

St. Edmund Elementary & Junior High School
SAC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Call to Order - 6:04 PM by Rosy Moore

In Attendance: City of Edmonton Representatives – Susan Shewchuk & Yannish, Nicole Melnyk, Crystal Jones, Katherine Stewart, Heidi Maas, Susan Freitas-Neil, Fernando Runco, Rosy Moore

City of Edmonton Presentation – Yannish (Concept Planning):

Discussion of school drop-off improvements for St. Edmund School. The purpose of their presentation was to discuss the increased level of traffic volume around St. Edmund School and Calder Elementary School. Common concerns were that because of the increased level of traffic, it was difficult to travel around or near the area which was also congested.

The City of Edmonton observed traffic flow patterns and the drop off locations of students at various spots around the school. They also spoke to residents in the neighbourhood to also hear their feedback, comments, and/or concerns. To address the increased level of traffic around the school, the City of Edmonton introduced several proposals:

1. Introduction of parking bays and drop-off pads.
2. Possible changes in the direction of traffic around schools. (3 different options)
3. Engagement evening on May 12, 2020 to discuss proposals and possible pilot dates (Residents of the neighbourhood in attendance)

The City of Edmonton will be in contact with the school to discuss these proposals in further detail as well as, possible pilot test dates.

Thank you to the City of Edmonton for attending our SAC meeting and for their support.

Motion: To approve minutes of January 22, 2020 SAC Meeting. One change was noted on the minutes on page 2, NYP should read MYP (typing error). This will be changed and updated. Motion to approve by Susan Freitas-Neil, second by Rosy Moore.

Financial Report Rosy Moore:

Financials as of February 24, 2020

General Account	\$ 16,209.18
Casino Account	\$ 87,404.20 *
Total	\$103,613.38

*Casino November 2019 \$76,052.62

Administration Report

Principal's Report Fernando Runco:

1. Thank you to the City of Edmonton for your attendance this evening.
Laura Shewchuk – City of Edmonton – to discuss Traffic Issues around the school with SAC to gather feedback. Fernando invited Traffic Personnel from City of Edmonton to Parent Conferences on March 11.
2. Superintendent Joan Carr recently passed away. She will always be remembered and honored for her integral role in all of our schools. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.
3. Open Houses – Kindergarten– Feb. 5/ Gr. 1-9 – Feb. 19 – both were very well attended.
4. Indigenous Learning – Moose Hide Campaign – Erin Reid came to visit and teach our students. This was a great experience for our students.
5. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast with students of all grades, administration, teachers, janitorial staff and construction workers.
6. Ash Wednesday Celebration (Feb. 26) – 100V to Gr. 9 all celebrated as one school family. 100V, Kinder, and Gr. 8F planned the celebration. Many parents were in attendance as well. Choir and Worship Team performed and sang songs.
7. Pink Shirt Day – Feb. 26 – to promote a “Sense of Belonging” at our school community
8. Teachers' Convention – Feb. 27/28 – no school for all grades.
9. Skiing FT – March 3
10. Parent Conferences coming up on March 11
11. Spring Break will be from March 23-27, students return on March 30
12. Full Day – will be March 19/ Half Day will be March 20
13. Public Speaking Event – March 20
14. **IB REPORT** - PYP is preparing for the Exhibition on March 18th. Mr. Craig and Mrs. Mombourquette have some really cool ideas so the format of the evening will be less formal, and more student guided. Since the Central Idea is Technology, a modern form of expression, the idea is to have the evening run as an Apple store where students are standing and presenting throughout the evening. There will be some students presenting their information with "ED talks" instead of TED talks, others sharing iMovie's of documentaries of their research related to the topic.

PYP has begun looking at improving their central ideas by including two concepts from differing subject areas in order to facilitate transdisciplinary learning and higher-level understandings. This is quite the process and to do it properly, it takes much time.

MYP, Ms. Lewis and Ms. Ward went to training in Charleston. They are very enthusiastic and knowledgeable. They have lead the staff through a PD on what they have learned and spent the last two days, along with the IB coordinator and 6 other teachers (one per year level, gr.6-9) creating new Interdisciplinary planners for our students to be able to connect their knowledge of 2 subject areas based on common concepts linked together in a statement of inquiry.

15. Alberta Budget – Proposal for school councils to send letters. They have formulated 3 letters which will serve as a template for our school councils to use to send a letter to the Premier, Minister of Education and your local MLA.

Issue:

Class sizes are larger now than 15 years ago, when the government first agreed to tackle the problem.

- ***The October 24, 2019 Provincial Budget resulted in a \$12.5 million funding shortfall for ECSD.***
- ***There is no funding for student growth which will result in even bigger shortfalls in 2020-2021.***
- ***Support for Special Needs is required in the classroom.***
- ***Schools are already overcrowded, a situation that will intensify on the current path***

Motion to Adjourn at 7:32 PM: First motion by Nicole Melnyk, second by Susan Freitas-Neil