

**Micheal Strembitsky School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 22, 2017**

**Location – Michael Strembitsky School – Learning Commons**

**President: Lindsay Peddle**

**Vice President: Sarah Jane Barriage**

**Secretary: Stacey Houston**

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Lindsay Peddle called the meeting to order at 6.32pm on February 22, 2017 in the Learning Commons at Michael Strembitsky School.

**2.0 Attendance and Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum in attendance – attendance sheet circulated see attached.

**3.0 Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Wendy Westren

Voted: All in favour

Motion Carried

**4.0 Approval of February Meeting Minutes (held on January 17, 2017)**

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting: Kristen Topolnitsky

Voted: All in favour

Motion Carried

**5.0 Reports:**

**5.1 Edmonton Public School Board Space for Students Planning Reports  
Valerie LeClair, David Sloan, Jennifer Thompson**

Valerie recapped the history and actions taken to date in regard to the attendance area for MSS.

In 2012 prior to MSS opening there was a caution in place about high registration and closed boundaries. 740 or so students registered with a maximum capacity of 900.

The following year 971 enrolled pushing MSS beyond capacity forcing addition of the portables.

In 2013/2014 public engagement meetings were held to ensure high quality learning environment for students.

A decision was taken by the Superintendent in 2014 and the attendance area would be Summerside East only. Summerside West students who were already enrolled were grandfathered and students from outlying boundary areas were asked to leave.

Nov 2015 saw a second engagement meeting where strategic options were shared.

In January 2016 the Superintendent announced Kindergarten would move to Satoo and in 2017 Grade 1 would follow with those students returning to MSS for the start of Grade 2. I.e 2018 would see the current Kinders return for Grade 2 programming. David acknowledged that this was not a long term solution and annual reviews will take place and made a commitment to return to School Council in future to discuss more.

The start of the 2016 school year saw 986 students registered.

In 2017, some students will move to Jan Reimer and Father Michael Mireau which may bring more balance as the expectation is that some families will choose to move their children.

There are still some grandfathered Summerside West students attending MSS who may opt to move to Jan Reimer.

Q&A session followed:

**Q – Will both grades be returning together?**

A – Planning team are still working on this and will be reviewed. MM confirmed with planning team that consultation will be ongoing with parents. The disruption is acknowledged and not underestimated.

**Q – What is the long term plan for High Schools?**

A – Parents are encouraged to check out the website and the recent EPSB Board Papers. High School planning was discussed. In 5-6 years there will be pressure on the High School system.

The Capital Plan is going to EPSB board on March 21<sup>st</sup> with recommended rankings for priority to build new schools. Priority of the team can be changed by Board and once approved this is sent to the Province to assess for funding.

High School for the South East has always been in the plan but is becoming more time sensitive.

The Planning team is pushing hard for the GoA to provide the necessary funding and commit to return to update the group.

Parents are encouraged to voice their concerns to Trustee Adams and MLAs for advocacy.

**Q – Is Satoo at capacity?**

A – No it is approximately 80% with Ks and G1s.

**Q – Would there be an option to open boundaries at Satoo for siblings to attend?**

A – Planning team will take that back for discussion.

**Q – Will there be an information session for Jan Reimer to discuss a school within a school?**

A – March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date for this session.

**Q – Will current Ks be returning to MSS in grade 2?**

A – Currently there is plan for return in 2018 for G2-G9

## **5.2 Don Bowdige – Senior Security Consultant**

Former School Resource Officer at Ross Shepherd.  
10 years at EPSB. Former Police Officer.  
Responsible for Emergency Preparedness at EPSB.

Evacuation – six evacuations practised per year.

On Alert – threat is not in the school and not immediate. Everyone stays in and doors are locked. Classes resume as normal – washrooms are open. Indoor recess with background work ongoing to make decision for student release. Students from portables are brought into main school and accommodated.

Lockdown – threat is immediate and inside the school. Teachers bring students into classes to sit quietly – this is practised twice per year. Students may be bussed to a secondary student release site. Secondary site is designated as J Percy Page school. EPS are trained in Rapid Response for Active Threat situations  
Door locking policy in place during operational hours.

Tornadoes – students are brought in from the portables and gathered in a central area. Drill is to bring students in and assemble.

Students are talked through the drill on completion to tell them what went well and reminders for the next time.

### **Q – is the school board scanning what is going on in the electronic environment?**

A - Violence threat assessment team work very closely with EPS, RCMP to assess online risks.

E.g. the Crazy clown threat – IP addresses were analyzed and traced.

### **Q – What debrief happens following an incident?**

A - In a real situation a Crisis Intervention Team will be deployed to the school to provide the support necessary for students and staff.

## **5.4 Community League Report – Ashley van Beuningen**

Snowflake festival is on Feb 25 at MSS from 12-4. All activities are free of charge other than the 50/50 and raffle.

The next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on February 27, 2017 in the community room at Sobeys in Walker Lakes and there will be snacks available

**5.5 Divisional Representatives Report**

**5.5.1 Grades 1-3 Ashley van Beuningen**

Nothing to report

**5.5.2 Division 2 Esther Chapple**

Nothing to report

**5.5.3 Junior High Calee Gibb**

Nothing to Report

**6. Old Business**

Yearbooks survey was published and only 48 responses. Sarah-Jane analyzed and summarized the responses received. The report is attached below.

**7. New Business**

March's meeting will have a mindfulness session which will take an hour. Anyone wanting to join can attend meeting between 6-7 and the rest of the meeting will run from 7 – 7:30.

**8. Next Meeting**

Scheduled to be held on Tuesday March 14, 2017 @ 6.00pm for the mindfulness session for 60 minutes. The traditional portion of the SSC meeting will happen from 7:00 – 7:30.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7.32pm Gale Harwood

Voted: All in favour

Motion Carried

**Meeting Attendees:**

Lorie Laybolt

Kristin Shandro

James Rehman

Gale Harwood

Wendy Westren

Stacey Houston  
Lindsay Peddle  
Miriam Fierbach  
Stacey Shepherd  
Sarah Jane Barriage  
Esther Chapple  
Merril Burns  
Cathy Bird  
Stacy Jackson  
Samar Al Hajjaj  
Lisa Raczinski  
Kristen Topolnitsky