

Edmonton Northeast Christian School Council Minutes - September 25, 2023

Chair: Charlene B.

Members present: There were 51 members present at the council meeting. Names are available from the school council record upon request.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

A Point of Order was called and a Motion, made by Raegan S. and seconded by Leesa O., to adopt the original meeting agenda as provided on Schoolzone on September 19, 2023. A second agenda was posted on Schoolzone on the Saturday before the meeting (September 23, 2023). The rationale for the motion was that:

- the School Council Resource Guide states that the agenda be sent several days before the council meeting;
- the School Council Resource Guide states that an annual general meeting of the school council be held within 20 school days after the start of the school year. The 20th school day would be October 2, 2023;
- moving the Election of the School Council executive to October would conflict with the information that was shared at the previous (June) meeting;
- moving the Election to October would conflict with the communication that election was going to be held on September 25, 2023; and,
- there were people present who intended to put their names forward for executive positions.

The vote to adopt the original agenda was taken and 41 members voted in favour, six members voted against and three members abstained.

1. Welcome and Prayer

The Chair welcomed all the members present and read a devotion and Rebecca V. read a scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:25.

2. Approval of minutes from June 5, 2023 meeting

No member was able to move the motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes. This item was deferred to the next school council meeting.

3. Message from Administration

The principal and division 1 assistant principal (Sibin A.) did a presentation (See notes attached from the Administration).

The chair also led the members present to each write a note or two of appreciation (Thank you cards provided) to any staff or support staff they know as a way of encouragement to the school staff.

4. Message from Society Representative

There was no representative from ESCE present at the meeting.

The chair encouraged anyone with a question to reach out to the Society through the Society email.

5. Business

a. Traffic Safety - Raegan requested that this item be dispensed with in the interests of time.

b. Election of School Council executive for 2023-24 year

i. Chair:

The current Chair (Charlene) called for nominations for the office of the Chair. Binoy Prabhu put his name forward. Binoy described his interest in the Chair position and that he had previous School Council experience outside ECNS. Being no other person interested or nominated, Binoy Prabhu was declared Executive Council Chair by acclamation.

ii. Vice Chair:

Jenn Baker put her name forward for the position of Vice Chair. Being no other person interested or nominated for the position of Vice Chair, Jenn Baker was declared Executive Council Vice-Chair by acclamation.

iii. Secretary:

Raegan Skauge put her name forward for the position of Secretary. Being no other person interested or nominated for the Secretary position, Raegan Skauge was declared the Executive Council Secretary by acclamation.

Any Other Business

The School Principal (Karla) presented to members a gratitude poster made by the students (grade 5) to thank the parents for fundraising and for the purchase of spin bikes, mathematics class items, and cooking class equipment. A total of \$4,700.00 was spent by parents on these items. These purchases were approved at the June 5, 2023 meeting.

6. Next meeting dates: This item was not raised or addressed at the meeting.

7. Closing Prayer

The Chair asked the principal to provide a list of school staff so that each member present could select a name of a staff member(s) and take a moment to pray for them.

With no other items to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting with a prayer and adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.