

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School

School Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2023

In Attendance: MJ Nam (Principal), Lonnie Hicks (Assistant Principal), Trudi Williamson (Assistant Principal), Tracey Stock (Staff Representative), Bailey Anderson (Parent Liaison), Jennie March, Tosha Mackay, Anne Wasylyshen, Lisa Slywka, Jackie Anderson, Val Ulliac, Jill Herbert

1. Call to Order
6:39 pm by Jennie March
2. Welcome and Introduction
3. Organizational Meeting
 - Election process is open; all vacant positions announced. Call for nominations from the floor
 - a. Chair - Jennie March nominated herself; none opposed; elected by acclamation
 - b. Vice Chair - Jackie Anderson nominated herself; none opposed; elected by acclamation
 - c. Secretary - Lisa Slywka by nomination; motion by Jackie Anderson; seconded by Val Ulliac; all in favor
 - d. COSC Representative - Anne Wasylyshen by nomination; motion by Jackie Anderson; seconded by Val Ulliac
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Request to add a question regarding school photos to 11. New Business by Jackie Anderson; motion to accept by Val Ulliac
5. Approval of Minutes (May 8, 2023)
 - Pushed to next meeting; minutes not accessible
6. COSC Report - Jennie March
 - First meeting October 4, 2023; nothing to report yet
7. Trustee Report - Susan Miller
 - Trustee Miller away at EIPS event
 - Report read by MJ Nam

- Alberta has a new Minister of Education, Demetrios Nicolaidis
- EIPS new Superintendent, Sandra Stoddard
- EIPS new Associate Superintendent, Supports for Students, Ryan Marshall
- Previous board chair Trina Boymook has stepped down and EIPS welcomes Cathy Allen as the new board chair. Colleen Holowaychuk, previous vice chair has also stepped down and Susan Miller will now be in this role
- August 23: the board participated in professional learning session which focused on building a first-team mindset
- August 24: the board hosted a 'Welcome Back' pancake breakfast for staff at EIPS Central Services to thank them for the work they do in the division. The board also participated in a self-evaluation workshop in order to plan their work for the upcoming year
- September 7: the board had its first caucus meeting of the year. The board received and renewed the report drafted by consultants from Y-Station. This report was drafted from information gathered from results of the French Immersion survey that ran from June 15th to mid-July. Superintendent Stoddard will bring her recommendation to the board at the October 19th public meeting where it will be discussed, debated, and voted on
- September 30: all outdoor school flags will be lowered to half-mast from sunrise to sunset to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Teachers from Sal Comp High School to participate in Family Feud Canada Teachers Week

Question: Are Trina Boymook and Colleen Holowaychuk still on the board?

MJ: Yes

Question: Is the September 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation a government holiday?

MJ: This year it falls on a Saturday, acknowledgement of the day will take place on the Friday before

8. Student Council Report - Bailey Anderson

- September 13: first meeting where executive roles (president, parent liaison, treasurer, vice president, and volunteer coordinator) were determined. The social media director role was combined with vice president role
- Three new teachers facilitating: Mme Parker-Young, Mr. Gordulic, and Mr. Pretzlaff
- Meetings to take place at 7:45 am on Wednesdays and during lunch on Wednesdays
- Made up of students in grades 10-12, with Grade 9 students welcome as junior members

- Welcome Week: Guess the teacher on Instagram, cookies and virtues in Grad Hall, Hat day, Home football game (Bisons vs QE Knights), blue and white dress up day, freezies at lunch in the fishbowl
- Picture Day: September 7; remaining school pictures taken September 14
- Other Info: Grad meeting at lunch September 12, First Last Day photobooth on first day of school for grads, Bamfield meeting September 7 for school's potential trip (April 2024 for students in grades 10-12)

9. Teacher Report - Tracey Stock

- Teachers are busy back in the classroom and in various coaching and staff roles through sports programs
- Welcome back to students, parents, and staff

10. Administration Report - MJ Nam

- Current Status and Issues: Enrolment at approx 828 students; funding has decreased by approx \$120,000 despite same number of students; funding has changed from credits/student to block funding (similar to elementary) which is difficult for course offerings and their expenses
- AJS continues to be a closed-boundary school
- School Education Plan has been submitted:
 - GOAL 1: Student engagement at AJS
 - Student academic, social and emotional engagement will increase by leveraging student-centered practices in all subject areas
 - GOAL 2: High Quality Teaching and Learning Environment
 - Developing and leveraging teacher capacity to provide differentiated instruction, students will experience growth in knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become confident and competent learners as indicated by assessment data collected throughout the school year
 - GOAL 3: Students develop positive and effective citizenship skills and behaviour
 - By assessing students' interests in curricular and extra-curricular learning activities and implementing those that facilitate pride in themselves and their school, AJS students will feel safe, respected, and treated fairly at school and well-prepared for life
- October 17 and 19: Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences; bookings open on October 11 at 4 pm through schoolinterviews.ca
Question: Do teachers want parents to book a spot if their student isn't struggling or if the teacher isn't needing to speak to the parents?

Mrs. Stock: A teacher generally would have reached out before-hand to notify the parent about issues or struggles and teachers like to have the face-to-face conversation with parents and students even if there are no concerns

- PAT results and official diploma results to be shared at November school council meeting
- Thank you to parents and students for slowing down in parking lots and keeping students safe; parents please drop-off at the back of the school; please remember there is no supervision for students walking to the Rec Center - they are encouraged to walk using the trail system and NOT the range road

Facilities Update - Lonnie Hicks

- Grad Hall lockers have been painted with a mural (school-generated funds: vending machine and cafeteria sales)
- Gym Floors updated (funded from facility budget, school paid for the logo with money from vending & cafeteria sales)
- Jr High Art Room updated renovations (funded by facilities)
- Food Sciences: 6 kitchens upgraded to 8 kitchens (funded by facilities)
- New minibus: amortized over 10 years (funded by vending machine & cafeteria sales)

Technology Update - Trudi Williamson

- New all-in-one computers have been installed in 3 labs and for each staff computer (EIPS Evergreening fund)
- Windows 11 cart of laptops purchased (EIPS Evergreening fund)
- Next year: chromebooks expire and will no longer be able to be managed by EIPS IT department; will need to purchase MANY new chromebooks

11. New Business

Question: How do parents access student photos?

Mr. Hicks: visit mylifetouch.ca and enter in student ID to view

- Conversation happened regarding request for new school photographer for future student photos; parents frustrated over quality of photos and price

Question: Is the district looking forward to moving toward gender-neutral bathrooms in the near future?

MJ Nam: Conversations have been had surrounding Jr/Sr level schools in the district. At AJS all single-stall bathrooms are gender-neutral and private

12. Old Business

- Nothing outstanding
- AJS staff thanked parents for last school year's staff appreciation day

13. CPF Report

- Nothing to report as the group has just had their initial meeting
- Next meeting: November 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm

14. Next Meeting

November 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm

15. Adjournment

- Jill Herbert motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jackie Anderson
- Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm