

## Michael Strembitsky School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2018

Location – Michael Strembitsky School

1. Call to Order: Sarah-Jane Barriage called the meeting to order @ 6:32pm
2. Attendance: Quorum has been established.
3. Approval of Agenda:
  - 3.1. Motion to approve the agenda: Joanne Bullock
  - 3.2. Voted: All in favour
  - 3.3. Motion carried
4. Approval of Minutes from January 2018
  - 4.1. Motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2018: Kristin Shandro
  - 4.2. Voted: All in favour
  - 4.3. Motion carried
5. Special guest – EPSB Planning Department
  - Dave – Valarie Claire jennifer & Shaminder
    - They have reviewed the questions ahead of time and have prepared a presentation
  - Shaminder – capital plan How EPSP secures land
  - Starts 15-20 years ahead
  - Area structure plan (ASP) based on demographic projects, estimates of residential units
  - 10 years out – neighbourhood structure plan (NSP) is created with more detailed planning, specific site selected, look at wetlands, collector roads, etc.
  - Start monitoring development and servicing of neighbourhood (power lines, water, sewer, roads, etc.) after NSP is done
  - School sites move up priorities list as servicing gets closer to site and # of students in the area goes up. Look at build rates, density, etc. priorities can shift throughout the process
  - In the SE area, there are 2 possible high school sites, Meadows and Dakotos site
  - Dakotos is closer to MSS but is 10-15 years away from servicing
  - Takes about 3 years by the time sight is serviced and funding is announced to opening. 1 year for design 2 years for construction
  - Capital priorities list is released every year, ranked based on demographic urgency. Year 1 being more urgent. Not everything is approved when asked for.

Need to wait for funding announcements from the Province. Announcement can come at any time, not just during the annual budget process.

- David - High school planning
- Heritage Valley School – Funding was announced last year and will create 1800 spaces
- Glenridding Heights – would create 1600 spaces. Is a Year 1 priority
- Southeast school (not yet named) – would create 1800 spaces and is a year 2 priority
- Lillian Osborn facility enhancements will create 600 spaces
- Facility improvements allowed for enrolment limits at Harry Ainlay, Lillian Osborn and W.P. Wagner
- **If Year 1 and Year 2 priorities are not funded by the Province, in 2022 High School enrolment in Edmonton will exceed available space**
- Not anticipating unconventional schedules (split shifts, etc.) until 2021 if no schools are built
- Heritage Valley will open 3 years from announcement. This announcement moved the critical enrolment date from 2021 to 2022
- Heritage valley – No attendance areas have been set. EPSB anticipates that it might be able to help SE but nothing has been decided.
- Currently there are 200 students going to HS coming out of Summerside East (Strembitsky catchment zone). Only 37% of them are going to their designated school.
- For High School it's not necessarily one school to one attendance area. Students are more mobile and schools are more regional with the river serving as more of a barrier.
- If the planned schools don't receive funding from the Province – EPSB will look for space that can be turned into high school space and make use of all available buildings.
- Board of trustees are being asked to push for funding.
- Parents are free to share any concerns with their trustee or MLA. They will generally consult with EPSB but Trustees and MLAs advocate on behalf of parents. It helps them to hear from their constituents.
- Question from a parent: Why were Heritage Valley and Glenridding chosen as they are close together?
  - Need to balance – many of future high school students will come from south of the Hendey. The site that is ready in Meadows is too far north for those students. The next site (Dakotos) is near Ivor Dent sports park.
- High school sites are mapped out early because they need more space than elementary schools. Glenridding is a south high school site that's ready.
- Jennifer – MSS area – impact of new schools
  - Jan Reimer and Shauna May, accommodate growth in Walker and Orchards,
  - Want catchment areas to remain stable over time. Don't want them to reach over capacity right after opening.

- 5 year projection - Jan Reimer will not exceed capacity. There is another K-9 site in Orchards south that is on the plan
- Minimal impact to MSS since Jan Reimer opened
- SW students still attending MSS – only slight decrease since Jan Reimer opened. Expect more students to start choosing Jan Reimer – particularly new Kinders
- SE students are mostly attending designated schools – 74% for 2-9 and 65% for Satoo
- Expect some of the other 35% who were designated to Satoo will choose MSS for grades 2-9
- Numbers for K-1 are lower than 2-6 numbers
- Over 90 kids did not re-enroll in EPSB for this school year and likely went to the new Catholic school
- Kinders exceed projections this year but Grade 1 and 2 were lower than anticipated
- Class size numbers are decided by school administration
- Parent question: Can kids continue at Satoo?
  - If a child begins at a school they can stay until grade 6 or 9 as per board regulations
- Transportation for kids that choose to stay at Satoo – they can apply as a conditional rider and will be allowed on the bus as long as there is space. Anticipate space for the next year or two. The longer students stay, the greater the risk they will run out of room on the bus. \$55/month for conditional ridership is current cost - can send in form to register for bus now but EPSB will not look at them until August. Allocation of space on the bus is not done on a first come first serve basis.
- Population projections show student numbers start to stabilize in 2025-26 but are growing until then.
- Trustees advocated for high school and had Glenridding approved in 6 months from ask.
- Concern from parent that if a student chooses another school other than designated. They can only direct pre-enrollment to one high school. If they go to random selection and you don't get in you can then either go to designated school or to another school that is accepting students providing there is room.
- Speaking with the school themselves is the best way to determine if they anticipate enrollment pressures at their school. They have the best understanding. Attending open houses at high schools will also help.
- First campaign last year was to create awareness for the need for high schools
- Last year was communicating with principals
- Public meetings are now at the Trustee level. EPSB will not be holding more awareness sessions.
- Parent question: Projection for K-1 to come back to MSS?
  - Still seeing higher numbers in lower grades than in Jr high. Monitoring enrollment closely. Don't foresee them coming back in

the next 2 years. Once the current grade 4-5 move up to Jr High and out it will stabilize more but no set plans yet.

- Question about changing boundaries:
  - Moving boundaries is always being considered. Jan Reimer is only half full but Orchards is only 30% built. Don't want to put that school in a situation of over enrollment. Jan Reimer didn't open until the last minute. Many parents may have chosen to go to a different school. Lessons learned from MSS.
- Goal is to only move students as a worst case – last option
- Difficult to determine impact of the Catholic school after 1 year.
- If the K-1s choose to stay at Satoo until Grade 6, they would then be designated to MSS for Jr. High. Or they could choose another school with an open boundary.
- Parent question about EPSB system compared to Calgary that puts incoming students on a wait list instead of locking attendance area.
  - EPSP follows mandate that school has to allow students in attendance area to attend their designated school. EPSB will then use random selection as opposed to wait list and first come first serve for out of area students.
- EPSB uses census data to monitor enrollment. Only off total enrollment projection by 38 kids for EPSB this year.
- Satoo is ready for any kids that choose to stay until grade 6
- MSS enrollment in early years didn't conform to enrollment prediction formulas. On average EPSB can predict. Neighbourhoods can vary. Type of homes changed, number of homes changed, all impacts # of students and age of students. Happens in newer developments often.
- Data available to make projections for MSS wasn't as good as what they have now. Getting much better at projections.
- Second Orchards school moved off the capital priorities last year since development has slowed. Will continue to monitor the build out rate and servicing. It might move back on.
- If Heritage Valley and Glenriding are approved the critical date moves to 2025 (which is where the population begins to stabilize), all students will have a seat.
- Catchment zone will be announced year before.
- Who provides funding? Alberta education will advise guidelines for school. AB infrastructure approves funding. Also provide funding for all schools for ab as well as hospitals and all capital funding.
- Parent question: If there is a change in government, can approved schools be cancelled? Yes - It is possible.
- Any further parent questions can be sent to [strembitskyschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:strembitskyschoolcouncil@gmail.com) and we will pass them on to EPSB.

## 6. Reports

- 6.1 President, Sarah Jane Barriage: Want to reiterate the process for raising concerns – Please e-mail any questions or concerns to Sarah Jane she will pass them on to school.
- 6.2 Principal Sheppard –The School Council report is attached below. Discussion do we want to continue agenda stickers for reminder? Parents would like stickers.
- 6.3 Summerside Community League Report - Ashley Van Beuningen – The annual snowflake festival will be held on February 24. 12-4 pm. It will be held at Orchards clubhouse. Free for all Community League residents. There will be horse and sleigh rides, other activities and entertainment.
- 6.4 Divisional Representatives
  - 6.4.1 Division 1> Sarah Attwater – no updates at this time
  - 6.4.2 Division 2 > Calee Gibb – no updates
  - 6.4.3 5.5.3 Junior High > Esther Chapple – no updates

## 7. Old Business

- 7.1. Portable Air Conditioners – two options.
  - 7.1.1. Install window shakers. Noisy, short lifespan \$3500
  - 7.1.2. Roof top units are \$8000 and would last 20 years. One for each classroom and there are 8 classrooms in the portables.
  - 7.1.3. Window units for pods are \$3500 without installation. Honeywell to maintain and it would be \$10,000 to install per classroom
  - 7.1.4. Suggest rooftop units at a cost of \$18,000 for 4 classrooms. With Honeywell costs included it would be \$50,000 for 4 pod classrooms.
  - 7.1.5. Would be funded through MSS budget.
  - 7.1.6. On days when temperatures fluctuate students can move into learning commons to work
  - 7.1.7. Still waiting for pricing information on film on the windows.

## 8. New Business

9. Next Meeting to be Held on Thursday, **March 8th, 2018** @ 6:30 p.m. in Learning Commons of MSS. Safron centre will be coming to the meeting to present.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 8:01pm

## **Attendance**

Tanya Johnstone  
Sarah Attwater  
Joanne Bullock  
Sarah Jane Barriage  
Kristin Shandro  
Lorie Laybolt  
Janet Mitchell  
Megan Carleton  
Amy Pritchard  
Gale Harwood  
Wendy Westren  
Lisa Raczynski  
Tanya Rowland  
Kaley D'Amico  
Samantha Miedreich  
Ellie McCullagh  
Samar Al Hajjaj  
Clinton Ovamba  
Sarah Dowson  
Tom Motyka  
Shauna Kent  
Julia Styler  
Amanda Breunig