

Rudolph Hennig Junior High

Parent Advisory Council

Monday, October 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
RHJ Library



Call to order at 6:03 p.m.

In Attendance: Kim Fischbach, Crystal Hudson, Sara Secrist, Dawn Ferguson, Ralph Sorochan, Glenda Grey, Greg Cruikshank, Kristi Wahl, Tricia Kamba

Treaty Land Acknowledgement- We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting ground, gathering place, and traveling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Dene, and Nakota Sioux, and the traditional homeland of the Métis. We acknowledge all the many indigenous footsteps, stories, and songs that have marked these lands for centuries.

Motion to approve agenda: 1st- Crystal, 2nd- Kimberly

Motion to approve minutes from the last meeting: 1st- Crystal, 2nd- Sara

Standing Business:

- COSC Update- last meeting was October 4th. Applied for \$500 school council grant. Looking at possibly collaborating with Win Ferguson and Fort High.
- Teacher Wish List- nothing on the list right now

New Business:

- FCSS – Kristi Wahl- shared about the last Saffron presentation. Shared about the Youth Advisory Council and its fundraising initiatives.
- Parent Teacher Interviews - Appreciation Staff and Parents- discussed a parent council table at interviews with snacks. Discussed doing a potluck “Build a Sandwich” sign-up for a staff meal on the day of parent-teacher interviews. Crystal motioned to provide a lunch for staff, Kimberly approved the motion, and Tricia seconded. Motioned approved.
- Operating Procedures & PTA Bylaws – Refresh- Dawn will contact Central to get a copy of our bylaws and have an update at the next meeting.
- School Assurance Review- Dawn was invited to attend on behalf of the school council.

Administration Report – Glenda Grey- see attached report

Trustee Report – Ralph Sorochan- see attached report. Crystal asked about mental health support for Fort Saskatchewan (like an FSLW). Tricia suggested Success coaches utilized through Edmonton Public. Tricia suggested drafting a letter from council to the government for more mental health and speech services provided by the government within the schools.

Other business- Greg asked for feedback on the smore that goes out each week.

Adjournment at 7:11 p.m.

Next meeting: November 27, 2023

Rudolph Hennig Junior High

Parent Association



Call to order at 7:11 p.m.

Motion to approve agenda- 1st- Crystal, 2nd- Kimberly

Motion to approve minutes- 1st- Crystal, 2nd- Tricia

Business Arising

- Treasurer's Report- General account \$8,027. 82, Casino account \$8,068.61
- Casino- nothing to report
- Fundraising- waiting on information on grant applied for in the Spring
- Other Business- Crystal motioned to purchase cookies for Parent Teacher Interviews for up to \$300. Kimberly seconded the motion.

Next meeting on November 27th, 2023

Adjournment at 7:18 p.m.

**October 2023 School Council RHJ
Principal's Report**

1. The year is fully underway with students and teachers hard at work as we move towards our first reporting period and student, parent, teacher conferences. Parents should do their best to stay up to date with PowerSchool.

- a. Nov 21 and 23 3:30-6:30 Student/Parent/Teacher conferences. Bookings via RHJ website starting Nov 13.
- b. Trimester 1 ends Nov 22
- c. JH report card #1 Dec 1

2. Athletics update. Volleyball season is well past the halfway mark. Thank you to Fort High who partnered with us on sharing their bus. We are continuing to try to provide bussing for athletics events. We will need parent volunteer drivers on some days.

3. RHJ will be hosting trustees and three junior high schools for an assurance review meeting on Nov 24, 2023. Overall RHJ showed some great success towards their School Education Plan goals from 2022-23.

4. We continue to provide enhancements to our regular programming at RHJ to support student learning and engagement.

- a. Walk for Wenjack
- b. Take our Kids to Work Day
- c. Skills in the Heartland Try a Trade
- d. Guest speaker *Growing up as a visible minority and experiences with racism*
- e. Leadership class activities in the school
- f. Halloween dance and activities

5. Reset Room- Increase in student use in October. Not well used, however.

6. We continue to have a need for alternative programming for Junior High students in Fort Saskatchewan.

RHJ Trustee Report – October 30, 2023
Ralph SoroChan

1) **APPRECIATION** – Thanks to everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to be here this evening, in the best interest of our students.

2) **EIPS ADVOCACY IN ACTION** – See attached report.

3) **FACILITY SERVICES SUMMER PROJECT UPDATE** - The Board received for information an update on Facility Services' summer projects in 2023. Throughout the summer months, Facility Services oversaw a total of 377 summer projects, including Infrastructure, Maintenance and Renewal (IMR), Capital Maintenance and Renewal, and additional projects across the Division—more than 80 per cent are now complete. The projects ranged in nature and included improvements to electrical systems, roofing, interiors, exteriors, mechanical equipment, and flooring at various EIPS schools.

4) **BOARD TOURS** – The Board of Trustees toured through five Fort Saskatchewan schools on Tuesday, October 17. The Board visited Fort High, Fort Christian, Next Step Fort Saskatchewan, Fort Elementary, and Ecole Parc. The remaining Fort Schools will be visited later in the school year.

5) **CLASSROOM MODULAR REQUEST** – At the October 19 Board meeting, EIPS Trustees approved a motion to request the addition of 2 new moduls at both SouthPointe School and Ardrossan Elementary, and the demolition of two aging moduls at Westboro Elementary.

6) **UPCOMING ASSURANCE REVIEWS** - Assurance Reviews are a forum for schools and departments to share their individual results, annual plans, successes, and challenges. The review informs the Division's

Annual Education Results Report and allows trustees to gain a holistic understanding of what's happening throughout the Division. Council Chairs/Reps are encouraged to attend and will be given opportunity to share how they are supporting the goals and Education Plan of their school. All School Reviews are scheduled for November, while Central Department Reviews are scheduled for the end of October.

7) **UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 / UNAUDITED ACCUMULATED SURPLUS AT AUGUST 31, 2023** – The Board received these two financial reports for information, at the October 19th public Board Meeting. Details are available at www.eips.ca.

8) **ENROLMENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2022** – An Enrollment Summary Report was received for information by the Board on October 19th. Financial Services has summarized the Sept. 29, 2023, enrolment (student headcount). There are 17,760 students in the Division as of this date. This is an increase of 277 (1.58%) students from the Spring Budget, which did not meet the provincial threshold of 2% for additional funding.

9) **RHJ SCHOOL AWARDS** – Congratulations to all our students who received awards for their hard work, last year! Also, kudos to the staff and parents for guiding and supporting them to their goals and high achievement.

10) **REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES** – This year, all school Remembrance Day ceremonies must take place on November 3—according to the [Remembrance Day Act](#). I am invited to be attending the Fort Elementary Service, on this day.

11) **COSC** - The COSC October meeting started with the election of the COSC Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary for the 2023-24 school year. The positions are as follows: *Chair*: Kendra Roemer, Mills Haven Elementary, *Vice-Chair*: Dallas Kirtz, Fort Saskatchewan Elementary, *Secretary*: Chelsea Pretzlaw, Ardrossan Elementary. Councils can once again receive an ASCA membership by sending an email to [Emma Small](#) that your school council—including your school council name—wants a membership to ASCA for the 2023-24 school year. EIPS will take care of registering your school council and covering the costs. Superintendent Stoddard spoke on the [EIPS Three-Year Engagement Plan](#), as well as [Specialized System Programs](#). Associate Superintendent Ryan Marshall spoke on the new curriculum, assessment, and the [Partners 4 Science program](#).

12) **BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK** – will be celebrated November 13-17. It promotes awareness and understanding of bullying and its impacts. Schools throughout the Division will be engaged in different activities to take part in this important initiative. Remember, school staff address this topic regularly and not just during this week in November that is legislated by the Alberta government.

13) **NATIONAL CHILD DAY** - is celebrated in Canada on November 20 in recognition of our country's commitment to upholding the rights of children and two historic events: the 1959 signing of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the rights of children with 54 articles that provide us with a solid road map of what is needed to raise healthy and happy children and youth. This year's theme is "Inclusion for Every Child." The Alberta National Child Day coalition organizes events across the province.

14) **CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES: OCTOBER** - Alberta Health Services is hosting a series of virtual caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers, and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. Session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills,

15) **NEXT BOARD MEETING** – The next regular Board meeting takes place on November 30, 2023, at 10 a.m. Board meetings are held in the Elk Island Public School boardroom. EIPS also livestreams public Board meetings on its [YouTube channel](#).