**Attendees:** Ken Allan, Ralph Arndt, Pousali Das (Gr 5/6) Hannah Dinwoodie, Randy Footz, Zander Laschowski (student representative), Heather Lavergne, Alain Perez, Erin Robert, Matt Spronk, Naiomi Turko, Jody Weleschuk, Shelley Wiebe, Raeanne Yackimec, Denise Gara.

1. **Call to Order:**  K. Allan 6:32 p.m.
2. **Review of Agenda** – Agenda OK’d – no longer needing approval.
3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (September 30, 2019) *–*** *S. Wiebe motioned, E. Robert second.  Carried.*
4. **Provincial Perspective**
	1. **Budget 2019:** Ken inquired whether there were any comments/impacts from Randy/Matt/Ralph’s perspective
		1. Ralph/Matt/Randy –
			1. nothing yet the Board will be discussing as a group and send a fan out as a group.
			2. nothing concrete; nothing yet from the district, but the division is looking at a $1.4M Deficit (school insurance premiums have increased significantly).
			3. Not anymore money, for sure; hoping for not a lot less also.
	2. **Alberta School Council’s Association (ASCA):**
		1. Ken isplanning to attend to oversee the meeting, everyone is welcome to attend.
		2. ASCA did receive their 2019-2020 funding, after significant grant delays.
5. **Old Business:**
	1. Report on Parent-Teacher Interview engagement – no issues identified.
6. **Principal’s Report:** Principal – Matthew Spronk
	1. Matt provided some insight – Board may want to consider alternating School Council meeting times and dates, i.e. Mornings, or midweek instead of Mondays; to entice other members who might not be able to make the normally scheduled meeting to attend.
	2. Introduced Lighthouse guest speaker – Zander Laschowski.
		1. Zander spoke on WE Day and brought numerous favorites, stories of Guest Speaker discussions; discussing how the event impacted him personally and bringing back some insight to be applied locally.
		2. Zander also spoke on upcoming events for the lighthouse group – Kindness activities, Plant field trips, Wear a hat day and Twin day.

Ken thanked Zander for his presentation.

* 1. Matt then took the floor for his summations
		1. Sigmund Brower event – this was a late booking; very interactive and have gotten some great feedback.
		2. School Education Plan and Results report – summarizes the school’s goals; tracks information and notates where we are going – this one was prepared in 2018 – 4-year plan
			1. Skimmed through report, discussing goals regarding Gr1 and PALS funding; reviewed programming & quick facts notating school’s budget is approximately 95% dedicated to staffing.
			2. Examined successes and challenges, discussing acceptable standard and excellence standard and changes which can be seen from the stats provided; notating that the focus on early detection of assistance required (PALS, Parent links) has seen the largest benefit. This report is a collaborative response tool for all providers.
			3. Challenges, increasing parental involvement, ensuring safe in care and citizenship.
			4. Plans going forward: - Division panels are a good approach; due to budget constraints classes were combined (split classes required), although they still have core classes together.
			5. Discussion of performance measures
				1. A – Acceptable standard – achieving 50% or above.
				2. E – Excellence standard – achieving 80% or above.
				3. The report shows a comparison of our school to the division (EIPS).
			6. Discussion of parental involvements
				1. 2019 tests – accountability pillar results from gr 4 & Gr 6 testing – sample size was quite small (therefore results slightly skewed).
				2. Discussion of benchmarking & seeing where the child is at on the literacy scale, making sure they read at the appropriate level. – this is tested 3x per year (Sept/Jan/June).
				3. Communication with parents to determine if kids are not being challenged, teachers can only go so far without parent involvement.
		3. Erin requested the school sign be updated more often (both sides, not just the one).
		4. Shelley noted that she was thankful out of school care was available on off days.
1. **Trustee’s Report:** Trustee – Randy Footz
	1. Reported on 2 passed meetings
		1. Discussion of Board priorities – addressed funding & urban enrollment (#s moving around)
		2. South point school in need of 5 portables; costs ~ $100K to move a portable; there was no pay increase for anyone, including Board trustees, due to Board motion that there would be no pay increase.
		3. Board liaisons with groups and committees were selected, Randy to sit on Transportation Committee and Expulsion Committee.
		4. Have had a trying couple of months
			1. Ardrossan teacher (49 years old) passed away in the classroom (Gr 3s present)
			2. Ardrossan - Assistant principal passed away.
		5. Total enrolment is up ~ 230 kids, at ~ 17, 400
		6. Alberta School Boards Insurance Exchange – premiums have drastically increased, up $1.4M ($1.3M Property ins, $43K Liability Ins, $44K Cyber Ins (new this year)).
		7. The Board discussed the McKinnon report and all 26 recommendations; with two most notable recommendations;
			1. Decrease funding for administration & governance
				1. EIPS meets that as 3% of the school budget is spent on admin (the report comparison isn’t quite accurate (i.e. you can’t compare apples to oranges)
				2. Review & revise education funding formula

This movement is to encourage departments to move to merging School Boards – issue here is the needs are drastically different when you are talking about Rural/Urban/Inner City School Boards.

* + 1. Randy participated in read-in-week - & Melanie Seminuk’s (Gr3 class).
		2. In November there will be a results review of many services being provided – for each school within the system.
			1. AL Horton’s is scheduled to occur Wednesday, Nov27/19 @ 9am
			2. Other schools scheduled at the same time – unifying element – all have new principals
			3. Parents are welcome to attend – estimated the meeting will take approximately 3 hours and will be held in the Board room at the EIPS district office.
1. **New Business:**
	1. Attendance and question for minister engagement – this is an online engagement session
		1. Scheduled November 15th, 2019 – this is an open forum and provides an ability to engage with the minister directly.
		2. Ken is planning to attend, if anyone thinks of questions to pose please forward them to Ken; likewise, if there are any thoughts or comments.
2. **Next Meeting:**  November 25, 2019 @ ~ 6:30 p.m.
3. **Adjourned:** 7:35 p.m.