**ECPS COUNCIL & ASSOCIATION
AGENDA & MINUTES**

**April 21st, 2021**

Concurrent meeting: Ecole Chinook Park School Association and Ecole Chinook Park School Council Parent Council Meeting

Attendees:

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| Present | Name | Association role | Council role |
| X | Alison Pidskalny | Chair (president) | Co-chair |
| X | Jason Switzer |   | Co-chair |
| X | Katie McKinnon  |   | Vice chair |
|  | Clair Gordon | Secretary | Secretary |
| X | Dane Tousignant | Treasurer | Treasurer |
| X | Lisa Doyle |   | (Past chair) |
| X | Krysti Barker |  | (Fundraising lead) |

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of Past Minutes
	* Motion to approve January 2021 and February 2021 Minutes: Jason, Second: Alison
3. Guest Chat with Marlene Krickhan, Principal of Woodman
	* ~150 new Grade 7 students each year. Class size is ~28 students.
	* Gr 6 students will receive additional information this week with respect to selection of options. Deadline April 30.
	* New Parcour Obstacle Course will be built in 2022
	* Additional questions? mlkrickhan@cbe.ab.ca
4. Financial Report, D. Tousignant
	* Association (Casino Funds)
		+ Spending Power: $61,429.43
			- Bank balance less expected expenses: $31,429.43
			- $30,000 GIC
	* Difference since last meeting: $7269.81. Big ticket items:
		+ FolkloFolie ($787.50),
		+ Snowshoes ($4,000 budgeted),
		+ Headsets ($1,483.65 invoiced April 20)
	* Council
		+ Spending power: $29,269.47
			- Effective bank balance - $19,247.51
			- Check writing funds held by school - $10,021.96
		+ Difference since last meeting: $27.24
			- $840 out to Sugar Shack
			- $812.76 in from Healthy Hunger (received April 21, not deposited)
		+ Bills to pay:
			- $197.09 for March Luncheon/Teacher Appreciation
				1. Motion: Dane, Second: Jason.
5. Fundraising Update, K. Barker
	* Big success – crushed our goal and purchased 2 water fill stations that will arrive shortly
	* Virtual Family Fundraiser – Cristopher Cool – Magician. $20 per family…50% of each ticket sold goes to school.
	* Spring apparel launches in May, for only 1 week.
	* Casino postponed, $70-80k per Casino, generally on an 18-24 month cycle (could be delayed further due to COVID). General support for having a casino in the summer, if necessary to shorten interval to next casino.
	* Courtyard cleanup: seeking a volunteer to lead this effort. The courtyard is the Council’s responsibility to maintain.
6. Report from ASCA, Alberta School Councils Association, M. Moussa
	* Our job as a council is to appoint a delegate(s) to represent ECPS Council in voting among 1,300 school council members across Alberta. We recently rejoined.
	* See Issues & Recommendations summary posted to Council website
	* Motion to proceed / vote in the manner presented or to stay within the intent of the recommendations as presented in the event of change: Alison, Second: Jason
	* Questions? medeana.moussa@gmail.com
7. School update, A. Avdicos
	* Covid Update:
		+ Case confirmed April 9
		+ Process was effective
		+ Double testing is now recommended
		+ Variant Notifications: AHS notifies CBE of VOCs if they are different than the B.1.1.7
	* Budget and Fees Survey
		+ Helped set spending priorities: What are parent priorities? What does our community value?
		+ Budget based on projected and actual student numbers; actuals were lower than projected in 2020-21
	* Courtyard Update
		+ Interested volunteers – contact Aliki
		+ Low maintenance projects; keep seasons in mind; covered/shade structures that also double for water collection
		+ Revitalization ~ every 10 years
8. Guest speaker: Trustee Julie Hrdlika
	* Covid Update
		+ Over 13,000 students and 600 staff in quarantine now vs 16,000 students and 1,300 staff in November.
		+ Board is supporting teachers to get vaccinated.
	* Curriculum:
		+ CBE chose not to pilot the new proposed curriculum. 37 of 61 school boards in Alberta chose not to pilot.
		+ There is still an opportunity to comment on curriculum via [online survey](https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum.aspx?utm_source=google&utm_medium=sem&utm_campaign=K6curriculum&utm_term=curriculum&utm_content=v1). CBE will also be reviewing and providing feedback. Alberta Teachers Association has also offered to work with the Ministry, but has not been part of the design process.
	* This Fall 2021: CBE is planning for various scenarios, in-class, online.
	* CBE is looking at the viability of 20 inner city schools because of low capacity over the next few years. Low capacity does affect budget allocations to schools; 85% is the target capacity.
9. Other business & next meeting
	* Next meeting: May 19, 2021
	* Final meeting & AGM: June 16, 2021
	* Interested in a position on our School Council? Please contact chinookparkchair@gmail.com!