

School Council Minutes

Date	June 3, 2019
Attendance	Kristy Rice, Colette Lastiwka, Erin Crawley, Kyla Norris, Fiona Nyuli, Brenda Watmough, Carrie Kynsh, Shannon Blyth, Heather Cherniak, Lisa Sweeney, Doug Eckersley, Carrie Eckersley, Teresa Bodker, Randy Bodker, Monica Fehr, Carianne Opalka, Melissa Damur, Aoife Cahill
Guests	None
General Business	
Start Time	6:36 p.m.
Approval of Agenda	Colette Lastiwka
Committee Reports	None
Old Business	
CEPAC Meeting Colette Lastiwka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I attended the CEPAC (<i>Catholic Education Parents Advisory Committee</i>) meeting on May 28. EICS division pays a membership fee on behalf of our school councils to belong to ASCA (Alberta School Council Association). ASCA represent all school councils within Alberta. At this meeting we voted on whether or not we wanted to continue to pay the membership fee to ASCA. Vote was in favor to continue to pay the fee.
Grade 8 Farewell Colette Lastiwka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 8 farewell will be held on Friday June 14, 2019. I have purchased the Ambassador Award for the selected grade 8 student. (<i>Carianne Opalka</i>) The grade 8 students were very thankful for the money donated from the plant sale bottle drive. The money will be going towards their farewell. Students have made a thank you card for school council.
New Business	
Volleyball Colette Lastiwka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I've coached the grades 5/6 volleyball team for the past couple years. I will not be able to continue coaching next year. I would love for this program to continue, it would also be wonderful to have a junior high volleyball team. Next year we will need a parent or staff member to coach the students. Please consider coaching and spread the word.
Important Upcoming Dates Colette Lastiwka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of school - Tuesday September 3, 2019 First day for Kindergarten – Tuesday September 10, 2019 School Council/Parents Association (AGM) – Monday Sept 16 , 19 @ 6:30 p.m. Welcome Back BBQ – Thursday September 19, 2019
School Report Aoife Cahill	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Grant</i> – We are happy to share the we received another grant. We applied to Strathcona County for their Council Priority Funds. We applied in conjunction with the South Cooking Lake community league. The grant is for \$11,000. We also have \$7000 for our outdoor space that is separate from the money raised for the playground structure. We will have \$18,000 to put towards our outdoor learning space. We're working with Ever Active Schools and getting lots of ideas. We're looking at having a mud kitchen, bat and bird houses,

and also interpretive trails in the forest area to the south of us. The trails are on county property but will be accessible to our school and the community.

- *Budget* – The School's Budget and Student Generated Funds can be found on the school's website at <https://stl.eics.ab.ca/parents/school-finances> Information is updated monthly. Information was shared with those in attendance.
- *Volunteer Tea* – (*Melissa Damur*) Students in a number of grades came together to make gifts for the volunteers. The gifts consist of a painted flower pot, a paper flower, and seeds with note written by students. If you were unable to attend the volunteer tea and haven't had a chance to pick up your gift they're at the front of the school in the rock bed.
- *4 x 4* – There will be a general meeting held tomorrow June 4 at the church for anyone in the community that has questions. A vote will be held in the next couple of weeks. Since the deadline of March 31 was not met there will not be busing for next years 2019/2020 school year. If the vote is in favor busing will be available for the 2020/2021 school year.
- *Upcoming 2019/2020 School Year:*
 - *Budget* - We don't have a clear definition on what the government budget will look like next year. EICS is going with a conservative budget and based on what the government has said it looks like we will have to cut our budget by 2.5%.
 - *Staffing and Grade Configuration* – We currently have ten registrations for Kindergarten and eight registered for pre-K. Next year Kindergarten and Pre-K will be combined. We will have 30 kindergarten students going into grade 1.
 - Pre Kindergarten/Kindergarten – Teacher to be determined
 - Grade 1 – Mrs. Erica Odiobala
 - Grade 1/2 – Teacher to be determined
 - Grade 2/3 – Mrs. Andrea Kroeker
 - Grade 4 & FSL (French Second Language) – Mrs. Donna Hayden
 - Grade 5 & Science Gr 5-8 – Mr. Brant Driedger
 - Grade 6 – Miss Leanne Evans
 - Grade 7 & 8 (Junior High) – Teacher to be determined
(*Junior high classes combined for Language Arts, Phys Ed, & Religion*)
 - Music – Mrs. Lynette Kaminski
 - Assistant Principal & Grade 5-8 – Mrs. Melissa Damur
 - Principal – Mrs. Aoife Cahill
 - Family Wellness Worker- Mrs. Katie Lysak
 - Collaborative Response Coordinator – Miss Brandy Laurin
 - *School Supplies* – In consideration of the budget EICS will not be providing school supplies next year, families will be required to provide them. There will be an option to order supply packages through Staples, information will be sent home in the next couple weeks.
 - *Nutrition Program* – At this point it is still unclear if the nutrition program will run again next year.
 - *Grade 5-8 Option Classes* – The students have input into what option classes they would like, with this information the staff is able to see what they are capable of offering. Families will be notified as to what option classes are

	<p>available and which classes their child has chosen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>School Sign</i> – We will order the sign within the next couple weeks. The sign will be placed on the north side of highway 14 on school property. The sign will be visible to east and westbound traffic. • <i>Rooney and Pooney</i> – With the above changes for next year we were thinking of ways we can reduce the \$10 per student fee for Rooney and Pooney. We were wondering if we could possibly run some extra hot lunches and put the funds raised towards reducing the cost. <i>(Colette Lastiwka)</i> At our April meeting when we voted on Rooney and Pooney we chose that families would pay \$10 per student and parent council would pay the remaining. When the vote took place we were unaware of the amount we would need to donate to the playground. Since the playground committee has raised the full amount we don't have to contribute any extra funds. Also in consideration of families needing to provide school supplies next year I would like to vote on parent council paying the full amount for Rooney and Pooney and there be no cost to families for this Artist in Residency program. <i>(Approved)</i>
Adjournment	
Next Meeting	(AGM) Monday September 16, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.
Adjournment	Adjourned by Colette Lastiwka Time 8:08 p.m.