

WIN FERGUSON SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Date: May 26, 2025 **Meeting Time:** 6:00 PM

Attendees:

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| Tami Richert | Keri Busenius | Jen Shea | Leah Kenchington |
| Shelley R | Ralph Sorochan | Ryan Frostad | Ali |

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION |
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| 1 | Call to Order |
| | Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm Introduction of attendees Leah did the reading of the Treaty Acknowledgement |
| 2 | Review of Agenda |
| | Motioned by Jen, seconded by Ryan -carried |
| 3 | Approval of minutes from last meeting |
| | Approval of previous minutes motioned by Leah seconded by Ryan -carried |
| 4 | Administration Report |
| | <p>See attached report provided by Keri Busenius.</p> <p>Additional notes on the report points: Around School goals specifically reading – partner with the library in 2025/2026 to promote audio books in a variety of formats for grade 2-6.</p> <p>Division staff are offering to help re-envision the levelled literacy resources at school. Question for Council : what's going well at home for your readers? -Reading in video games or books with content of video games can help get them engaged. -Kids having a choice on what they are reading helps. -Graphic novels can help more visual kids. -Ryan recommended asking the kids their thoughts also</p> <p>Numeracy intervention winds up in June for Grades 1-2.</p> <p>Turtle Islanders were doing nature art at lunchtime last week. They left their natural pieces in place for others to see.</p> <p>Students are helping around the school with outdoor garbage pick-up, weeding, hauling paper, helping to inflate new gym equipment.</p> <p>Pride week June 2-6, each day has a colored theme for dress up days. Classes received colored hearts to write about what makes us feel proud about ourselves.</p> <p>There is a starting list of the expected breakdown of teachers for next school year, please see Principals report.</p> <p>The question was raised on when families would know what class their child would be in. Keri noted the tentative information may be available earlier as well as be posted in Powerschool.</p> |
| 5 | Trustee Report |

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| | <p>See the attached report provided by Ralph Sorochoan. Ralph is available to answer questions or concerns and can be reached via email at Ralph.Sorochoan@eips.ca or 780-417-8107</p> <p>Some additional notes from the Trustee Report: Educational Assistant appreciation day May 14th Powerschool breach update available in the attached report. Budget 25/26 – Budget allocations were approved by the Board of Trustees on April 24. May 29th the Board will be presented the 25-26 Spring budget for debate. Student transportation eligibility – there is a chart of transportation fee schedule for 25-26 Reminder – Upcoming trustee elections are in October 2025 Caregiver series May/June sessions – recovery Alberta offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth and these sessions are offered through Zoom.</p> |
| 6 | Standing Business |
| | <p><u>ASCA Workshops</u> \$240 still available: Assurance sessions are not available in the fall. Last course being offered is May 28th at 7pm (\$315) Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose. (\$315 is starting cost now for all courses offered)</p> <p>It was decided to not enroll in this, and to see if remaining rolls over for use in the 2025-2026 school year.</p> <p><u>Kindergarten Open House on May 29th (4:30-6:30)</u> – volunteers for info booth? Trish can be available, and Ryan will come if he doesn't have to stay late at work. Leah will reach out to Lainie for an updated poster</p> <p><u>School Start</u> Tami is coordinating with School Start, once the school supplies lists are confirmed a post will be shared to social media for parents to order.</p> |
| 7 | Old Business |
| | Photographer 25/26 – decided to try Offspring Studios (Peter) |
| 6 | New Business |
| | <p>Roles of School Council discussion – could we include in last newsletter, make post to families? Trish gave Leah information for her to collaborate with Lainie on a poster to distribute this information and notify parents that we need more volunteers and engagement. NOTE: without additional volunteers and engagement next school year, some programs may not be able to be supported.</p> <p>Annuals report due June 25th- Leah is working on this, she will send it to Shelley for a review before submitting.</p> <p>Next COSC meeting: Wed, Oct 1st 2025 at 6:30pm in person at EIPS central service board room or virtually join.</p> |
| 7 | Adjournment |
| | Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm. Next Meeting to be held September 29, 2025 |

**WIN FERGUSON PTA
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Meeting Date: May 26, 2025

Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

Attendees:

Tami Richert
Shelley R

Keri Busenius
Ralph Sorochan

Jen Shea
Ryan Frostad

Leah Kenchington
Ali

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSION |
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| 1 | Call to Order |
| | Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM |
| 2 | Review of Agenda |
| | Agenda was motioned by Leah, seconded by Liz carried |
| 3 | Approval of minutes from last meeting |
| | Previous minutes were motioned by Leah, seconded by Shelley - carried |
| 4 | Treasurer's Report |
| | <p>Current online banking administrator is Liz Ream.</p> <p>Liz presented the report. Month end Financials as of May 26, 2025 General Account: \$26,945.96 Casino Account: \$21,802.63</p> <p>Our available balance as of today is: General Account: \$6,855.92 after standing motions and expenses.</p> <p>Casino Account: \$15,802.63 after the \$1500.00 standing motion for next casino and other expenses.</p> <p>Additional Notes: -Combined Available Funds: \$22,658.55 -See attached summary -Only have 5 checks left for general account -Insurance Form for next school needs to be submitted by mid June. Liz will email it off this week. -\$100 in refunds owing from overpayments in Munch-a-Lunch. Liz will contact them to see if they would like a check or just a credit to use for next year.</p> <p>Liz made a standing motion for \$100 to order checks from the bank, Leah seconded – carried Liz motioned for \$350.00 for Munch a Lunch Renewal fee – Leah seconded – carried</p> |
| 5 | Old Business |
| | 5.1 Playground repair – May 14 th PTA motioned and passed for \$700 from Casino fund for materials and delivery to repair the playground. |
| 6 | Standing Business |

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| | <p>6.1 Hot Dog Lunch Have Teachers email parents to remind them to reach out if their student has a dietary restriction. Need to confirm volunteers to put together bags as well as to hand out lunches (these would be on different days)</p> <p>Hot Dogs and Buns will be donated by Safeway Fort Sask Lunch Box will provide condiments and help cook and wrap the hot dogs Lainie is still working with some other local business on other donations. Dates will be June 6th and June 9th</p> <p>6.2 Track Day Freezies - Track Day - donated by Ryan Frostand – need volunteers to hand out. The school can assist with freezing them PTA/Council members will volunteer to help hand these out Bring scissors to cut the freezies!</p> <p>6.3 25/26 Xmas Concert Dow grant was not granted, are there other fundraising ideas? Perhaps Icon again? Raffle box was also suggested. Tables to discuss at Septembers meeting.</p> |
| 7 | New Business |
| | <p>7.1 Wish list Ozobots for maker space (some not holding a charge) 2 options to consider \$1559 for a 6 pack or a 12 pack for \$3069 plus taxes.</p> <p>It was inquired on if these are new ones or older ones and if there is any warranty available? Note some were purchased Jan 2024 , Liz will look into when others may be purchased, to see if there are alternative options before we vote on ordering more.</p> <p>7.2 AMTC – Sponsor Pinocchio next school year Leah motioned for \$1000 from Literacy funds, Jen second – carried Keri and Tami to review dates to book this next year.</p> <p>7.3 Halloween Dance – date for gym next year October 24th 2025 Book the DJ for that date (infinite Event Services) – Liz will contact them Tami will book the gym for that date 6:00-8:00 for the dance times</p> <p>7.4 Hot lunches next year – book first one (on a Wednesday) Will be Wednesdays for next year Liz noted the most popular lunches were Brewhouse and Boston Pizza Some recommendations were to also try to include local companies if possible</p> <p>First hot lunch proposed for October 22nd, 2025</p> <p>7.5 Plan for recycling program Shelley will be leaving the school so we will require a new volunteer to take this over. This will be posted on social media to find more volunteers. Can also use Skip the Depot in the event we don't have available volunteers but they take a portion of the profit from returns.</p> <p>Additional communication Addition of a group chat – either Facebook, Text or possibly email for all members of School Council / PTA to ensure everyone stays in the loop -to be discussed further It was noted that we could start with email or WhatsApp communications for next year.</p> <p>The question came up about Win Ferguson swag (hoodies, shirts, hats ect) – Tami and Keri will look into this.</p> <p>A HUGE thank you to Shelley and Trish for their years of time, dedication and guidance on the School Council and PTA, you will be greatly missed!</p> |
| 8 | Committee Reports |

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| | <p>7.1 Hot Lunch – Paige – complete for the school year. Hot Dog lunch on June 6th and 9th (for other Kindie) Check the storage room for any leftover items from treat sales and hot lunch.</p> <p>7.2 Fundraising – Jared/Lainie –complete for the school year</p> <p>7.3 Milk program – Lacey- no update</p> <p>7.4 Treat Sales – Heather- complete for the school year</p> <p>7.5 Recycling program – Shelley – Reminder: We are looking for a volunteer(s) to assist with this program for next year! Please let us know if you are interested.</p> <p>7.6 Casino – Discussion to be had in 2025/2026 school year. Shelley noted that there were increases to the costs and we may need to increase our standing motion for the Casino to account for increasing costs. Shelley motioned to increase Casino budget to \$3000.00, Leah seconded – carried</p> |
| 9 | Adjournment |
| | <p>Meeting was adjourned at 7:54PM Next meeting to be held September 29, 2025</p> |

1. SCHOOL EDUCATION PLAN IN FOCUS

- *School goal #1: Through consistent and daily use of small-group instruction and evidence-based practices, our students will demonstrate growth in **reading**.*
- Considering a partnership with the public library in 2025/26 to promote audio books in a variety of formats for grades 2-6. It could involve one or more visits to the library and the purchasing of library cards. Kindergarten and grade one could visit the library with a different focus on mind. Idea to be share with PTA re: literacy fund.
- Division staff are offering to help re-envision the levelled literacy resources at schools. Question for council: What is going well for readers at home? What challenges do you face with reading at home?
- Literacy intervention for grades 1-3 winds up at the beginning of June. Working with striving readers on phonics, phonemic awareness, and comprehension strategies have been the focus. Grade 4 literacy intervention winds up on June 17.
- Teachers are busy with year-end EYE-TA (Kindergarten) retests and GOA Assessments 1-3 (striving students)/
- *School goal #2: By implementing high-leverage instructional strategies that support small group instruction in math class, all students will demonstrate growth in **number sense**.*
- The handbell choirs are working with fractions and time signature and bars and staying in unison to make music!
- Numeracy intervention for grades 1-2 winds up in early June. Patterns, counting, making ten, and basic facts have been in focus.
- Grade 6 classes are preparing for their provincial achievement tests, reviewing concepts and skills while working on complex tasks that are still new.



- *School goal #3: Build staff capacity to engage students in purposeful wellness activities to promote student well-being and build a healthy, safe, and caring school community.*
- The May 26 assembly included awards for tidiest halls, cleanest classroom, and hushed hallways. Classes teamed up for the "Drop in the Bucket" spirit challenge to illustrate filling each other's buckets.
- Turtle Islanders were doing nature art at lunchtime last week. They left their natural pieces in place for others to appreciate.
- Students are helping around the school with outdoor garbage pick-up, weeding, hauling paper, helping to inflate new gym equipment, and helping with supervision.
- For Pride Week June 2-6, each day has a coloured theme for dress up days. Classes received coloured hearts to write about what makes us feel proud about ourselves. The hearts will be displayed in a rainbow in the school.
- Engagement items:
 - May 27 from 6-7:30 PM is the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Family Gathering at West River's Edge
 - May 29 is the Kindergarten Open House
 - May 28 and June 12, 13, 17, 18 are grade 6 PATs.
 - June 20 is Lunch on the Land with families at 11:55 AM followed by Track Day at 12:55 PM
 - June 23 and 24 at 2:30 PM – Kindergarten Farewell A and B
 - June 24 at 1 PM – Handbell Concert
 - June 25 is the grade six farewell in the gym
 - Field trips throughout May and June
 - May/June swim lessons for grades 2-3
 - Rec swims are in April and June for grades 4-6



2. SCHOOL OPERATIONS

| Homeroom | Teacher(s) |
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| Kindergarten A (Mon/Thu +Wed) | Mrs. L. Sundell |
| Kindergarten B (Tue/Fri +Wed) | Mrs. C. O'Bertos |
| Grade 1 | Ms. H. Lavergne Ms. M. Vibe |
| Grade 2 | Mrs. A. Dixon Mrs. J. Rooke |

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| | TBA – half time teacher |
| Grade 3 | Ms. S. Gray Mrs. S. Kupchenko |
| Grade 4 | Mrs. J. Emsley Mrs. B. Fokema |
| Grade 4/5 | Ms. T. Curnew & Mr. M. Wever |
| Grade 5 | Mr. T. Klimaszewski Mrs. K. McGregor |
| Grade 6 | Mrs. S. Storey Mrs. B. Wilson |
| Connections Program | Mrs. M. Burger & Mr. M. Wever |
| Music & Maker/STEM Learning | Mrs. S. Demers |
| Library | Mrs. N. Bos |
| Counsellor | Mrs. C. Hudson |
| Office | Mrs. C. Kereliuk Mrs. T. Suprovich |
| School Administration | Mrs. K. Busenius, Principal Mr. M. Wever, Assistant Principal |



WFG School Council – May 26, 2025

Ralph Sorochoan

- 1) **APPRECIATION** – You are appreciated for your efforts on School Council, this year! Thank you!
 - 2) **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT APPRECIATION DAY MAY 14** - Annually, EIPS officially recognizes the professional service our educational assistants provide throughout the Division each day. We encourage schools, boards, families and community members to take a moment to tell educational assistants you know how thankful you are for the exceptional services they bring to your school community.
 - 3) **POWERSCHOOL BREACH UPDATE** – Please see attached article, below.
 - 4) **2024-25 EIPS ANNUAL FEEDBACK SURVEYS RESULTS REPORTS** - The results are available for the 2024-25 EIPS Annual Feedback Surveys conducted in March. Thank you to all families, students and staff who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, close to 2,400 parents and caregivers responded to the survey.
The feedback gathered will help the Division measure its progress toward meeting the priorities and goals outlined in the Four-Year Education Plan and develop strategies to better serve students and the wider community moving forward.
EIPS Survey Comparison Chart (<https://www.eips.ca/download/510860>)
Additional information and survey highlights are available on the www.eips.ca website.
- 1) **BUDGET 2025-26** - Budget allocations were approved by the Board of Trustees on April 24, at a special board meeting. Schools and departments are now working diligently through their individual budget allocations for next year. At their May 29 public meeting, the Board will be presented the 2025-26 Spring Budget for debate. Important budget considerations for EIPS include: literacy and numeracy, career pathways, classroom complexity, high-quality teaching and learning, equity—eligible classified staff have received a lump sum payment, curriculum work, rural education, early learning—the Division is piloting full-time kindergarten pilot programs for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and French Immersion. More detailed information on allocations can be found at <https://www.eips.ca/about-us/whats-new/post/board-highlights-april-2025>
 - 2) **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY UPDATE** - We did receive information that there will be a slight increase in transportation dollars for 2025-26 and that a regulation alignment has occurred to align the funding manual to the new eligibility requirement of 1.6 km from the previous 2.4 km. While this will mitigate some of the funding challenges, it will not eradicate them. There is transition funding for this year, for the 1.0 to 1.6 km, but next year a shortfall will exist if funding doesn't increase accordingly. Approved transportation fees for 2025-26 have increased by \$25 per category. (at special meeting of the Board May 01, 2025). There are 181 instructional days in the school year. An eligible rider, paid by June 30, will pay \$0.55 per day for transportation, or 27.5 cents per ride for each morning and afternoon trip.

**ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2025-26 TRANSPORTATION FEE SCHEDULE**

| FEE CATEGORY | By June 30, 2025 | After June 30, 2025 |
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| 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. | \$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. | \$130 | \$155 |
| Kindergarten Additional Bus - Additional stop required on a different bus route is non-refundable. | \$100 | \$125 |

- 3) **REMINDER: UPCOMING TRUSTEE ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER 2025** – The next municipal election is on October 20, 2025. If you or anyone you know is interested in running for public office, check out the details for candidates on www.eips.ca. Two trustees will be elected from Electoral Subdivision No. 1, comprised of lands within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Saskatchewan.
- 4) **CAREGIVER SERIES: May/June Sessions** - Recovery Alberta offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. The list of [May/June 2025 sessions](#) is now available.
- 5) **NEXT BOARD MEETINGS** – The next regular Board meeting takes place on May 29, 2025, at 10 AM. Board meetings are held in the Elk Island Public School boardroom. EIPS livestreams public Board meetings on its YouTube channel.
- 6) **INQUIRIES?** - If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at ralph.sorochan@eips.ca or 780 417 8107.
- 7) Have a great rest of May, an excellent June, and an amazing summer vacation!

All updates regarding this incident are available at
<https://www.eips.ca/parents/powerschool/cybersecurity-incident>

POWERSCHOOL DATA BREACH UPDATE

May 8, 2025

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) has been informed by PowerSchool that a threat actor is attempting to extort some school boards using the data breached in December 2024. To date, EIPS has not been contacted by this individual but it's important to ensure school families are aware of what is taking place. At this time, PowerSchool has indicated no new data has been accessed. PowerSchool has told school boards its system is secure and they continue to actively monitor.

We were informed PowerSchool paid a ransom to secure deletion of the impacted data shortly following the December 2024 incident. As with any such incident, there was a risk the threat actors would not honour their commitment to delete the stolen data, despite assurances provided to PowerSchool. EIPS did not pay a ransom, nor did it contribute financially to any ransom payment.

The protection of student and staff data is important to us, and we're taking this security breach seriously. We remain committed to keeping staff and families informed, and updates will continue to be posted here as they become available. Past updates continue to be available on this page.

Identity Protection and Credit Monitoring Reminder

As previously shared, PowerSchool is offering two years of complimentary identity protection services, provided by Experian, to students and educators whose information was involved. A credit card is not required to enrol.

PowerSchool is offering credit monitoring services to involved staff and students who have reached the age of majority in Alberta.

In March, direct email communication started going out from Experian—sent on behalf of PowerSchool—to individuals connected to EIPS affected by the PowerSchool cybersecurity incident earlier this year. Even if you didn't receive the direct email, you can still take advantage of the services being offered.

How to Apply for Identity Monitoring

- Visit the Experian IdentityWorks website to enrol: globalidworks.com/identity1
- Provide the activation code: **MPRT987RFK**
- The deadline to enrol is **July 30, 2025** (The code will not work after this date)
- For questions about the product or help with enrolment, email globalidworks@experian.com

How to Apply for Credit Protection

- Visit <http://www.powerschool.com/security/canada-credit-monitoring/> and click on the link to the [validation website](#)
- Enter your first name, last name and year of birth

If your identity is validated, a pop-up will appear that provides an activation code and a link to TransUnion's *myTrueIdentity* site to enrol