

## Parent Council of EAST LAKE SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

**Date:** Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 PM

### **Executive Members Present:**

- Jenn Collins (Hot Lunch)
- Kyla Sims
- Shalli Buziak
- Bonnie Brisebois (Christian Program Rep)
- Nav Dhundal (Secretary)

### **School Administration Present:**

- Amanda Schultz (Principal)
- Lori Lew (Administrative Assistant)
- Karen Hanks-Craine (Administrative Assistant)
- Alexis Grosse (Assistant Principal)

### **In-person Attendance:**

- Claudia McGowan
- Nancy Gunn
- Lauren Condrashoff
- Rhonda Baptiste-Lacasse
- Mai Jomaa
- Larrissa Lees
- Kate Haddad
- Jen Standish

### **Zoom Attendance:**

- Janelle Savage (Chair)

### **Welcome and Call to order:**

- @ 6:07 pm.

#### **1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes:**

- Lauren approved agenda
- Kyla approved minutes

#### **2. Shalli:**

- Superintendent has announced his retirement effective end of August 2025. Recruitment company engaged for executive search
- Student accommodation consult on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at middle-school (6:30PM)
- RVS engage (online survey), already open on website to see available options (open until Dec 12<sup>th</sup>).
- Option for everyone to attend, in person or zoom, on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> to voice your opinion. The slides being presented on the 22<sup>nd</sup> are available online
- Delegations to the board on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Anyone can attend and ask for 10 minutes to present their thoughts/opinions to 8 person board (this includes Shalli)
  - There are six different options. Information for all six are available online. Only the most viable option will be presented:

- East Lake English goes from K-6 to K-9. Christian and French K-6 stay here, 7-9 stays at middle-school
    - Decision made on Jan 23rd
  - Joint board student council meeting on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. School council executive (Janelle) will attend. This is also open to others as, let Shalli know if you would like to attend
3. **Janelle (Chair report):**
- Encourage everyone to attend Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, link for zoom will be sent
  - Janelle will be at joint meeting on Oct 24<sup>th</sup> and will present findings at next council meeting in November
  - There has been a request to have *Canadian Parents for French - Alberta* come speak with students, to discuss advocating for French immersion. This is an opportunity to understand what the province is doing to support French immersion
  - A representative (Micheal) will attend meeting in November or January to come and speak on this
4. **Amanda:**
- As of today school population is 1010, however this changes daily
  - Additional teacher time in December; ½ kindergarten teacher and a full-time teacher with a 2/3 split. All class sizes in acceptable range, although on the larger size
  - Have submitted school education plan, it will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting (called ABC)
  - On-going discussions taking place about *PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support)* to determine if its working well. Eastlake is an early adapter of this.
  - Health and wellness focus
    - Several staff leadership groups such as school educational plan champion, Indigenouse learning, PBIS group
    - Soccer and Track have just wrapped up
    - Volleyball is starting up
  - Student lead conferences for Grades 1 to 6 are on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents invited to start booking appointments
    - Each teacher will have 3 families at a time in the classroom for 15 minute increments
  - Kindergarten will not have student lead conferences this time around. At the beginning of Dec, K-team will meet with parents in a trandationanl 1:1 dialogue
  - Parents are always encouraged to reach out to teachers/school (via email, phone, online ect) throughout the year for student updates . They do not have to wait until parent-teacher conference
  - Diwali and Halloween coming up (same week). Diversity committee has suggested to celebrate Diwali on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Kids encouraged to dress in their traditional clothing.
    - Dance party in the afternoon on this day
  - Oct 31<sup>st</sup> will be Halloween celebration
5. **Crosswalk:**
- There was an accident, not involving children
  - Double-cross walk is an on-going issue
  - Lots of studies done but nothing has been done about this
  - One suggestion is bump outs or speed bumps. Speed bumps are being considered
  - Best way to voice concern is to email a council member or mayor so they can forward to the right person
6. **Nav Dhundal sworn in as Secretary**
- Nominated by Jenn Collins and Janelle Sandbow seconded the motion

**7. Bonnie Brisebois sworn in as Christian Program Rep**

- Nominated by Jenn Collins and Kyla Simms seconded the motion

**Adjourn @ 7:14 PM.**