

Ardrossan Junior Senior High School

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 12, 2025

6:30 pm

In Attendance

Jennie March (Chair)	David Gordulic (Staff Representative)
Jackie Anderson (Vice Chair)	Samantha DeCoursey (Student Council Rep)
Anne Wasylyshen (COSC Representative)	Erin Stroud
Rod Leatherdale (Principal)	Jill Herbert
Shyla Locke (Assistant Principal)	Val Ulliac
Rebecca Gustafson (Acting Assistant Principal)	

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm by Jennie Marsh
2. **Welcome and Introduction** - Thanks to Lisa Slyewka for her time as secretary and her service to the AJSH School Council
3. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve: Jill Herbert
4. **Approval of Minutes** (March 17, 2025) - Motion to accept minutes as written: Jill Herbert. Seconded by Amy Stroud
5. **COSC Report** - Anne Wasylyshen presented a summary of the April 2, 2025 and May 7, 2025 meetings:
 - **Board Report** (Cathy Allen): EIPS has gone ahead with creating Campus EIPS (school name for the division's new collegiate program) despite not receiving funding to build a new collegiate school. Campus EIPS will offer programming to students at secondary schools throughout the division
 - **Superintendent Report** (Sandra Stoddard): The division has been given the funding manual from Alberta Education. Important budget considerations include:

- Literacy and numeracy
- Career pathways
- Classroom complexities
- High-quality teaching and learning
- Equity: eligible classified staff have received a lump-sum payment
- Curriculum work
- Rural education
- Early learning: exploring full-time kindergarten pilot program for STEM and French Immersion
- Facilitating book club for EIPS principals to help them plan for the future
- Division looking to support school community wellness and work/life balance with initiative regarding communication
- The funding model will be moving away from the Weighted Moving Average (WMA) and will be based on a 2-year average adjusted enrolment method starting the 2025/2026 school year
- **ASCA Update:** ASCA Annual Conference took place April 26, 2025 and the AGM was April 27, 2025 (both offered solely online)
 - Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides opened the event, Jo Phillips provided the keynote address on resilience, and Elder Wilson Bearhead joined as a special guest
 - Proposed advocacy resolutions have been published for the 2025 AGM
- **COSC Sharing:** \$483 left over from the Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) grant funds from Andrew School.
 - COSC members agreed to use funds to pay David Irvine for a link to access the presentation he provided for several school councils that pooled their ASCE grant funds

6. **Trustee Report** (Susan Miller)

BUDGET

- EIPS receives >90% of total funding from Alberta Ed
- Salary and benefits = >75% of the 2025/2026 budget
- Staffing is the biggest impact on the budget

Literacy and Numeracy: EIPS will support priority through its Leveraging Student Achievement Reserve, the Reading Enrichment & Development Program, and the Literacy and Numeracy Grant Funding

Collegiate and Career Pathways: EIPS will support priority through the new Campus EIPS with ongoing focus on building and expanding Career Pathways opportunities and continued efforts to pursue a collegiate school in Fort Saskatchewan

Complexity in Classrooms:

- (a) Address learning gaps using Leveraging Student Achievement reserve funds
- (b) Build capacity through a new collaborative learning structure (beginning 25/26 school year division-wide every Wednesday)
- (c) Specialized support allocation
- (d) Two READ teachers will continue to be funded

ENROLMENT

- Majority of provincial growth has occurred in Edmonton and Calgary urban areas
 - EIPS expects enrolment to decrease by approx 100 students
 - Enrolment directly influences funding and program planning
- Educational Assistants Appreciation Day celebrated May 14, 2025 as a day to officially recognize the value, dedication, and commitment our EAs provide each day to our schools

ASBA EDWIN PARR TEACHER AWARD 2025

- Board has approved EIPS nomination for this year's nominee, Janna MacLelland
- Janna is a first-year French Immersion teacher at Ardrossan Elementary and was selected for her commitment to educating through her exceptional learning spaces, inclusive approach to learning and innate ability to engage with children

TRANSPORTATION FEES/REGULATIONS

- Board approved 2025-2026 transportation fees on May 1
- Fees are increasing \$25 in each category in order to offset a reduction in grant funding from the AB government
- Fees are due June 30 - after this date an additional \$25 fee will be applied to each category
- Transportation regulations now align with the funding manual distance eligibility criteria (students from K-Gr 6 who reside 1.6 km or greater and students in Gr7-12 who reside 2.0 km or greater from their designated or attending school)

7. Student Council Report (Samantha DeCoursey)

Recent Events

- ❖ Jr/Sr High talent show - gift baskets were given to favourites (based on votes)

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Mother's Day plant pots
- ❖ Western Day on May 16 - free pancake breakfast in cafeteria
- ❖ Icecream Sunshine Day - grad event in June
- ❖ Student Council field trip on May 30

8. Teacher Report (Mr. David Gordulic)

- We are nearing the end of the school year but not quite there yet
- Teachers are asking students to remain focused and ready
- Final exam schedule has been set
- If students need early study information they can ask their teachers

9. Administration Report (Mr. Rod Leatherdale)

- Entering final 6 weeks of classes
- Upcoming events: track and field, Western Day & pancake breakfast (May 16), Grade 9 Celebration (May 30), 2025 Graduation (June 7), AMPS and CTS Show & Shine (May 31), End-of-year concerts, football start-up/spring camp, final exams, Shoe Box Theatre, Blue & White Awards (June 9)

SCHOOL SAFETY

- Completed 2 evacuation drills this spring with 5 of 6 required drills completed for this school year
- Well done to students and staff on evacuation protocol

SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN

- Goals, strategies, and measures are being addressed for the 25/26 school year
- May 6 PL Day: Staff reviewed 3 pieces of data (EIPS Staff, Student, and Parent surveys) - this was re-assessed at May Staff Meeting
- Once access available to Assurance Survey data, staff will incorporate the feedback to define areas to address to focus on improvement

RECENT EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- Archery - season wrapped May 10 with 16 students attending Nationals (hosted in Wetaskiwin)

- Handball & Badminton - successful season for students
- Band - Attended ABA Festival of Bands in Red Deer on Mar 12 and 13, Band-a-Thon fundraiser at the school on April 17 raised approx \$26,000!! Annual Jazz Band Night on May 11
- Drama - Hosted an in-house Drama Festival April 3, Hosted EIPS One Act Play Zones April 13-15, Gr 9 Drama Comedy Show on April 29, Drama 9 attending Mama Mia performance at Festival Place on June 3
- Career Pathways - AJS hosted annual EIPS RAP info evening April 22 (over 160 attendees), CALM and CTS students attended career fair at Millenium Place, Physics 20 attended NAIT on May 6 to explore solar/alternative energy technologies, AJS Gr 12 student competed at Regional Skills Competition at NAIT for welding
- French Immersion - Sr High students to Campus St. Jean on March 18, March 20 Gr 9 students attended musical event at SAL for International Francophonie Day, Maple cookies for all on April 23 for National FI day, Gr 8 students from AJS and Sherwood Heights took part in Data Dunkers
- Election - AJS was a Federal Election polling station On April 24 and AJS students participated in a student vote
- FNMI - May 5 was Red Dress Day, classes have been working through lessons in support of the Moose Hide Campaign
- Fees - submitted after second consultation for the 25/26 school year. Admin is investigating adding a Cultural fee (to support FI activities which have been significantly supported by CPF in the past)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Regarding band: are parents purchasing equipment/instruments

A: Not necessarily; many are renting

Q: Why are sports fees paid directly by parents yet other groups (AMPS, AAFPA) have fundraising committees?

A: It is a possibility that if sports team parents wanted to they may be able to begin fundraising initiatives; however sports fees would still need to be paid by the parent and not be covered using fundraising dollars

Q: Is a credit being received by sports parents (ex: volleyball)

A: Yes, the business manager is working through each sports team to see where credits need to be applied

10. New Business

None

11. Old Business (Jennie March)

- Staff Appreciation day - June 4
- Reminder that a Sign-up Genius went out on May 9

12. CPF Report

- CPF is committing to scholarships for the next 2 years for Gr 12 FI students (\$250 each)

13. Next Meeting - AGM September 22, 2025 at 6:30 pm

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 by Val Ulliac