

Bruderheim School Council Meeting

Location: Bruderheim School Date: Jan 24, 2023 Time: 5:15 pm

1. Call to order: 5:19 pm

In Attendance:

- Amanda Oldfield-West
- Terri Barron
- Miranda Braun
- Dave Armbruster
- Alison Blaikie
- Ashley Carter
- Colleen Holowaychuk

2. Review Agenda & Approval -

Moved to pass agenda: Terri Barron, 2nd - Amanda Oldfield-West

3. Approval of December's meeting minutes -

Moved to pass December's meeting minutes as is: Alison Blaikie, 2nd - Amanda Oldfield-West

4. Old Business - Fundraising

Miranda has been checking on fundraisers to start. Calahoo Meats will deliver and has good returns. Decided to run the fundraiser for 4-6 weeks starting around Feb 6 and concluding on March 22, 2023. Miranda will check with the company on delivery dates if we pick these days to launch this fundraiser.

Babysitting Wage

Terri Barron made a motion to increase the babysitting wage from \$10/night to \$15/night for our grade 6 students. Alison Blaikie seconded the motion. All in Favor. Motion carried.

5. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and welcome back after what I hope was a restful holiday season.

December Board Meeting

Received the unaudited financial report Sept 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022

Current surplus \$1.649 million (school have mostly spent 30% of their budgets, central departments have spent 25%). Decisions will be made regarding the surplus in early January.

Christmas Activities

During the month of December, the Board attended various Christmas events at their respective schools, met for a Christmas luncheon with the Employee Relations Group (ERG). This is the group that represents our classified staff. The Board will have a dinner with the Local ATA executive in the new year. (We met on January 12, 2023). Thank you for asking me to help with the Formal Day Christmas Dinner.

Thank you to Mr. Armbruster for asking me to come talk to the students in Bruderheim School about integrity.

A special board meeting was held on January 5, 2023, to allocate the mid-year surplus. This allows the board to stay on top of the accumulated surplus and ensure it is in light with the limits set at Alberta Education on August 31, 2023. It also ensures today's dollars are spent on today's students.

- 1) \$902,000 allocated to schools
- 2) \$1,196,662 for computers
- 3) \$313,295 to Early Learning and Specialized Supports Schools to where needs at schools are greatest
- 4) \$59,000 for a term certain project manager starting March 1

January Regular Board Meeting

Approved the 2023-2024 school fee parameters. All fees are to be set at cost recovery with no more than a 5% increase, (7% is allowed for food courses). There are some exceptions and require special approval.

EIPS currently has a fee waiver program in place where families can submit requests to have their fees waived.

The waiver process is based on low-income cut-off (LICO) information from Statistics Canada indexed annually.

Waivers cover transportation fees for students attending their designated school, supplemental bus fee, lunch supervision fees and student council fees.

Waivers do not cover transportation fees for students attending a non-designated school or who are non-resident, Alberta non-resident and international student tuitions, optional course fees, activity fees (i.e. field trips), extracurricular fees, non-curricular goods and services, and non-curricular travel.

Once the Secretary-Treasurer has waived fees, then schools may also waive fees such as optional course fees.

The division needs to balance the need for high educational experiences for students with the fiscal restraints and realities of EIPS and our families. Although we must be aware of our families' financial situations, EIPS must operate at break even.

Language and Culture Program

The Board approved that the Ukrainian Bilingual Program designation at A.L. Horton be officially removed and replaced with the Ukrainian Language and Culture Program (that is currently being piloted) effective for the 2023-24 school year.

The Board also approved that both the German and the Ukrainian Language and Culture programs be designated as Alternative programs.

School Status Report

The Board received for the 2021-22 School Status Report for information

The 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will conduct the returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. Students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make the request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space.

Reminder: Committee of School Councils (COSC) Meeting

The next COSC meeting will be held Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at Central office from 7:00-9:00pm.

6. New Business - OSC

Mr. Armbruster and Alison Blaikie have been chatting with Lisa concerning Before and After Care at Bruderheim School. Lisa mentioned having a Daycare but we are just concentrating on before and after school care on school days ONLY.

7. Principal Report - Dave Armbruster

TIGER Trait Assemblies - (Teamwork, Integrity, Grit, Empathy, Respect) For the months of January & February, we will focus on Grit!

Learning Disruption Funding from EIPS Board - We were able to increase our School Counsellor, Mrs. Dibben's time until the end of this school year. She is now here full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and mornings on Wednesdays.

We were also able to increase and extend Mrs. Hoekman's small group literacy and numeracy intervention time. She is now here for 3 periods a day in the afternoons, Monday - Thursday, and this will continue until the middle of April.

Food Bank Drive - January 9-20, joint effort between BRU & CAS, all items donated to the County of Lamont Food Bank. Thank you to all who donated!

Alberta Education Assurance Survey - Parent Questionnaire reviewed and will be coming out soon.

School Fees for 2023-24 - Discussion with parents at meeting on January 24, fee categories and amounts staying the same for 2023-24, follow-up survey to be sent out to all families, asking for input. <https://www.bruderheimschool.ca/download/388471>

Professional Learning Day - January 30
Returning Student Registration and New Student Registration - February 1-28
ATA Convention - February 9 & 10
Valentine's Carnival - February 15, volunteers needed!
Family Day - February 20
Grade 4-6 Ski Trip to Sunridge - March 2
Professional Learning Day - March 3
School Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 7

8. Town Report - Ashley Carter

February 3rd will be Patty Podobrozno's last day as CAO with the Town of Bruderheim. On February 4th, Robert Stephenson will take over as Interim CAO. Robert will be the town's interim CAO, until a new CAO is hired. Patty's Farewell open house will be held on Friday, January 27th at the Community Hall from 3-5PM.

9. Financial Report - Miranda Braun

General Account - \$3763.04
Breakfast Account - \$5557.94

10. Other Business and Items for Next Month -

The Parent Council Board would like to thank The Town of Bruderheim for The Bruderheim Community Investment Program grant we received for \$1860.00 to offset the cost of swimming lessons our school participated in October. We really appreciate the amazing support we received from The Town of Bruderheim. This money greatly helped to keep this activity affordable to all our students. Thank you

Meeting Adjourned: 6:34 PM

Next meeting: Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 5:15 PM

Location: Bruderheim School