caregivers and community members to show their appreciation for their teachers and the positive impact they make on our lives. EIPS extends its heartfelt thank you to all Division teachers for their dedication, hard work and commitment in guiding and educating students through their kindergarten to Grade 12 years.

11) REMINDER: ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR FORT SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS – The following programs are 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

12) REMINDER: 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.

Other Business – Setting the Meeting dates for 2023/2024 school year (last Monday of each month)

October 30, 2023 November 27, 2023 January 29, 2024 February 26, 2024, March 18, 2024, April 29, 2024, May 27, 2024

Next Meeting – October 30, 2023

Adjournment – 6:34 pm



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**Call to Order – Rudolph Hennig Junior High Parent Association Meeting
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Attendees - Kim Fischbach, Lisa Penno, Dawn Ferguson, Shelly Schofield, Crystal Hudson, Sara Secrist, Greg Cruickshank, Glenda Gray

Motion to approve agenda –
Approved by - Shelly Schofield
Seconded By - Kim Fischbach

Motion to approve Minutes – N/A

School Council Elections

Elections: Dissolution of the current Executive (motion to dissolve the current executive)
Election of New Executive Members: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary

Description of roles available

Chairperson:

- Notify School Division, in writing, of all new and returning Executive Members
- Notify ASCA, in writing, of new chair and contact information
- Meet with Principal

Vice- Chairperson:

- Arrange updating of website with new names and contact information
- Source and distribute information on resources, support, training available for executive

Secretary:

- Provide Summary (or draft minutes) of meeting to all members and interested parties

Election Results

Chair – Dawn Ferguson

Vice- Chairperson – Crystal Hudson

Secretary – Sara Secrist

Treasurer – Shelley Schofield

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Treasurer's Report –

General Account Balance – \$8027.82

Casino Account Balance - \$8068.61

Casino – Nothing to report

Fundraising – Table for now until the results of the grant decisions are available (November)

Hot Lunch – other services being used

Other Business – Nothing new at this time

Next Meeting – October 30,2023

Adjournment – 6:51pm