

# Wye School Council

## Monday, June 10, 2019 6:00 pm. Regular Meeting

Submitted by: Michelle Beck, Chair Wye School Council 2018/19

### Attendees:

Families represented: Michelle Beck (Chair), Sarah Witholt (Vice Chair), Sue Shwaga, Cindy Smith, Cindy Craig, Sarah Lazzer,

School Trustee: Jim Seutter

School Staff: Theresa DeRosier

School Administration: Bill Schlacht, Kyle Samaratunga

1.0 Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Michelle Beck, Chair;  
Review of agenda

2.0 Previous minutes - approved as is.

3.0 Parent Updates

3.1 School Trustee Update.

- Andrews High School: Confirmed that Andrew High School will be closing and 15 students will go to either Lamont or Fultonvale. For those that ride the bus, they will be long rides. EIPS is not charging bus fees.
- Education Act: Updates to the Act since UCP win is continuing. Some key components noted below, details can be found on AB Education website. 1. Attend school until age 21. New proposal is 19 and under. 2. Common KG age across AB, start at age 5 by Dec 31st. This has stayed. EIPS as a district already does this. 3. Parents of GSA students will be notified of activities. This is also in the proposal. Regulations will be reviewed over the Summer with a September 1st rollout.
- Discussions with new Minister of Ed. Been told that having the Minister overview student fees (as with last Minister) is overkill. Expecting less reporting. Parent discussion on school fees - confirmed that EIPS central Finance follows up on behalf of all schools for any unpaid fees. If a school trip is part of regular curriculum students go regardless of whether parents have paid or not.
- EIPS has had a grant in the past has covered supplies, may not be provided in the future. This is pending the Minister of Finance.
- EIPS Board will review the final budget at the end of June, and expects that it will be revisited in the Fall at the school level once the Province releases the final funding.
- Currently EIPS is notifying staff that do not have a position next year due to funding cuts.

3.2 Principals Update. Key points noted:

- We Act Team's ABC Countdown is on the go. Students asked to provide recommendations for content as well.
- Heritage Hills Elementary School Virtual Tour turnout was very good for both Campbelltown and Wye. Toughest questions were around the french immersion

## **Wye School Council**

### **Monday, June 10, 2019 6:00 pm. Regular Meeting**

Submitted by: Michelle Beck, Chair Wye School Council 2018/19

aspect ie. 'where is the French wing'. Principal is clear that the school will be fully integrated. Students will not be kept from each other. The English and French experiences will co-exist. The school is built to be integrated. Dual track is the norm in the school system now.

- Heritage Hills Elementary School. Ordering furniture now and designing classroom set up. Weekly meetings with the District. Expecting the keys to the school in March 2020. Teachers currently organizing classrooms and continuing to evaluate what tools and supplies need to be kept.
- Budget: 'Best Guess' budget went in on Friday afternoon. EIPS reviews all budgets on June 25th at the Board meeting, then off to AB Education by the end of June. Numbers of students may change over the summer and there will likely be no additions to the budget should the student numbers increase.
- Details of classes: Expect 2 classes per grade next year. Anticipate being creative just like this year to ensure students get the best educational experience. Extra pieces of FTE will be allocated strategically, for example last year's grade 3 was 3 classes in the morning and 2 in the afternoon as there was 1 part time teacher for mornings. Current numbers - ECS 35. Grade 1 40. Grade 2 below 55. Grade 3 49. Grade 4 56 Grade 5 around 55 Grade 6 56. Total of 346 today.
- Parents commented that they feel there will be more kids coming over the summer in preparation for the HHE school the following year.
- While new curriculum has been officially paused by the new Minister of Education, EIPS is committed to rolling out further 'concept based' in more ways - writers workshop is an example.

#### 3.3 WSC Chair Update.

- Chair thanked all volunteers for their time and dedication to Wye School and the student's learning experience. Wye School runs on volunteer support and a highly parent supported school.

#### 4.0 Committee Updates

##### 4.1. Playground Committee.

- Last Playground meeting was May 27. An EIPS and FAWS representative also attended.
- Committee currently working on mail-out cards for possible public and corporate donations. All communication must be approved by EIPS communications prior to handing it out to the public.
- Confirmed by EIPS that donations delivered to Wye School office of \$25 or greater are eligible for a tax receipt. Donations can be submitted either by cash or cheque payable to Wye School.
- Fundraising will continue until the end of January 2020. In February a scope and RFP will be submitted to approved vendors. Construction will take place in Spring/Summer 2020.

## Wye School Council

### Monday, June 10, 2019 6:00 pm. Regular Meeting

Submitted by: Michelle Beck, Chair Wye School Council 2018/19

- Grant writer finalizing Telus and Kinsmen grants. Other grant submissions will include the Enabling Grant and a Federal Grant that is open in the summer.
- EIPS has met with the County and has confirmed:
  - that ONLY one playground spot will be approved (north of the parking lot).
  - NO rubber surface will be allowed. The base will only be sand.
- Current Action Item:
  - Awaiting EIPS approval of communication to send out either by email to Wye and affected Campbelltown families and/or via regular mail.
- Parent discussion around the rink between the school and the soccer fields. Confirmed that the soccer fields are available for the students use. The dog park across the street has community support and may end up staying permanently. Admin confirmed that any community member can use the school property/playground at any time, most will avoid recess time when children are out.

4.2 FAWS: Finalizing accounting numbers for the year. Next FAWS and AGM on 18th

5.0 Wye School Council Roundtable. Review of the year/feedback.

- +: virtual links to meeting enabled parents to join virtually, more flexible
- -: sound is an issue on the virtual links and needs to improve.
- + merger of the student wellness committee and the school wellbeing committee is a great idea, keeps the focus on students experiences
- + lots of staff to meetings, enabled different perspectives and invaluable opinions
- + Staff appreciation committee was an excellent priority, staff appreciated it very much
- + Learning opportunities for parents like the assessments (staff/mipi)/math nights/APEGA science night
- + ASCA learning session early in the year set new people up with the right information
- + COSC investment of time monthly has improved Wye School's reputation
- + parent attendance at the ASCA conference is an asset for the school
- + Awareness of School Council is better, more people involved.
- + FB site for Wye School is a great way to share information
- - not enough parents come to school Council meetings. We need to rally more.

6.0 Adjourned at 7:05 pm.