

Wye School Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 18, 2019  
6:30 to 8:00 pm Wye School Learning Commons

**In attendance:** Jim Seutter (School Trustee), Bill Schlacht (Principal), Kyle Samaratunga (Assistant Principal), Michelle Beck (School Council Chair), Sarah Witholt (School Council Vice Chair), Christi Ross (FAWS Vice President), Lori Tootoosis-Friesen (parent advisor), Cindy Craig (Playground Committee Chair), Sue Shwaga (parent advisor)

**1.0** Call to order at 6:34pm by Michelle Beck. Virtual link not available.

**2.0** Agenda was approved as written with the change of Christi Ross providing FAWS update instead of Cindy Smith.

- June AGM meeting minutes were approved as written

**3.0** Principal Update

Wye School staff and teachers did a lot of work over the summer

- Attended Read and Write Project literacy workshops
- Wye School clean up and down sizing to prepare for the upcoming move to Heritage Hills Elementary.

Power School was not open up as early as admin would have liked

- Advanced teacher posting on power school went well. No parent complaints.

First Day school start up went smooth.

- Advanced knowledge of classroom teachers and welcome letters sent out before school help ease anxiety.

Wye school Budget

- Official budget not released until Oct
- With no formal budget there is no money and results in limited funds for teachers
- Classes at Wye are still smaller than many other EIPS schools
- Combatting that with split classes and Education Assistant help in the classrooms

Wye Weekly News

- Provides great communication with parents. Lots of positive feedback.
- Wisely News simplifies communication with the teachers

Wye Schools levels of literacy have and will continue to improve due to the Reader and Writer Project help

- Consultants have been in to view classes and offer suggestions on how to improve literacy
- Mr.Samaratunga met his class reading goal of 150 times last year. Mr.Schlacht came very close.

PAT results are in, but need to be adjusted by the government

- Preliminary results show 80% or above in all core subjects

Wye has had 2 school events so far in 2019 year

- Meet the teacher night. Good turn out, but could possibly be done a bit later as the first couple of weeks at school are hectic
- Dot Day. Was celebrated on Friday, Sept 13th during school hours, as well as a family event on Sunday, Sept 15th. Many activities tied to literacy. Approximately 100 people attended on Sunday
- The school is going to try and organize special events to celebrate the last year at Wye.

School admin collaborated with Central to make a list regarding kids with Special needs attending Wye

- Wye was given an extra 10hr per day to for Educational Assistant support
- Will hire an additional EA, as well as top up the hours of some existing EA's

Heritage Hills Elementary replacement school

- Keys should be available in April. Gives staff many months to move in.
- HH School will receive 80% new furniture and materials
- Whiteboard tables, grey desks, library carts will be moved from Wye to HH.
- Goal is to take as little as possible to maximize the use and functionality of the new school space
- Extra unexpected costs to be expected with new build. Soil under building site is presenting issues.
- Oct staff meeting will take place at the Heritage Hills School to familiarize staff with the building and gain their input and suggestions.
- Planning to attach a video of the new HH School to the job application for new teachers, as well as outline our school philosophy and expectations.
- Discussion around if the adjacent dog park is to stay permanently. Will find out for next meeting.

School Education Plan and Results Report

- School and division goals remain the same
- School Foundation Statements needed tweaking to meet the needs of our school and will carry over to the HH School
- Need clarification regarding the wording of citizenship Survey question. Need to define "citizenship" at a school level. Make the ongoing abundance of leadership and citizenship more apparent to parents and children. Better communication needed. Possibly special reports sent out to parents outlining the leadership opportunities.
- School Education Plan due October 15, 2019
- Will ask parents for input. Input needed by the end of September.

#### **4.0 Jim Seutter Trustee update**

- EIPS elections done
- Trina Boymook- Board Chair
- Vice Chair- Heather Wall
- Superintendent -Mark Liguori

Education Act has proclaimed some changes

- Policy 24- regarding/limiting student electronic usage at school
- AP 145

Use of seclusion rooms reinstated with stricter rules

School nutrition program has been approved for Lamont and Bruderheim Schools

School Fees changes

- No longer a 5% limit increase from Alberta Education
- No reporting to Alberta Education
- School Fees are supposed to be reviewed by School Councils before being approved

EIPS is no longer a “public” school, renamed to “district”. School Board will be reviewing as to why.

Budget for 2019/2020 will be released in Oct.

School Construction Projects

- Heritage Hills Elementary School is now 51% completed
- Still waiting to be approved for Sherwood Heights Junior High to be approved as a replacement school, not a modernization
- 121 summer district projects
- South Pointe School Fort Saskatchewan is the fastest growing school. They are in need of the modulars from Mundare School.
- Demolition of former Ardrossan Elementary School Building
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#### **5.0 Chair Update- Michelle Beck Chair**

- Call for open Secretary position
- Review School Councils goals and responsibilities
- Operating Procedures will remain the same and be carried over to HH school
- Sue Shawga volunteers to be the parent leader for Staff appreciation to work closely with Wye teachers
- Playground committee will continue with Cindy Craig as Chair
- Wellness committee will work to support teachers Well Being Group

#### **6.0 Committee Updates**

Playground Committee- Cindy Craig Chair

- Wye School may lose \$250,000 CFIP HH School playground grant
- Federal grants are not for playgrounds, but CFIP is public money. Clarification needed.
- EIPS grant money will not be received if CFIP grant is not approved
- Communication with Kim Street in progress to see how we should proceed

FAWS- Christi Ross Vice President

- 2019/2020 election results: Cindy Smith President, Christi Ross Vice President, Marla Dorin Treasure, Secretary position vacant
- Reviewed prelim budget at last meeting. Will wait for Principals Ask to proceed with 2019/2020 budget
- FAWS can allot \$6000 to playground expenses from 2018/2019 monies raised
- Focus for 2019/2020 fundraising will be the HH School Playground. Planning on running playground specific fundraisers
- Fundraiser possibilities are math-a-thon, Christmas Concert. Still in early planning stages

- Survey results from the hot lunch program has resulted in a price reduction of food

#### **7.0 Principal Priorities for 2019/2020 school year**

- Admin has met with staff for input on what is needed/wanted
- Still waiting on more feedback, but playground will be the highest priority according to staff
- Instructional needs and classroom funds will now be covered by admin, no longer need fundraising money
- Special year book will be done for the final year at Wye
- Reduced special events for final year at Wye
- Need to determine if Carnival is a community event or a fundraiser. Proposed a new school event to replace Carnival for Wye final year. EIPS has imposed strict rules for carnivals, we lose our main events. Carnival is a lot of work for staff, who are already working extra moving schools.