

Minutes for Mills Haven School Council

A meeting of the Mills Haven Elementary School Council was held on September 19th, 2023. The meeting was presided over by Chair Kendra Roemer, and Steven Kotschorek took the minutes.

Attendees

Kendra R	Courtney P	Steven K
Krista B	Nichol B	Erika S
Monica D	Stefanie M	Jon E
Janice S	Barb C	Kari S
Stacey J	Cathy A	Scott S
Jen S	Sabrina K	Danielle R
Katrina W	Jennifer C	Susan P

Call to Order

The MHSC meeting commenced at 6:06 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of May 2023 Minutes

Review of Agenda

1. Election of vacant executive positions (Kendra)
 - Community Engagement Coordinator - Nichol
2. Chair Report (Kendra)
 - Welcome for a new year, and council focus for the year
 - Discussion regarding school website and newsletter
 - Social Media outreach at parent teacher interviews, QR codes in the classrooms
 - Library volunteers
 - Oil Kings game
 - School shirts
 - Dance – to be held in spring

3. Trustee Report (Cathy)
4. School Report (Jon & Janice)
 - Pancake breakfast – Volunteers needed
5. School Education Plan (Jon)
1. Upcoming Events
 - Saffron Caregiver Presentation (Kari) - October 12 6-8PM
 - Boys and Girls Club (Kari)
 - Teacher Meal - Parent-Teacher Interviews - November 28 or 29
6. Meetings for the Next Year
 - September 19, 2023
 - October 24, 2023
 - November 21, 2023
 - January 23, 2024
 - February 20, 2024
 - May 21, 2024

Motion to adjourn meeting

- Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

School Council Administration Report

Jon Elzinga and Janice Sundar

September 19, 2023



Enrollment

- Mills Haven enrolment is currently 463 students which is similar to last year.

New Staff

- Mills Haven is happy to welcome Mrs. Choo (Kindergarten), Mrs. Ford (Kindergarten), Mrs. Wall (Educational Assistant), and Miss Schellenberg (grade 4). Welcome back to Mrs. Hamilton (grade 2), Mrs. Fillion (Educational Assistant), and Mrs. Antoniw (grade 5). Mrs. Marshman (secretary) starts on Monday, September 25, 2023.

Meet The Teacher BBQ

- The Meet the Teacher BBQ before school started was a huge success! Parents, students, and staff all appreciated the opportunity to come drop off their supplies before the first day of school.

Curriculum

- Implementation of the new curriculum continues this year with the new curriculum in grades 4-6 Language Art and Math and K-3 Science. Mills Haven teachers are following the scope and sequence created by the EIPS New Curriculum team. Professional development for staff will continue throughout the year.

Terry Fox Walk

- Funds are continuing to pour in for the Terry Fox Foundation. So far we have raised over \$3000 which means that there will be 3 pies thrown at staff! The walk is happening on Friday afternoon. All students are encouraged to wear their MHV T-Shirts on Friday.

Saffron Centre

- We have arranged to have Saffron Centre present a parent/caregiver session on Thursday, October 12 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. entitled: Cyberworld: What Happens When Youth Press Send? This is a two-hour session provided by the school at no cost for any parents/caregivers of our Mills Haven students. * Please note this is an adult-only presentation given the nature of the material. Kindly arrange alternate care for your children. If you have any questions about this event, please contact our Family School Liaison Worker – Ms. Kari Siewert at kari.siewert@eips.ca.

School Picture Day - September 25 & 26

- We are trying a new photographer, Edge Imaging, based on the feedback we received last year from parents. We welcome your feedback on this new service provider.

National Truth and Reconciliation Day

- On September 29, we will have an all-school assembly to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. All students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on that day.

School Education Plan 2023/2024

- Our School Education Plan guides the work that we do every day at Mills Haven. This plan was built based on the data we received from EIPS and Alberta Education and through consultation with Mills Haven staff. Our three goals for the year are: a. Reading is fun! b. Math is interactive c. Citizenship is everyone's responsibility.

Trustee Report – Mills Haven School Council Meeting

Cathy Allen

September 19, 2023



APPRECIATION/WELCOME

Thank you to the staff for their work in preparing for the return of students to school. Welcome back to all of the students, parents and caregivers. The EIPS Trustees are looking forward to the 2023-24 school year.

BOARD EVALUATION

On August 24, 2023 trustees participated in the annual Board Self-Evaluation Report workshop. The Board uses the data contained in the report to support the design of the work plan for the upcoming year.

EIPS EXECUTIVE TEAM

Superintendent Stoddard introduced three new members of the EIPS Executive Team:

- Ragan Johnson, the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources
- Ryan Marshall, the Associate Superintendent of Support for Students
- Weylin Gilewich, the Director of Information Technologies

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

On August 17 2023 Superintendent Stoddard took part in the Walk Alongside Alberta meeting, hosted by the Alberta School Councils' Association. Walk Alongside Alberta is a new initiative to build systemic parent engagement in public education. The key presenter was Debbie Pushor, a professor at the University of Saskatchewan and renowned parent engagement expert, who spoke about her research on the benefits of parent engagement within the education system. EIPS is the first Alberta school division to join the Walk Alongside Alberta initiative.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

EIPS Financial Services will be using enrolment numbers from the end-of-day Sept. 13, 2023 in preparation for the upcoming Fall Budget.

NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Board held its annual organizational meeting, which included nominations and elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Trustee Cathy Allen was elected the Chair, and Trustee Susan Miller was elected the Vice-Chair. Both individuals will lead the Board of Trustees throughout the 2023-24 school year.

COUNCIL OF SCHOOL COUNCILS (COSC) MEETING DATES

To kick off the 2023-24 COSC meeting season, EIPS Board of Trustees is hosting an in-person Meet and Greet on Oct. 4, 2023. The doors open at 5:15 pm. The COSC meeting will follow the Meet and Greet at 6:00 pm. All COSC meetings will be held at Central Office in Sherwood Park (683 Wye Road). The meeting dates are:

October 4, 2023

November 1, 2023

January 10, 2024

February 7, 2024

March 6, 2024

April 3, 2024

May 1, 2024

You can join COSC on Facebook to share information and ask questions with other school councils.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting takes place on Sept. 21, 2023 at 10:00 am. Board meetings are held in the Elk Island Public Schools boardroom at 683 Wye Road in Sherwood Park. EIPS also livestreams the public Board meetings on its You Tube Channel.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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