Agenda – September 28, 2023

Brentwood Elementary Commons (Library)

6:30pm -7:15pm (Fundraising meeting to follow)

1. Call to order- Sarah Topilko 6:33pm
2. Treaty 6 – Sarah Topilko
3. Welcome and introductions-Sarah Topilko (5 minutes)
4. Review & Approval of the Agenda- Sarah Topilko (2 minutes)

Teresa Madhas Motions, Jody Blashko Seconds

1. Format of BESC/BEHSA meetings for 2023/2024 school year – Sarah Topilko (2 minutes)

Due to meetings running longer last year we are implementing allotted times for each topic, if you want something to be discussed at the meeting please make sure to send a note to the Chair or Vice Chair to add to agenda.

1. Trustee Report-Don Irwin (5 minutes)

Firstly let me welcome each of you back as each School Council, parent, student and staff play a half an important role in the education of our students and society. I hope you had a restful and relaxing summer and are recharged.

Work for the board started on August 24 with our annual breakfast that we prepare and serve to all of the central office staff  each year. Next that day we held our organizational meeting for the year and elected our officers. Cathy Allen from Sherwood Park and Susan Miller from rural Strathcona county were elected as the chair and vice chair. Thanks to Trina Boymook and Colleen Holowaychuk for their excellent service in these positions in the last number of years.

The board has just returned from a two day retreat in Pigeon Lake where we reviewed the past year and set plans for the next year. We also updated our education plan and investigated new program ideas.

Budget
This year is a very tight budget as we have used most of our reserves from past years and  now cannot accumulate much reserves to use for special projects.

French Immersion.
We are currently compiling all the information from all of the public meetings and the survey done in late June and will be presenting the summary and the recommendation of how to continue promoting French Immersion in all grades. As space is limited in Ardrossan we have to move the senior high program and will be deciding about the junior high program location as well.
The reports and recommendation will be coming to the October 19 public meeting and will be on the EIPS website on Monday, October 16 after 12 o’clock.

Committee of School, Councils
This group begins again on October 4. It will be each it will be on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 at Central office. There is much valuable information for your Council and school, so please attempt to have someone at each meeting. it will be in person as well as online.

Please feel free to ask questions or make suggestions either at the meeting or you can contact me by email at don.irwin@eips.ca or call or text me at 587-986-3900.

1. Principal’s Report: Principal – Garry Russell & John Murphy (5 minutes)

Total school population is 457. With 150 in the LOGOS program

Our School Education Plan will focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Mental Health

Thank you School Council and the LOGOS Society for providing and cooking food for our families during meet the teacher night.

LOGOS Society has been busy creating partnerships with several churches who will run some of our Chapels

Staff PD October 6 The theme for the PL Day: Our Students, Our Stories, Our Strength - Embracing the vibrant community of students, staff, and parents that make our schools truly exceptional.

Thank you to School Council for purchasing our streaming license from ACF

1. LOGOS Report- Kindra Varty (5 minutes)

 Theme for this year LOGOS students is Unity as we brought together the LOGOS programs from the two schools.

1. Voting on meeting date- Sarah Topilko (2 minutes)

All in favour to keep BESC and BEHSA meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings will be cancelled in December and March. June will be held if the extra meeting is needed before the end of the school year

1. AGM- Voting in of executive positions- facilitated by John Murphy (10 minutes)
	1. Current Elected Members
		1. Chair – Sarah Topilko
		2. Vice Chair – Tara Pasnak
		3. Secretary – Teresa Madhas
		4. Treasure – Brian Vick
		5. Directors
			1. Jody Blashko
			2. Jackie Szydlowski
			3. Leanne Dittrick
	2. Newly elected Board members
		1. Chair– Sarah Topilko
		2. Vice Chair – Kindra Varty
		3. Secretary – Teresa Madhas
		4. Treasure – Brian Vick
		5. Directors
			1. Jody Blashko
			2. Jacki Szydlowski
			3. Roseanna
2. Next Meeting: Date October 25
3. Adjourn

7:09 pm Sarah Topilko Motions, Teresa Madhas seconds