

## **Bruderheim School Council Meeting**

**Location: ZOOM Online Date: January 10, 2022 Time: 6:00 pm**

### **1. Call to order: 6:03 pm**

#### **In Attendance:**

- Colleen Holowaychuk
- Paul McKay
- Alison Blaikie
- Terri Barron
- Miranda Braun
- Luke Braun

### **2. Review Agenda & Approval -**

Moved to pass agenda as is: Terri Barron, 2nd - Miranda Braun

### **3. Approval of December's meeting minutes -**

Moved to pass December minutes as is: Alison Blaikie, 2nd - Miranda Braun

### **4. Principal Report - Paul McKay**

Since we met in December the world has changed once again. I am pleased to say that we have adapted once again and it is so great to see our students back at school. As noted in my weekly update the only significant change for us at school is regarding masking and testing. The province is going to provide medical grade masks to the school and families this week and we are highly encouraging the students to wear these masks at school. We recognize that kids are hard on masks and that the ones provided may not last. In that case any well fit mask is better than no mask so please continue to send masks with your kids. On the testing front, we anticipate receiving one box of rapid tests per student sometime this week and distributing them to families. These are intended for families to use as they see fit. EIPS schools are asking that parents inform us of a positive result on a rapid test so we can keep track of absenteeism amid this Omicron wave. As for the isolation requirements it will be up to families to keep track of these. What we do know is that if a positive case is unvaccinated or only has one dose, they must isolate for 10 days from the positive test. If they are fully vaccinated (2 doses ) they are to isolate for 5 days from positive test and then wear a mask in public settings for five days after that. As you can imagine there would be no way for the school to track this information, so we are relying on families to do this. At school we will also be more diligent about students who present with symptoms at school. If a child presents with any of the covid symptoms at school, they will be expected to go home and not return until they are symptom free.

Fee discussion for 2022-23: (Screened shared)

I am not anticipating any changes to our fee schedule for the 2022-23 school year. The one fee we may see an increase in is the swimming fee, with both bussing costs and lesson costs going up it is anticipated the actual cost will potentially be closer to \$70 per student. Because this is not a curricular supported field trip this would be an optional cost to the parents. I would ask that you take a quick look at the fees and if there are any questions please ask.

### **Important Dates**

**January 10 – Delayed return to school**

**January 21 – Jersey Day**

**January 31 – Professional Learning Day ( No school for Students**

### **5. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk**

At our Dec 16 Board Meeting, the board:

Received the bullying awareness and prevention week 2021 report.

Received unaudited financial report for Q1, central departments 30%, schools 25% budgets are spent at this time.

Board has a caucus meeting on January 4, 2022.

Masks and tests will be going out to schools, information will come from administration regarding how tests will go home.

Letter sent to the Minister on EIPS position on the curriculum changes. We feel LA and Math should only be for K-1, well-being and Phys Ed K-6.

Transportation has seen an 88% increase (\$180,000) in insurance costs over the past two years. Our Board pays the insurance premiums for all contractors, as per the contract terms. Every board is different.

Eips was one of 12 boards in the province that underwent an audit/ best practices for the Transportation Task Force.

Overhead costs are increasing and ridership, especially in the rural areas, is decreasing. Also has to do with Covid and parents not wanting students to ride.

School Fee discussions will be taking place at school councils for the next couple of months.

Returning Student Registration will take place February 1-28, 2022.

Calendar survey, Board will be making a decision on the new calendar hopefully at January board meeting.

Elk Island Survey January 6-18, 2022.

**6. Town Report - Absent**

**7. Financial Report - Jacquie Senchuk (absent)**

Nothing has changed for the general school council account.

Totals \$2678.87 Breakfast account \$5557.94

Friends' account continues to gain interest. Last month's total was \$155 787.56

**8. Breakfast program - None**

**9. Old Business - None**

**10. New Business -**

We discussed moving the parent council meetings to Tuesdays to accommodate Jacquie's schedule since she is the treasurer and is not able to attend on Mondays. We will skip February's meeting. The next meeting will be the first Tuesday in March.

**11. Other Business and Items for Next Month - None**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:41 PM

**Next meeting:** Tuesday March 1, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

**Location:** Zoom