



Edgemont School Council (ESC)

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Edgemont School Learning Commons

MINUTES

Attendance:

Principal: Lori H

EPSA & ESC: Heather WD, Kate S, Chelsea T, Megan F

Parents/Guardians: Wayne T, Karen L, Theresa R, Lindsay K, Brianne L, Al W, Jessica E, Michelle P, Anam B

1. Call to Order
 - Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM by Heather WD
 2. Land Acknowledgement
 - Heather WD
 3. Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda
 - Additional item – discuss plants in learning commons – Kate S moved, Megan F seconds
 4. Approval of Minutes
 - Edgemont School Council, May 22, 2024
 - Heather WD defer approval – Will send out May and September minutes in advance of next meeting
 5. Introductions – Heather WD
 - Difference between ESC and EPSA
 - Edgemont Parent School Association fundraising entity, requirement of AGLC for funds
 - Edgemont School Council – all parents/guardians are members of the council
 - Round table introductions
 6. Administration Update - Ms. Lori Holford, Principal
 - English as an additional language – more than 300 students at Edgemont School.
Spend additional time with many students in a smaller setting.
 - Enrolment –
 - Enrolment at Edgemont School fluctuated considerably over the summer and into early-September.
 - Kindergarten enrolment continues to drop based on the lack of childcare.
 - Before the reorganization, the class sizes were approximately 27-28 students per teacher.
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- Based on the change in enrolment, Edgemont School was able to hire an additional 1.5 teachers to provide smaller classes bringing the class sizes down to approximately 25 students
 - Edgemont School was required to create one Grade 2/3 split to create class balance based on budget constraints.
 - Grade 5 continues to a larger class size with 5 teachers. Perhaps this is based on enrolment into Tom Baines.
 - Edgemont school is not capped for overflow (currently at 98% capacity).
 - CBE to potentially adjust funding for mid-year based on the continued pressure on increasing enrolment.
- School communication – Google Classroom, School Messenger and School Website. In order to receive updates on student fees, picture days, field trips, fun lunches, system-wide messages and more, you need to sign up to receive commercial electronic messages.
 - Volunteer registration process – Volunteers are always needed. Please stop by the office if you need any help completing the forms as a police check is also required for many of the volunteer positions. Clearances last for 5 years before you will need to renew.
7. Confirmation of Positions for the Edgemont School Council 2024-2025 Executive and Committee Chairs Elected at the May 2024 Meeting
- Chair - Heather W
 - Vice Chair - Kate S
 - Secretary - Megan F
 - Volunteer Coordinator(s) - Karen L & Erin C
 - Key Communicator - Kate S
 - Picture Day - Theresa J & Christa C
 - Pumpkinella - Andrea S & Brianne L
 - Fun Lunch - Lindsay K & Jessica E
 - School T-shirts - Wayne T & Kimberley P
 - Staff Appreciation - Theresa J & Christa C
 - Book Fair - Karen L
 - Performing Arts Support - Kristin E
 - School Dance - Wayne T
 - Grade 5 Farewell - Lindsay K & Kerry A
8. Vacant Positions for the Edgemont School Council 2024-2025 Executive and Committee Chairs
- Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Volunteer Coordinator(s) - co-chair needed
 - Community Liaison - attend once monthly meetings of the Edgemont Community Association Board of Directors
 - Book Fair - co-chair and committee members needed
 - Performing Arts Support - co-chair needed
 - School Dance - co-chair needed
 - Facebook - needed
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No volunteers for vacant positions identified at the meeting.

9. Executive/Committee Updates

- COSC – Kate S – Community of School Councils – allow for the interaction between the CBE and the various school councils. During the June 5th meeting, they discussed the three year plan with a focus on learning excellence, well-being and Truth & Reconciliation, Diversity and Inclusion. Discussion on the budget and continued pressure on enrolment growth, inflationary pressures and rising staff costs. Next meeting October 23, 2024.
- Volunteer Coordinator – Karen L & Erin – will determine a new solution for collecting completed volunteer forms. Please stop by the office if you need any help completing the forms as a police check is also required for many of the volunteer positions. We always need more school volunteers to help throughout the school year.
- Fun Lunch – Lindsay K & Jess E – First fun lunch is scheduled for tomorrow (Pizza 73) with 373 orders. The fun lunch schedule has been determined for the school year
- Staff Appreciation – Theresa R & Christa - The coffee truck is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 16th. We will be sending out an email to see if any volunteers would like to contribute any baked goods or fruit. Picture retakes have been scheduled for Oct 21st
- Book Fair – Karen L – Scheduled for Oct 21-25 – based on parent teacher conferences. Additional volunteers are needed.
- Pumpkinella - Andrea & Brianne L – planned for October 31st in the Panorama room. We will communicate on google classroom and release an email as we are hoping for more pumpkins to be on display this year.
- Plants – in the learning commons to be watered by the lunchroom supervisors

10. New Business

- Annual donation campaign – We will be proceeding with our annual cheque writing campaign. We will vote on the letter to be provided to the parents via email. We are still unable to accept online contributions so any donations will need to be received by cheque. Donations are eligible for a tax credit which will be discussed in the campaign letter.
- October meeting – Next meeting will occur on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30 pm
- Scheduling remainder of 2024-2025 meetings – Heather WD to confirm the remaining dates for the school year.

11. Confirmation and Election of Edgemont School Council Positions 2024-2025

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- School Dance
- Grade 5 Farewell

12. Thank You and Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:49 pm by Heather WD – Kate S motions, Karen seconds.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 29th 2024
