

# F.R. Haythorne (FRH) Junior High School

## School Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

### Attendance:

<b>Erin Clark</b> - Principal	<b>Mark Wever</b> - Assistant Principal	<b>Brad Smilanich</b> - Assistant Principal (Gr. 9 overseer)	<b>Melanie Jimmy</b> - Support Staff	<b>Brian Vick</b> - COSC Rep, Grandparent (7)
<b>Charmyn Thompson</b> - Secretary, Parent (7 & 9)	<b>Trina Boymook</b> - Board Trustee	<b>Silvanthy Suntharalingam</b> - Vice Chair, Parent (9)	<b>Lindsay Rusnak</b> - w/Recovery Alberta	<b>Kya Martin</b> - Parent (7 & 9)
<b>Jamie Rosnau</b> - Leadership 9 Student	<b>Eleanor Reid</b> - Leadership 9 Student	<b>Amanda Rosnau</b> - Parent	<b>Sarah Patterson</b> - Parent	<b>Guy Martin</b> - Parent (7 & 9)

- 1) **Call to order/introductions** - 6:04 p.m.
- 2) **Land and People Acknowledgement & Introductions**
- 3) **Norms**
- 4) **Approve Minutes from last meeting** (November 20, 2024):
  - a) Approved - Silvanthy Suntharalingam
  - b) Seconded - Brian Vick
- 5) **Approve agenda - additions/deletions**

Amended agenda to discuss new business regarding parking/drop off zone as #10 on agenda, moving presentation to #11 and so forth.

As our Chair, Cynthia Cassidy sends her regrets from this meeting, Erin Clark will share Cynthia's notes regarding our new photographer contract as well as touch on the School Council Grant during her report.

- a) Approved - Silvanthy Suntharalingam
- b) Seconded - Charmyn Thompson

## 6) Student Report

Leadership 9 Students, Eleanor Reid and Jamie Rosnau, gave an impressive in-depth report and visual presentation of the outstanding contributions of the Leadership 9 classes facilitating student (and staff) engagement in the school since our last council meeting. This includes and is not limited to:

- December 3 holiday market where the Enterprise and Innovation classes created businesses, and sold their products, with some proceeds going to the Quebec trip fundraiser for the Grade 9 French class.
- The December food drive collected 390 lbs of food and \$400 in cash donations.
- The toque and mitt drive collected 250+ articles of clothing. The holiday fun day reward consisted of spending the last hour of school before Christmas Break, for students to visit and enjoy activities.
- Ugly Sweater Day, Just Dance (held in the gym with 200+ students attending), Pajama Day, Hats and Shades Day, and Staff and Student dressing up as one another, also were activities enjoyed thanks to the Leadership 9 initiatives.
- An updated sport report was given for the junior and senior basketball teams.

## 7) Trustee Report

### **Trina Boymook, F.R. Haythorne liaison trustee:**

A calendar survey has been sent out to parents/caregivers and staff to gather thoughts on 2 options, which closed October 21. We had 4027 people provide feedback about the strengths, weaknesses, and possible ways to improve these two ideas.

At the October 17 Board meeting the Board approved the following:

- Approved our modular request to the government which included GoA cover the cost of relocation of 6 modulars from Wes Hosford to Fort Saskatchewan and demolition of 2 Westboro modulars.
- Trustee Shotbolt, Trustee for Fort Saskatchewan, served notice of resignation on October 7. Her last day on the board will be October 31. The Board has decided not to hold a byelection and have assigned her duties to the remainder of the Board. The Board will function with 7 Trustees until the general election next fall.
- Governance budget surplus of \$39,592 has been reallocated to leveraging student achievement funds bringing up a total of \$388K being available for the

2024-25 school year. The majority of the funds will be used to address hotspots at the junior high level, with the remaining targeted work within the French Immersion program.

- The Board of Trustees directed the Superintendent to create a draft Administrative Procedure that outlines processes and guidelines for the accumulation, use and carry-over of school generated funds, to be brought to the January 9 Caucus Meeting for feedback.

At the end of October, the Board sent a letter to the Minister of Education to provide feedback on the Weighted Moving Average(WMA) funding model. The way the WMA model works, funding does not align with the needs of current students in schools where growth either remains level or has grown significantly. The Minister did share with a meeting with Board Chairs and Superintendent, that changes to the funding model would be released with the upcoming budget announcement.

***\*Secretary notes on submitted report:***

*The Board made a decision at our December meeting (4:3 vote), in favor of having 1 hour EARLY DISMISSAL EVERY WEDNESDAY starting in the 2025-26 EIPS school year. No shortening of lunch time.*

*School will begin 5 minutes earlier and end 4 minutes later, keeping instructional days the same, at 181 for the school year, to make-up this time in the classroom. The decision was made for teachers to better collaboratively address complexity in the classroom.*

## **8) Administration Report**

### **Erin Clark, Principal:**

#### School Fees

- 2% cap increase of school fees for the 2025-2026 school year
- Our current fee schedule is available for viewing on Hawks View.

#### School Pictures

- A one year contract has been signed with OffSpring Studios. This company is operated by the former owner of ICON photo studios that have long since been the go-to for EIPS school pictures for many years until that company was sold.

#### School Council Grant

- No decision has been made for the use of the \$953 available, however it was discussed (during this meeting) that a guest speaker or in-house engagement for parents (eg. book club “The Anxious Generation”) focusing on how our children’s learning is affected by technology - beneficially or adversely, could be of interest.

*\*Secretary note:*

*Mr. Smilanich is no stranger to book clubs, and also mentioned that sometimes teachers come across guest speakers during P.L. days and conventions, that would be excellent considerations for the school council to bring in for parent engagement .*

**Mark Wever, Assistant Principal:**

Honours Program

- Grade 8 and 9 honours registration on permission click for eligible students going into grades 8 and 9, with core subject average no less than 80%

25 hours of volunteer work in an area of interest or passion is one of the additional requirements of the honours program, along with the mandatory course of Enterprise and Innovation.

The final decision made for which schools in EIPS will be hosting the honours program will be made after initial registration for the program.

F.R. Haythorne currently hosts this program, along with Sherwood Heights and Rudolph Hennig.

More information can be found on the EIPS website, contacting the school, and by attending our open house on February 4th, 2025 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m..

**Brad Smilanich, Assistant Principal:**

Athletics

- Was covered by the Leadership 9 students' report

**9) Staff Reports**

**Melanie Jimmy, Family-School Liaison Worker**

Semester Change

- Students are excited for the end of semester one and for their new options in semester two
- Pre-Introduction for Lindsay Rusnak

**10) New Business**

- Complaint regarding limited visitor parking and discussion regarding unsafe u-turns from the drop-off zone.
- (Consider RCMP/liaison supervision to catch those in the morning and afternoon doing this dangerous maneuver?)

Request that this point be mentioned in Hawks View reporting.

- Spiritwear sold briefly online, and will do it again in September.

#### **11) Presentation by Lindsay Rusnak,**

Sherwood Park Substance Abuse Therapist with Recovery Alberta

- Smart Recovery Program for family and friends for recovery meetings, in person and online, & facilitator training - local, in Sherwood Park  
2 Mission Street, Sherwood Park, Alberta, every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m.
- Kickstand Connect, virtual walk in clinic for mental health and/or substance use counselling for Albertans aged 12-25.
- Alberta Health Services (AHS) Youth Addiction Treatment Services, Edmonton and Area
- Youth Assertive Outreach Program
- PEP Society, support group for family of loved ones struggling with addiction

#### **12) COSC Review**

##### **FR Haythorne COSC Report January 2025**

\*this condensed report is an excerpt of Emma Small's (EIPS COSC liaison) report from COSC meeting on Jan. 8/24 (Emma has graciously given us permission to use any or all of her report); this report was submitted by Brian Vick, COSC Rep at F.R. Haythorne:

##### KEY AGENDA TOPICS

- Board Report
- ATA Report
- PowerSchool data breach
- Annual Education Results Report 2023-24
- Caregiver Series: January
- School Council Engagement Grant

- COSC Sharing: COSC Operating Procedures

## BOARD REPORT

Board Chair Cathy Allen shared the Board report. She discussed two topics:

- Draft junior high curriculum – Alberta Education has announced the junior high curriculum will be updated. The draft version of the curriculum is scheduled for piloting in September 2025, and the implementation of the updated curriculum is scheduled for September 2026. Once the draft versions are available for viewing, EIPS will make decisions regarding piloting of the updated curriculum.

- Trustee election – the next municipal general election will be held on Oct. 20, 2025. Those interested in running for a position on the EIPS Board of Trustees can submit nomination packages until 12 p.m. on September 22.

## ATA REPORT

Maxine Holm, new President of the ATA Local No. 28, introduced herself to COSC members and said she's excited to represent the ATA at the COSC meetings. COSC Vice-Chair Michelle Uytterhagen thanked previous president Deneen Zielke for all her hard work over the years, and COSC Vice-Chair Uytterhagen welcomed Holm as the new representative at COSC.

## POWERSCHOOL DATA BREACH

Before speaking about the EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2023-24, EIPS Superintendent Sandra Stoddard discussed the recent PowerSchool data breach. More than 80 million student, staff and parent accounts were compromised worldwide. EIPS has nothing to do with the breach—PowerSchool has taken full responsibility.

Information has been shared with stakeholders across the Division, and PowerSchool will publish full incident details on January 17, 2025

## ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT 2023-24

EIPS Superintendent Stoddard informed COSC members the EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2023-24 and its overview are available now.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT GRANT

Alberta Education is providing school councils with a \$500 School Council Engagement Grant. Fifteen school councils have completed the grant application. School councils can still apply for their grant. Councils should plan to use their funds by the end of June. For more information about the grant process and FAQs, see the EIPS website. If you have questions, contact Emma Small.

COSC SHARING: COSC Operating Procedures

COSC member Krista Scott led members in an exercise to review the current COSC Operating Procedures. She broke up the procedures, handed them out to small groups at the in-person meeting and had members read their part of the procedures critically to see what could be added, deleted or updated.

**13) Adjournment - 7:17 p.m.**

**Next meeting, March 19, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the school library.  
All parents and caregivers welcome!**