

**Bruderheim School Council Meeting**  
**Location: ZOOM Online Date: March 1, 2021 Time: 7:00 pm**

**1. Call to order: 7:02 pm**

**In Attendance:**

- Alison Blaikie
- Cheryl Semeniuk
- Jacquie Senchuk
- Pat Lee
- Colleen Holowaychuk
- Terri Barron
- Renee Lapierre
- Ashley Michalchuk
- Amanda Oldfield-West
- Stephanie Campbell
- Miranda Braun

**2. Review Agenda & Approval -**

Motion: Terri Barron 2nd: Jacquie Senchuk All in Favor

**3. Approval of December's meeting minutes -**

Motion: Alison Blaikie 2nd: Stephanie Campbell All in Favor

**4. Trustee Report - Colleen Holowaychuk**

Next COSC meeting is March 3, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Anticipated Budget Release date is February 25, 2021. We've added working dates for the board to deal with the budget and possible implications.

Technology fee:

The Division is contemplating implementing a technology fee to support the increasing need to acquire, install and maintain up-to-date technology resources and services to enhance student learning experiences in the classroom.

A potential technology fee would be charged for each student except for those that are attending a school in which "Bring Your Own Device "(BYOD) is a current requirement.

The fee would be an amount far less than that required for parents to purchase individual devices for their children.

The fee would be used to offset the costs associated with:

- purchasing student devices,
- updating classroom computer labs or smart classroom technology
- student printing
- network related services including internet demands across the Division.

Our local ATA President Deneen Zielke to attend a presentation by Shelley Moore. It was great. Topic was The Infrastructure of Inclusive Education.

I really liked this analogy she used as it a good way to think when we dealing with students:

If you aim for the kids that are hardest to hit, you'll hit the most. Like bowling, if you aim for the pins that are hardest to hit, you hit the most pins, rather than hitting for the centre you will knock over or hit less.

Board approved the three year capital plan.

Ranking the capital needs of the school division.

Sherwood Heights in Sherwood Park is number 1

Fort Saskatchewan Junior Senior High number 2

Board approved covering the registration for the ASCA conference for up to 15 people.

(1 per school Council) April 23-25, 2021.

Registration is open, please apply ASAP if you would like to attend. It is all virtual this year. Registration closed Friday April 16, 2021. Please contact our district office for information regarding being sponsored by the board.

Budget 2021. A letter was sent out to parents from our superintendent. It's not a bad news budget, thankfully. Finance is looking at the numbers, but we won't have our funding profiles until the end of March.

Board has booked several budget working days in our calendar.

More information regarding the budget will come as we work through it.

## 5. Principal Report - Cheryl Semeniuk

### 1. Report Cards

Term 2 report cards will be published on the parent portal on March 19, 2021.

[Parent/teacher conference booking is now open.](#) This term, the conferences will be a phone meeting. Please sign up for a time to discuss your child's progress and we thank all parents for engaging in their child's education.

### 2. School Fees 2021-22

As of today, no feedback was submitted by parents on this year's [fees](#) or the proposed fee structure for 2021-22.

The proposed fees are to remain the same as the current school year, with no increases.

### 3. [School Supplies 2021-22](#)

The lists have been finalized for the upcoming year and are standardized across all EIPS.

## 6. Teacher's Report – Ashley Michalchuk

I am our school's First Nation, Métis, and Inuit lead teacher. This means I work with students at each grade level to build a foundational understanding about Canada's First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, culture, and history. Elk Island Public Schools has several guiding principles in regards to First Nation, Métis, and Inuit education in our district. These include:

- all EIPS staff working together to support First Nations, Métis and Inuit student success
- providing access to culturally relevant learning opportunities, resources, and support services including guidance from community Elders
- engaging First Nations, Métis and Inuit parents and families in school activities
- strengthening all students' knowledge of First Nations, Métis and Inuit people, cultures and histories, as well as Truth and Reconciliation inspired initiatives

We have been making great use of our outdoor classroom and connecting with nature.

We have a new Elder with EIPS this year, Elder Jeremy Albert.

If you would like to learn more, EIPS has an upcoming session open to all families who are curious about First Nations, Métis and Inuit cultures, perspectives and histories.

**March 16; 7-7:30 p.m.** Language of this land: The importance of highlighting Indigenous languages; deepening understanding of relationship to land through language; what exploration of Indigenous languages can look like in schools

To join these sessions you can register on the Elk Island Public Schools website on the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education page under the tab *Parent Engagement Series*, or contact me directly and I would be happy to help.

## **7. Town Report - Pat Lee**

1. March 4th marks the 61st Anniversary of when the Bruderheim Meteorite fell to earth. The flash was seen and the blast was heard by hundreds. Over 660 pounds of rock were recovered making it the largest recovered fall in Canadian history.
2. Town of Bruderheim is hiring summer student positions for the Public Works department. Visit the Town website for more info.
3. The Municipal Election is October 18/21. Those interested in serving on Town Council should check out the Bruderheim website.
4. Be sure to visit the Town website for COVID-19 updates. And for Town news and information.
5. Bruderheim Town Office will be closed Good Friday, April 2nd and Easter Monday, April 5th.

## **8. Financial Report - Jacquie Senchuk**

General Account \$2002.56, Breakfast Account \$5557.94

Friends of Bruderheim: Main Account \$15 314.62 (after \$920.05 from bottle drive)

GIC Account \$9137.46

Amanda has the cheque from the Lion's Club for \$2500 from the liquor raffle in 2018-2019. She will get it to Jacquie to be deposited in Friends main account.

Waiting on replies for some grants we applied for. We should hear by the end of March about the \$125 000 Provincial grant. Also waiting to hear about the Co-Op grant and the Random Act of Kindness Grant from Shell.

There is another grant through Shell that just opened to the community. Jacquie is going to fill out the application and submit on behalf of the council.

## **9. Breakfast program - Nothing to report**

## **10. Old Business - None**

## **11. New Business -Spring Fundraiser (Friends of Bruderheim) Jacquie Senchuk**

Three options for spring fundraisers.

1. 50/50 raffle through Raffle Box online. They do most of the setup and e-transfer us the funds when completed. They charge a 10% fee.
2. Hanging baskets through Thiels. \$40 a basket and we make \$5/basket.
3. Sanitizer packs. They sell for \$5 and we make 42% of sales.

We decided to go with a 50/50 draw. Jacquie will start preparing but will not start the fundraiser until after the April meeting on the 12th. We will try to get it all online by Friday, April 16, 2021.

**12. Other Business and Items for Next Month - None**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:56 pm

**Next meeting:** Monday April 12, 2021 @ 7:00 pm