Minutes for Mills Haven School and Student Enhancement Society

## Call to Order

An MHSSES meeting of Mills Haven Elementary was held on September 8, 2020 via Zoom. It began at 6pm and was presided over by Stacey J, with MHSSES Secretary, Erin Fisher, taking the minutes.

**Attendees**

Sherry J

Stacey J

Keri B

Sven D

Erin F

Erika S

Sherry J

Aida

Conny L

Erika S

## Review of Agenda

**Presidents Report**

* This is going to be a challenging year as we are fundraising not only for our usual commitments but also for the new playground, in a completely different school environment with COVID-19. We will wait to hear from council about what the school needs this year and then see what is required in addition to the playground dollars.
* Goal this year to work on improving communication with parents and council and providing more information on the fundraising societies initiatives, what is done and where the money goes.

**Treasurers Report**

* Casino Account: $25
* General Account $15,843.25
  + no outstanding liabilities
* We have some money that was left unspent due to cultural events that did not happen, so that money needs to be re-budgeted into the current environment.
* Loss of hot lunch is a huge source of income that needs to be replaced.

**Fundraising Report**

* Big fundraising initiative this year is for the new playground. A couple of potential grants are being explored, as well as various fundraising options, with some ideas including:
  + Go Fund Me page will be set up within the next couple weeks
  + Online fundraising options being explored
  + Carnival account of approx $10,000 is a potential source to draw from for the playground.
  + GOAL: $20,000 for additional structures over and beyond the `basic` playground covered by Strathcona County.
  + Other ideas – leaflets in the Sherwood Park news, and mailboxes in the surrounding community.
  + Other ideas – Math-a-Thon or Spell-a-Thon, logisitics need to be explored in a COVID-19 environment.
  + Other ideas – at home movie night, and a way to reach the students learning at home.
  + Leaning towards experience based fundraisers with student involvement and added learning benefits.

**Announcements**

The next MHSC & MHSSES Meeting will be an AGM Tuesday September 29, 2020 at 6pm via ZOOM.

## Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38pm

Mills Haven Elementary

**School Council Meeting September 8, 2020**

PRINCIPALS REPORT – Sven Danzinger

**School Council Information Required**

As per [AP 110 School Councils](https://www.eips.ca/about-us/administrative-procedures/110), principals must submit the following information to Carol Langford-Pickering by **September 30**:

* School Council executive (and COSC representative) information—names, positions, email address, home phone numbers,
* A copy of the bylaws/guiding principles/operating procedures and/or amendments; and
* An annual report for the previous year containing a summary of the activities of the School Council during the school year and financial statements of the School Council, if any.

**School Education Plan**

* due Oct 15

1. Startup is very interesting:
   * New routines, entrances, handwashing/cleaning, masks, 2 recess groups
   * No meet the teacher – teachers posting videos or images on their micro-sites
   * Staffing changes
     1. Mrs. Reimer moved to Clover Bar
     2. Mrs. McCarthy returns from Mat leave end of September
        1. Mrs. Kowalski is filling in for her
     3. Mr. Peters is away
        1. Mrs. Rusnak is filling in for Mr. Peters
        2. When Mr. Peters returns Mrs. Rusnak will teach Grade 5/6 afternoons (Math/Science)
        3. Working on finding a teacher for Grade 5/6
2. Current enrollment: 414 in K-6 (German enrollment for the September meeting)

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| **Kindergarten** | **Div 1** | **Div 2** | **SEAS** |
| KAH – 27 | Grade 1 – 63 | Grade 4 – 56 | 2 |
| KBH - 25 | Grade 2 – 46 | Grade 5 – 55 | 2 |
| KBR - 25 | Grade 3 – 53 | Grade 6 – 59 | 1 |
| **77** | **162** | **170** | **5** |
| **Total - 414** | | | |

1. Routines:
   * 1st Wednesday is staff meeting day (early out – this is a District wide routine)
   * “Monthly” assembly on first Thursday or Friday (alternate for Kindergarten) 9 AM
     1. Exceptions: when there are special days/events e.g.:
        1. Read in Week
        2. Remembrance Day
     2. Assembly will recognize students in 3 areas:
        1. Academic – not a “mark” but for something they were able to do/demonstrate/accomplish
        2. Citizenship/Leadership – related to a teaching / habit /leadership/positive contribution, or something a student did to demonstrate citizenship
        3. Diligence – hard worker, not specifically for an academic achievement
   * Newsletter: first Friday of the month
   * School Council meeting dates
     1. Sept 8 (as previously planned)
     2. Sept 29 – AGM – this would meet 2 weeks’ notice requirement
     3. Oct 27
     4. Nov 17 (not during last week b/c of Parent/Teacher interviews on Nov 25/26)
     5. Dec – no meeting
     6. Jan 28
     7. Feb 23
     8. March 16 (not during last week b/c of Parent/Teacher interviews on Mar 24/25)
     9. April 27
     10. May 25
     11. June – no meeting (unless necessary)
   * Question – do we need monthly or could it be bi-monthly?
2. First Fire Drill this week
   * According to the Fire Marshal, fire drill compliance is not expected during the pandemic. However, MHV is conducting modified drills where teachers/classes do over the course of this week, when it fits in.
   * Staff inform Keri and me of exit time(s). Times are tracked.
3. **School Rules**

**“Be Safe, Show Respect, Work Hard, Finish Strong, Be YOU”**

1. Be on time, prepared and ready to work.
2. NBC - Keep your hands, feet and body to yourself.
3. Show respect by being polite and cooperative.
4. Take care of everyone’s property.
5. Work and play safely and responsibly in and out of the school.

**5-Step Problem Solving Process**

1. Ignore
2. Walk away
3. Ask the person to stop
4. Tell Someone (supervisor, your teacher)
5. Go to the office

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| **Playground Swing Expectations**   1. No jumping out of swing. 2. One person at a time. 3. While waiting, stand far enough away to avoid being kicked. 4. Do not walk close to swings   **Know your Playground Area and Boundaries** | **“Snow, sticks and sand stay on the ground.”**  **Playground Slide Rules**   1. One person at a time, feet first. 2. Slide sitting down. 3. No climbing up or on slides. 4. Do not block slides. |

1. We are Nut/Allergy Aware – this means that we put measures in place to help all students will allergies be safe at school - we actively ask students and staff (and parents) to enjoy food with nuts at home
2. Christmas Concert: not being planned currently
3. October 9 School Based Professional Learning Day: Literacy/Reading Comprehension with Dr. Georgiou
4. Provincial Achievement Testing - Grade 6s are going to write PATs this year

**Trustee Report – Annette Hubick**

Davidson Creek School Council

September 8, 2020

**July 16 Board Meeting**

To be ready for the September 1 Re-Entry, the board approved the use of reserves to hire more cleaning staff and purchase:

1. PPE
2. Sanitizer
3. New Learning Management System called Brightspace, which replaces Google Classroom
4. Curriculum materials from Edmonton Public for our K-9 at home learners

**Public Board Meetings**

All public board meetings will be live streamed. Trustees and staff have the choice to attend in person or online. To accommodate physical distancing, no members of the public will be able to attend these meetings with the exception of delegations (presentations to the board by the public). Procedures are being put in place to allow for delegations while maintaining safety.

Meeting packages are always posted the Monday prior to a Thursday board meeting. These packages include the recommendation and information reports provided to trustees.

**Federal $ for Safe School Re-Entry**

* Province held $12 million back to assist specific school boards experiencing spiking enrolment and then allocated the rest on a per student basis.
* Amounts to $6.1 million for EIPS. Boards are permitted to spend these funds in four areas:
  + online learning and online teaching training
  + student transportation
  + increased cleaning and safety costs
  + increased teaching and substitute costs
* There are reporting requirements from boards to the province and from the province to the federal government.
* Administration is currently drafting recommendations for the board to consider. It is on the agenda to discuss at the board’s retreat, our annual 2-day strategic meeting. All decisions will be made in a public board meeting.
* Note: estimates are that the division’s sub costs will be approximately $3 million above the norm.

**EIPS Re-Entry Enrolment**

As of Thursday, September 3, 2020:

* Total students: 17,052
* In-school: 14,892 (87.33%)
* Out-of-school: 1,992 (11.68%)
* No response/contact: 168 (0.99%)

**EIPS School Re-Entry Plan & FAQ**

1. Whether it’s due to changing government directives, plan refinements or wording clarification, both the EIPS Re-Entry Plan and FAQ documents are “living documents” and constantly being updated.
2. An example is the daily Screening Questionnaire. Thankfully, the government made changes and it is much clearer.
3. It’s important to keep checking the website for the most recent version so that you have accurate information. Whenever changes are made, Communications notes the page and sections changed.

**Stay connected**

As always, I invite you follow my Facebook page (@HubickEIPStrustee) for information and to reach out if you have any questions, concerns and suggestions (Annette.Hubick@eips.ca).