

EPK School Council Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2025

Attendance:
M.H (Vice Principal)
AM (CoChair)
HB (CoChair)
HK (Treasurer)
KA (Admin)
MG (Class Rep)
KE (Class Rep)
EO (MHCP)

6:20pm

Call to order
Opening Prayer (M. H)
Land Acknowledgement (AM)

6:20pm-6:35pm

Speaker: EO. - Mental Health Capacity Builder

- Is a employee of Strathcona County Family and Community Services
- Rotates between EPK, Madonna and St. Theresa
- at EPK every second Weds/Thurs
- 3 year cycle
- Program that supports academic performance, teaching coping and life skills, how to understand what causes emotions, calming emotions, biology of the brain, logic.
- Emotional literacy
- Social aspects/Relationships; what is a friend? What is personal space? Empathy? How to make good choices.
- What is learned in class is meant to get home to parents, want them to be practical skills
- Open to anyone who wants to reach out: **REDACTED**
- FCS runs free courses available to anyone
- New office located at the Annex next to st. Theresa

6:35pm

School Administrative Report (M. H)

- Proposed calendar - not finalized, share transportation costs with EIPS
 - Proposed short Wednesday every week instead of first Wednesday of the month
 - Change will help administratively; more collab time for teachers
- Carnaval (Delayed from Feb 11 for extreme cold weather, TBD)
 - unity from all 3 schools, connectivity
 - 700 kids not all at once, staggered, 90 minutes per group, 3 groups
 - activities: giant skis, tug of war, bonhomme pictures, la tire, masquerade, ice machine
- Green Stem Program - grant funded
 - Was decided upon with parent recommendations in mind
 - Mt Carmel uses this program, M.H and M.M did a tour
 - Based on environmental sustainability
 - What is the problem? How do we solve it?
 - Start September 2025

6:45pm-7:15pm

Council Updates

Approval of minutes from last meeting - November 1st: __KE__ 2nd: __MG__
Approval of Agenda (Any additions?) 1st: __KE__ 2nd: __MG__

Standing Agenda + Old business

- Looming Update (KA)
 - Still Need 19 more
 - Next year, could we have teachers let parents know about this really early? Even during the "test drive" days?
- Volunteer Update (CK)
 - Volunteer push filled all vacant spots up to March 14th (additional slots open soon!)
 - Would like to ask for teacher input on candidates for caring corner packages for Easter
 - Consider having it on newsletter that if anyone needs, its anonymously available

New Business

- Artcards
 - 2nd round went out
 - Survey Birthday versus Christmas or Blank
 - \$900 last year, \$600 right now
- Family Night Movie + Planning
 - Wild Robot - invites have gone out
- Shrove Tuesday Planning
 - March 11
- GIC (societies)

Adjourned: 7:18pm

Next school council meeting is THURSDAY February 27, 2024 6:15pm

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EPK School Societies Meeting Agenda

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Approval of Agenda (Any additions?) - 1st: __KE__ 2nd: __MG__

Treasurer Update (HK)

- Expenses have been less than planned this year
- Propose using unbudgeted money (approx \$11,800) to invest into a GIC for 12 months and accruing interest (would amount to a few hundred dollars, but that is basically a whole fundraiser)
- Thinking of Swing set Replacement 2026
- Have secured \$20,000 from the division and \$20,000 from the County now looking at grant funding
- Total cost will be between \$60-80,000
- Will go to ASCA to check whether investments are an issue? And vote in Feb.

Adjourned: 7:30pm