

# Minutes for Mills Haven School Council

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A meeting of the Mills Haven Elementary School Council was held on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The meeting was presided over by Chair Kendra Roemer, and Steven Kotschorek took the minutes.

## **Attendees**

Kendra R	Courtney P	Steven K
Jon E	Janice S	Stacey J
Monica D	Barb C	Cathy A
Aida D	Katrina W	Sabrina K
Danielle R		

## **Call to Order**

The MHSC meeting commenced at 6:02 p.m.

## **Adoption of Agenda**

### **Adoption of October 2023 Minutes**

## **Review of Agenda**

1. Chair Report (Kendra)
  - School Council Engagement Grant
  - ASCA update
  - COSC update
2. Trustee Report (Cathy)
3. School Report (Jon & Janice)
4. Oil Kings Night (218 tickets sold)
5. Parent Teacher Interviews
  - Parent Engagement Survey
  - Teacher Meal – November 28

6. Dance Date (April 26, 2024)
  - DJ booked
7. Christmas Concert Volunteers
8. School Council Engagement Grant
  - \$500
9. Assurance Review discussion/explanation
10. Meetings for remainder of the Year
  - January 23, 2024
  - February 20, 2024
  - May 21, 2024

**Motion to adjourn meeting**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

# **School Council Administration Report**

## **Jon Elzinga and Janice Sundar**

### **November 21, 2023**



#### **Read-A-Thon**

The Read-A-Thon is continuing to have quite the buzz throughout the schools. Teachers have commented how it has really increased how much students are talking about reading. Not only is it raising some good money for the school, but it is also really helping us with our school goal of building a reading culture at Mills Haven.

#### **12 Days of Christmas**

Kari Siewert is coordinating 12 Days of Christmas collection drive to help gather items for the Strathcona Food Bank. The Food Drive will run from November 30-December 15. More information is in the News From the Nest.

#### **Report Cards and Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on November 28 and 30. Parents will be able to book their own interview appointment online with their child's homeroom teacher. An e-mail was sent to parents today @ 4 PM with step by step instructions on how to book appointment(s). Report cards will be available on Friday, December 1 at 3:15 pm. Parents and guardians can access report cards through PowerSchool—simply log into your account and click on the "Report Card" button in the left hand sidebar.

#### **Book Fair - Volunteers Needed**

Our teacher Librarian is on leave until early December and we need your help to run the book fair during parent teacher interviews. We have the kit booked and will be able to have it all set up during the day, however, we are in need of some parent volunteers to help run the book fair by operating the cash register and tracking the sales. If you are able to help, please contact Janice.

#### **Earth Rangers Assembly**

On November 30 Earth Rangers is coming to do a free assembly for our entire school from 1:15-2:15! Mills Haven received a sponsorship from Pembina to make this presentation happen. The assembly will include live animal demonstrations and will provide students with tangible ways they can help protect the ecosystem and show the collective impact small, everyday actions can have.

# **Trustee Report – Mills Haven School Council Meeting**

## **Cathy Allen**

### **November 21, 2023**



#### **ASSURANCE REVIEWS**

Assurance Reviews are held annually (October and November) with EIPS Central Departments and Schools. These discussions around central department plans and school education plans provide the Board of Trustees with a wealth of information to ensure our Division is spending its resources appropriately and has plans in place to support the achievement of the goals and outcomes identified in EIPS Four Year Strategic Plan. The Board of Trustees is responsible and accountable to the public and to the Provincial Government for the expenditure of the EIPS \$200 million annual budget.

As part of the accountability process, Trustees have the opportunity to participate in the review of the results of Central Departments and Schools for the 2022-23 year, while also learning how the results have impacted the plans for the current school year.

These meeting allow trustees to hear about:  
Department/school successes and achievements  
Department/School opportunities for growth  
Common challenges that were encountered

This helps trustees, at a governance level, to determine how we can best support the work of the Division.

#### **ADVOCACY**

The Board of Trustees met with the Mayor of Bruderheim - Mayor Hauch.

The Board of Trustees met with Education Critic MLA Rakhi Pancholi and MLA Kyle Kasawski to discuss Advocacy priorities.

The Board of Trustees had conversation with Minister of Technology and Innovation Nate Glubish.

The Board of Trustees attended the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA) Fall General Meeting. Several position statements were approved. These position statements will inform the advocacy work of ASBA and the Provincial Government.

Please contact me with questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,  
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