

BRUDERHEIM SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 5, 2025 Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Bruderheim Elementary School

1. Call to Order

- Andy Pearson-Styles called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

2. In Attendance:

- Tracy Innes
- Melanie Buckley
- Miranda Braun
- Andy Pearson-Styles
- Colleen Holowaychuk
- Ashley Carter
- Cierra Menzie

3. Approval of Agenda

- Miranda moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Cierra.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Miranda moved to approve the minutes from April 1, 2025, seconded by Cierra.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Friends of Bruderheim Operating Procedures & Reinstatement
Andy confirmed that the necessary papers were filed with the appropriate authorities under the **Bruderheim School Enhancement Society** to proceed with reinstatement.
- ASCA Conference
No council members attended the ASCA Conference this year. Cierra will still collect any RSVPs for documentation purposes. It was noted that this information will be included in the year-end report.
- Corporate Donations
An update was provided that the Savage application and additional corporate funding requests are still pending. No confirmation has been received to date.
- Playground Maintenance & Grants
Discussion of playground maintenance and related grant applications was deferred to the Bruderheim School Enhancement Society meeting for further review and updates.
- Year-End Report Submission
Amber confirmed she will complete the year-end report. Last year's financial report will be used as a reference.
- Calahoo Meats Fundraiser
The fundraiser was successful. Tentative delivery is expected on May 15, and volunteers will be needed to assist with distribution.
- Vendor Permit for Rabbit Show
A name change to the Bruderheim School Enhancement Society requires updates to the vendor permit application. This adjustment is currently in progress.

6. Principal's Report

- April passed by quickly, having 3 short 4 day weeks.
- Population- We received 3 new students who moved from Aspen View School Division. We currently have 113 students enrolled.
- Grade 6 students have started practicing for their online PAT exams and doing practice tests online. This is the first year we are using the digital platform Vretta for the exams that will be completed at the end of May (Part A).

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- Our grade 4 literacy intervention program ended, and Sacha Kupchenko finished and did the post assessments last week. Numeracy intervention starts this week.
- As part of our First Nations, Metis, Inuit curricular outcomes, students from K-6 got the opportunity to try out playing some traditional indigenous games in PE this past month. Students who are part of our culture club also did some indigenous beading.
- As a follow-up to Earth Day, students received a presentation by Mary Lambert last Tuesday, where her "Go, Go Green" taught students about being stewards of the planet through song.
- Facilities update: We also got new cameras installed on the North and South side of the building by the entrance ways. Interior painting started in the gym. By the end of summer, all of our interior doors and exterior doors will be painted.
- Staffing and budgets were released. We are currently in the process of finalizing what that looks like for next year.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - May 2**
Professional Learning Day (no school for students)
 - May 5**
Red Dress Day
Bus Driver Appreciation Day
School Council Meeting (5:30 pm, School Library)
 - May 5-11**
Mental Health Week
 - May 7**
Early Out (Student Dismissal at 1:55 pm)
Hats on For Mental Health-wear a hat in class
School Assembly (Tiger Trait-Respect) Parents Welcome
 - May 9**
Alberta Theatre Production of Rapunzel (10:15-11:30 am)
Parents with younger siblings are welcome to join us!
 - May 14**
Educational Assistant Appreciation Day
 - May 19**
Victoria Day (School Closed for staff and students)
 - May 23**
Dance Performance by Xpressions Dance studio @ 9:15 am
Indigenous tea tasting with each class
 - May 26-30**
Alberta Rural Health Week
 - May 28**
Grade 6 PAT Part A
Kindergarten Open House-Bruderheim School

7. Trustee Report

- **Budget**
- Budget assumptions were approved on April 17, 2025.
- Allocations to Schools and Departments were approved on April 24, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year.

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- \$211 million allocated (\$148million to Schools and Supports for Students, and \$62million staying in Facility Services, Student Transportation, Information Technology, Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR), and other central departments.)
- An example here for 'other central' is \$90,000 per year for election costs to have enough in four years.
- *Please see April 24, 2025, Board meeting package for the report for full details.*

- **Key Budget Priorities for the Board for 2025-2026:**
- Ongoing Support of Literacy and Numeracy Improvement
- Continued pursuit of Collegiate School/Program and support for Career Pathways
- Complexity in the Classrooms: the algorithm that EIPS has created has allowed the more fair and equitable way of addressing classroom complexity
- Classroom Complexity Algorithm:
 - i. PAT and Diploma, Mean and Standard Deviation, Student Population, Socio-Economic,
 - ii. FNMI, ELL, Students in Care, Non-Leveled Special Education Codes, Severe Codes, Rural Boost
 - iii. *Added a "rural boost" as well as "severe codes" to the algorithm.*
 - iv. *Rural Boost is defined by a small factor to increase their funding.*
 - v. Very rarely is a staff member EA tied to a specific student.
 - vi. Admin believes that the algorithm is very close to reflecting the complexity of our schools
 - vii. 75% of funds will be allocated through the algorithm, and the remaining 25 % will be given through pro-rated support.
- Curriculum and Resource Development
- Retention of Staff and Staff Equity
- Equity for Rural
 - i. Mundare school enrolment has declined such that they have dropped a funding group under the Rural Small Schools Grant. To hold the school fiscally harmless and ensure delivery of quality education continues with sufficient staffing, the Division has allocated additional funds—\$ 119,062.
 - ii. For the two small rural schools, the amount reduced from their block funding for operations has been eliminated, allowing them to keep more funding.
 - iii. There continues to be a \$30 per student Distance allocation for rural areas (costs more for field trips etc.) provided to schools in Sectors 4 and 5.
 - iv. Mileage allocation for schools in Sectors 4 and 5 will continue. This is to fund staff traveling to Central Services for professional development and/or meetings. This provides one principal and assistant principal meeting per month, and one staff person meeting per year.
 - v. Hosting a rural forum to work with our rural communities to identify what is wanted in rural education.
- Expansion of Early Learning Outcomes
- Educational Technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Considerations
- **Reserves**
- Reserve Limits For 2025-26, the maximum and minimum limits on operating reserves set by Alberta Education have not changed from prior year. These limits apply to all operating reserves except school generated funds (SGF).
 - • The minimum limit for all school boards is 1% of prior year expenditures. The minimum limit for EIPS at August 31, 2025, is estimated to be \$2,131,515.
 - • The maximum limit for all school boards is 6% of prior year expenditures. The maximum limit for EIPS at August 31, 2026, is estimated to be \$12,789,091.
 - • EIPS' operating reserve balance (excluding SGF) at August 31, 2026, will be appropriately between these two limits, with a balance of \$5,701,463. Just over \$9million including SGF.

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- Capital Reserves \$791,883.00. We can always use operating reserves for capital purchases. In order to be considered 'capital' it must cost more than \$500 and last longer than one year.
- Leveraging Student Achievement \$63,534.00 (this is the \$ above the 1% carryforward from schools)
- Some additional info that may be of interest:
- LHS White Bus. EIPS central fronts the cost and the school pay it back over ten years. \$153,000.00
- Technology: one-to-one ratio does not have an impact on student achievement according to research so schools should not feel the need to fundraise for a one-to-one ratio.
- New or revised grant examples
- School Nutrition Grant Federal \$42 million over three years for all school divisions in Alberta, we don't know the amount for EIPS yet. The nutrition program will stay in Lamont and Bruderheim for next year.
- Supplemental Rural Grant for operations and maintenance. EIPS \$12,000 (\$15 million for the whole province)
- Literacy and Numeracy Support Funding replaces the Learning Disruption grant
- Mental health and well-being grant replaces the mental pilot project, funding \$ 440,000 to EIPS.
- See Budget Assumptions report for details. April 17, 2025, Board meeting Package
- Transportation Fees Approved

○ Elk Island Public Schools 2025-2026 Transportation Fee Schedule		
○ Description	○ Early Incentive Rate ○ (by June 30 th , 2025)	○ 2025-2026 Transportation Rate
○ Eligible - Students who meet the funding eligibility criteria as per Alberta Education.	○ \$100	○ \$125
○ Ineligible - Students who do not meet the funding eligibility criteria as per Alberta Education. (Includes full-time Kindergarten)	○ \$200	○ \$225
○ Kindergarten Eligible - Kindergarten students who meet the funding eligibility criteria as per Alberta Education.	○ \$65	○ \$90
○ Kindergarten Ineligible - Kindergarten students who do not meet the funding eligibility criteria as per Alberta Education.	○ \$130	○ \$155
○ Additional Bus - Additional stop required on a different bus route is non-refundable. (Includes full-time Kindergarten)	○ \$130	○ \$155
○ Kindergarten Additional Bus - Additional stop required on a different bus route is non-refundable.	○ \$100	○ \$125

8. Transportation Fees Approved

○ Elk Island Public Schools 2024-2025 Transportation Fee Schedule		
○ Description	○ By June 30 th , 2025	○ After June 30, 2025
○ Eligible - Students who meet the funding eligibility criteria as per Alberta Education.	○ \$75	○ \$100
○ Ineligible - Students who do not meet the funding eligibility criteria as per Alberta Education. (Includes full-time Kindergarten)	○ \$150	○ \$175

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○ Kindergarten Eligible - Kindergarten students who meet the funding eligibility criteria as per Alberta Education.	○ \$50	○ \$75
○ Kindergarten Ineligible - Kindergarten students who do not meet the funding eligibility criteria as per Alberta Education.	○ \$100	○ \$125
○ Additional Bus - Additional stop required on a different bus route is non-refundable. (Includes full-time Kindergarten)	○ \$100	○ \$125
○ Kindergarten Additional Bus - Additional stop required on a different bus route is non-refundable.	○ \$75	○ \$100

- Bus schedules will be sent out next week with fees. For planning purposes, it is important that fees are
- Next year, we will lose \$415,000 due to the change from 1.0 km to 1.6 km. For 2025-2026, transition funding has been provided to enable us not to need to increase fees as much as thought.
- Collegiate Update:
- Meetings with Norquest regarding health care aid and Educational Assistant, specifically in Lamont
- An information session will be taking place in Lamont, a date to be determined.
- Sessions were held at Fort High on April 29 and Ardrossan on April 22.
- Buses will be available for students to attend collegiate programming from Lamont to Fort High.
- **COSC Meeting Dates**
- The next COSC meeting will be held on Wednesday May 7, 2025, 6:30 pm in EIPS Central Office, Sherwood Park, with a virtual option always available.
- **Next Board Meeting**
- The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025.

9. Town of Bruderheim Report

- Library Craft Thursdays!
 - i. Drop into the Library between 5-6 p.m. every Thursday to join in - craft Thursday 5; different craft each week, all ages welcome. The next Library Board meeting is May 13th at 5:30 pm.
- Bruderheim Agricultural Society Presents:
 - i. Wild Rose Shows Carnival on May 9- 11th, 2025 * Location will be at the Bruderheim Ag Grounds * Pre-sale Wristbands Contact 780-796-3357
- Town Council Meeting - May 7th, 7 pm in the Fire Hall, Public Welcome to attend
- Seniors Club Community Breakfast - May 10th
 - i. Join the Seniors Club for the Community Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 10th, from 8-11 am plates are \$10 each, children six and under are free
- Community Wide Garage Sale- Saturday, June 7th from 10-5 pm Call the Town to Register
- Large Item Pick Up- Thursday, June 12th- Items to be placed by the curb by 7 am.
- Save the Date
 - i. Bruderheim's Deutschland Days will be October 18th, 1 pm-10 pm

10. Fundraising Report

- The previously discussed Family BBQ and Dance fundraiser has been cancelled.

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- The council will plan a Halloween Dance for the week before Halloween 2025.
- During School Sports Day, the council plans to:
 - i. Open the concession to sell hot dogs and freezies
 - ii. Set up a photo booth to enhance student and family engagement

11. Financial Report

- \$8,339.50 was generated from the Calahoo Meats fundraiser with \$1,570 raised,
 - i. This brings the current council account total to \$14,584. We still owe \$6767 to Calahoo Meats, which will leave our account at \$7817.35

12. New Business

- Easter Egg Hunt Review
 - i. Feedback from teachers was positive. The event was easy to facilitate, and students from all grades thoroughly enjoyed the experience.
- Grade 6 Lockers
 - i. Melanie will speak with the maintenance team about relocating lockers closer to the Grade 6 classroom to serve students' needs better.
- Mrs. Dey Award
 - i. Andy motioned to cover the cost of a plaque for the Grade 6 Mrs. Dey Award.
 - ii. The motion was seconded by Cierra and approved by the council.

13. Next Meeting

- Date: June 3, 2025 Time: 5:30 PM

14. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm by Andy Pearson-Styles