Agenda –January 26, 2023 6:30pm, MS Teams

1. Call to order- Sarah Topilko

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Sarah Topilko, second by Leanne Dittrick

1. Treaty 6 – Sarah Topilko
2. Review of the Agenda- Sarah Topliko

Agenda accepted by all

1. Trustee Report-Don Irwin

Welcome back to school – I hope you had a great Christmas break with family and friends.  
  
December was a busy month with the final meetings of a number of planning projects. The cleanup of the boundaries for junior high was completed with no boundary changes, it was decided to pilot a draw for James Mowat available spaces and the Logos decision was delayed until student re- registration is complete. Logos decision is scheduled for March 16 School Board and French Immersion for February 7  
  
The board had a two day retreat in December to finalize the 2022/2023 work plan.  
  
The mental health pilot project continues  and the trustees will be meeting with a number of municipalities (Bruderheim, Fort Saskatchewan) as well as the local Alberta Teachers Association executive to update all these groups on the plans for this year.  
  
Sherwood Heights / Campbelltown replacement school was decided not to go with a P3 model which is good news. Alberta infrastructure is working on the design  and we hope that they will turn the project over to the school district for construction supervision.  
  
Operational funds were approved for the water drainage system for Salisbury High.  
  
Student re-registration takes place in February so watch your emails from the school for the process and timing for your school. The deadline for all re-registrations is February 28,2023.  
  
If you have questions or suggestions, please ask me at School Council meetings or phone / text / email me at 587 986 3900 or [don.irwin@eips.ca](mailto:don.irwin@eips.ca).  
  
Don Irwin  
Trustee  
Sherwood  Park

1. Principal’s Report: Principal – Garry Russell & John Murphy

**Brentwood Elementary Principal's report for January 2023**

* Discussions regarding operational procedures are not discussed during School Council meetings. Questions can be emailed to administration or a meeting can be arranged with administration
* Only items that are on the agenda will be discussed during a School Council meeting
* LOGOS Program decision will be made in early March
* Giving away two lockable filing cabinets
* Results Review was completed
* Staffing change: Mrs. Derksen will be moving on and has taken a position at F.R. Haythorne Junior High. Andrea Vance will be filling in for Her for the rest of the school year.
* 4 families requested to register their children at Brentwood over the last three weeks who are non designated families to Brentwood school. Accepted two families which resulted in 7 new students. School population is now at 403
* Registration begins February 1. Communication will go out to families with information.
* Smart Boards were purchased for Kindergarten and Mrs. Burns classes
* School fees review for the 2022-2023 school year.
* Thank you to our Member of Parliament Lorne Harvey for securing funds to keep the skating shack open for the community.
* Staff have been attending professional development throughout the school year on best teaching practices and the new curriculum

All communication to go to BESC email no personal information is to be given out.

Communication protocols to be added to newsletter

Andrea Vance to replace Heather Derksen Grade 2 for the remainder of the 2022/2023 school year

Government Funding for grades 2-4 addition numeracy and literacy support, Mrs. Cunha & Ms. Skepple

16 families were gifted a Christmas dinner, as well $50 gift card.

Every School in the district is getting a front door lock and camera. Main door to stay locked at all times, camera and intercom in the office to communicate.

Cindy Martin, carer Brentwood Kindergarten Teacher passed away. Possibility to send some support to the family, talks of a memorial tree at the school.

Gary is going to compile a list of all the different clubs the school offers so we can ensure families are aware of them and know they’re inclusive and open to all the students

1. ECS Report – Jody Blashko

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Kindergarten

The class had so much fun in December when their Elf friend Heart joined the classroom and they got to look for her everyday. They wrote letters to Santa and started a Christmas count down by unwrapping a new book everyday day to read. The Christmas concert was a huge hit and the kids were so excited to perform for their families! It was also very exciting for the families to be able to watch and attend a concert at the school. They finished off 2022 with a pajama and movie day!!!!

January has started off wonderful with the great weather allowing for skating every Wednesday afternoon at the rink – the kids are all progressing so much. They are working on sounding out bigger words and patterns in math along with learning about their 5 senses in science.

Students are encouraged to make Valentine’s day cards for their classmates as it is a great writing activity and helps practice printing skills. They will be handing them out as a group to work on sorting and recognizing every ones names. The kids are working very hard every day to learn and be ready for Grade 1!

1. LOGOS Report- Kindra Varty

* Apologize for being away for so many of the meetings.
* December flew by with nothing crazy to report. Chapel was a great success on the 15th of December. The grades 4 & 5’s did a play about kindness and some special guests attended (puppets). It was so fun and a lot of parents came to attend which was really great to see.
* January Chapel was on the 19th. Worship focused and always super fun when Mr. Vetter plays some guitar or piano.
* Major news to share is just the anticipation of what will happen with registration opening up on Feb 1st. As most of you know if the division does not see a significant increase in Logos enrolment then the division will make the decision to have the Logos program come over to Brentwood and removing it from Westboro. Parents are being told to register in their desired school and not basing their decision on what the potential outcome may or may not be. Project Gabriel outreach in underway to get the word out there about the program. BWD logos classes are going out to the community with pens that say “Brentwood Elementary Logos Program” & a card with a piece of scripture. The Project Gabriel committee have been going to churches, daycares & community boards putting up posters getting the word out there for the program before registration opens.

1. COSC Report- Brian Vick

**COSC Report BESC/BEHSA January 2023**

**\*this report is an excerpt of Emma Small’s report of COSC meeting on Jan. 4/23 (Emma has graciously given us permission to use any or all of her report); this report submitted by Brian Vick BESC/BEHSA Treasurer and COSC rep. on Jan. 25/23**

KEY AGENDA TOPICS

ASCA Update

School Council Engagement Grant

ASCA UPDATE

The Alberta School Councils’ Association (ASCA) is the provincial organization for families on school council. Below may be of interest to COSC members:

For Phase Two of the Stand for Education campaign, ASCA is asking school councils to include a short, facilitated discussion (15-20 minutes) at an upcoming school council meeting to gather parent/guardian input and generate a hopeful vision for public education in advance of the 2023 provincial election. The deadline to provide input is February 3.

To influence change in education, school councils in Alberta can identify issues in provincial education affecting ECS-12 students they would like addressed, changed or resolved. Submit a Proposed Advocacy Resolution Form to ASCA for the discussion and consideration of members attending ASCA’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 23. The deadline to submit advocacy resolutions has been extended to January 27.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT GRANT

Alberta Education provides school councils with a $500 School Council Engagement Grant for the school year. Those school councils interested in accessing funding must meet Alberta Education’s School Council Engagement Grant Criteria, which essentially means opportunities that help build capacity and strengthen engagement. As there’s a desire to pool funds, COSC Chair Lesley Williams and COSC Member Kendra Roemer are reaching out to prospective speakers to ascertain how much a speaker series or workshop would cost. In the meantime, they’re asking school councils to notify them of their intent to pool funds by January 31. School councils are in the best position to know whether they’d like to pool funds. For more information, contact Kendra Roemer.

Once a school council decides what they’d like to do with their grant, they can fill out and submit the online School Council Engagement Grant Request Form. All submissions that meet the grant criteria will be approved and announced at the following COSC meeting during the “For Information” section. EIPS will then complete the activity payment on behalf of the school council—simply submit the invoice to finance.submissions@eips.ca and cc Emma Small.

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

Additional information from the Jan. 4, 2023 meeting is available at www.eips.ca. The next meeting takes place on Feb. 1, 2023. We look forward to seeing you there

Kind Regards,

Emma Small

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Brian and Sarah to create a survey to compile a list of concerns parents have with the Schools regarding government funding

1. New Business

Hot lunch – Grade 6 help to hand out lunches, goes with leadership skills being taught in class

Don Vantour & Scarlett Larsen

Brentwood in motion Monday June 19, 2023

Fit Set Ninja – Approved by schools to run programs, working on cost estimate

Fit Set Ninja has members that come along so not as many volunteers needed

Possible hot lunch for the day

Ski Trip March 2 Sunridge ski resort

Grade 4-6

$42 each for lift and rentals, bussing is TBD

Rainbow club, Monday nights – Leanne Dittrick

LGBTQ2+ club Michell Waddle and Ysma run – Funding required to help with supplies and help to get more involvement or knowledge of the group. Gary and Leanne to discuss

Newsletter to include a list of the clubs or groups the school offers

1. Next Meeting: TBD
2. Adjourn 8:15pm by Sarah Topilko, 2nd by Brian Vick