

ÉCOLE LEDUC ESTATES SCHOOL

School Council Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024 6:50pm called to order by Chair

Attendees

Amy Farrer, Chantelle Riddel, Erin Fedje, Erin Keca, Jennifer Wilson, Joanna Stokes, Jodi Krikke, Karen Stiles, Kristy Lennox, Kyle Christiansen, Leanne Harcus, Marisa Sawchuk, Megan Brown, Michelle Ionio, Pauline Grafos, Sharon Penny, Tarynne Cable

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Joanna Stokes, 2nd by Kristy Lennox

Approval of 2023/24 AGM Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Amy Farrer, 2nd by Marisa Sawchuk

Introductions

2023/24 board members and school administration were introduced.

1. Chair - Jodi Krikke (3rd and final term)
2. Vice Chair - Joanna Stokes (2nd term)
3. Secretary - Erin Fedje (3rd and final term)
4. Parent Representatives:
 - a. Division 1 English - Michelle Iorio (2nd term)
 - b. Division 1 French - Pauline Grafos (1st term)
 - c. Division 2 English - Marisa Sawchuk (1st term)
 - d. Division 2 French - Jen Wilson (1st term)
5. Teacher Representative -new this year are Erin Keca (Principal) and Tarynne Cable (Vice-Principal)

Old Business

1. Year End Report due by September 30th, 2024
 - a. It's an annual report required by Black Gold that informs the division what the Council did, what initiatives they completed, how many meetings were held and if any finances were involved
 - b. Will be completed by Chair via a Google form (as per Black Gold directions)
2. Alberta Education Parent Engagement Grant is likely \$500 for the 2024/25 school year
 - a. Funds are given to the school (to be used by Council) to pay for activities that increase parent/community engagement with the school

New Business

1. Principal's Report
 - a. New Principal and Assistant Principal this year - Principal will undergo an evaluation by the parents over the next 10 months.
 - b. Upcoming events - Orange Shirt Day, Terry Fox Run, Oil Kings game (students sing O Canada), Leadership Group (Gr 4-6), Cross Country (Gr 3-6), Catch Volleyball (Gr 5&6),
 - c. Student of the Week Assemblies - every Friday, ran by Assistant Principal
 - i. Allows students to focus on the PRIDE values and allows teacher collaboration time
 - d. Character Ed Assemblies (separate assemblies for Gr 1&2, Gr 3&4, Gr 5&6)
 - i. Focus is the 7 Sacred Teachings
 - e. Community Peace Officer presentations
 - f. AHS presentation on antigens for Gr 6 students (prior to vaccination)
 - g. Gr 4/5/6 english classes have large class sizes (30 students). Admin and teachers have discussed all the options and the best outcome is to keep the larger class sizes (no splits) and to utilize Counsellor and Music Teacher in the afternoons to help with smaller groups
 - h. October 11, PD day - teachers are involved in a Visible Learning course
 - i. Grade 1 FI teacher is planning a Family Night in November
 - j. Winter Concert festivities are changing format this year - details will be shared closer to the date
 - i. Event date is December 12th
 - k. Music teacher is planning 3 showcases this year:
 - i. November 28th 5-5:30 Gr 5&6 Extravaganza Concert
 - ii. February 27th 5-5:30 Kindergarten, Gr1&2 Extravaganza Concert
 - iii. March 20th 5-5:30 Gr3&4 Extravaganza Concert
2. Role of School Council (copied from the Standard Operating Procedure available on the ELES website or [here](#))
 - a. Represent the parent perspective by providing advice to and consulting with the Principal and the School Board on matters relating to the School such as: the School philosophy, mission and vision, policies, improvement plans, programs and directions, and budget allocations to meet student needs;
 - b. Foster a positive, collaborative environment with a variety of opportunities for meaningful engagement by members of the School community;
 - c. Support special events that will support and enhance student learning, encourage participation and promote the well-being of the School community;
 - d. Facilitate a performance evaluation of our School Council and communicate the results of this evaluation to the School Board and the School community;
 - e. Develop a communication plan to share information with parents and the community and facilitate communications with all educational stakeholders;
 - f. Adhere to School Council's Code of Ethics;
 - g. Consult with other School Councils and provincial organizations;
 - h. Support an approach to education in which decisions are made collaboratively;
 - i. Advise School Boards, Alberta Education or other provincial organizations on broader educational issues

3. Election to 2024/25 Board Positions (all positions limited to 3 consecutive terms). All positions were filled by acclamation.
 - a. Chair - Joanna Stokes (1st term)
 - b. Vice Chair - Michelle Iorio (1st term)
 - c. Secretary - Kyle Christiansen (1st term)
 - d. Parent Representatives:
 - i. Division 1 English - Amy Farrer (1st term)
 - ii. Division 1 French - Pauline Grafos (2nd term)
 - iii. Division 2 English - Marisa Sawchuk (2nd term)
 - iv. Division 2 French - Leanne Harcus
 - e. Teacher Representative - Tarynne Cable (Vice-Principal)
4. Communication
 - a. Council Email address is eles.council@gshare.blackgold.ca
 - b. Motion to amend the meeting dates on the agenda made by Joanna Stokes, 2nd by Leanna Harcus.
 - i. New meeting dates for 2024/25 are
 1. October 2, November 6, January 15, March 12, June 4 @ 6:30pm

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm by the outgoing Chair.

2024/25 Council Meeting Dates:

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