



## **Fort Providence District Educational Authority**

**Minutes Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 @ 7 PM**

### **DEA MEMBERS:**

Alayna Krutko - DEA Chairperson  
Trish Landry - DEA Vice Chairperson  
Britney Nadli - DEA Secretary Treasurer  
Sydney Sapp - DEA Trustee  
Destiny Thom - DEA Board Member

**DEA SECRETARY:** Rose Mary Squirrel

**PRINCIPAL OF DEH GÁH:** Angela Griffin

### **DEA REGRETS:**

### **Agenda**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by DEA Chair, Alayna Krutko.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

#### **MOTION 2023-09**

#### **MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS**

Moved by: Trisha Landry

Seconded by: Britney Nadli

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **DEA ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

#### **MOTION 2023-10**

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES ADOPTED**

Moved by: Sydney Sapp

Seconded by: Trisha Landry

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SECRETARY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**MOTION 2023-11**

**APPROVAL OF DEA SECRETARY'S FINANCIAL REPORT (ATTACHED)**

Moved by: Sydney Sapp

Seconded by: Destiny Thom

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

**1. Health and Safety:**

- (i) Internal A2S program is still operating;
- (ii) Some bullying continues as does some hands-on behavior at school;
- (iii) We had two suspensions in February 2023 for the above infractions; and
- (iv) School's Olweus Bullying Protection Committee is in place.

**2. Literacy:**

- (i) The Principal submitted this month's Writing and Reading observations yesterday. The DDEC Literacy Itinerant says DGESS's are the best in the Dehcho.
- (ii) Students attending continue to see a significant increase in literacy skills;
  - Between the fall of 2020 to fall of 2022, we saw an 11% increase at grade level across the Dehcho;
  - Currently, 24% are at grade level across the Dehcho;
  - In 2020, 78% of students were two years or more below across the Dehcho (it was 98% at DGESS) and now we have 48% students below grade level across the Dehcho;
  - We had two years of Covid in there - school closures and homeschooling.
  - We are confident with normal operations in the next few years, we can have the children who attend at Grade level in the next one to three years.

**3. Wellness:**

- (i) The students who went to Mexico have been inspired to continue with kindness initiatives. Students were appalled by the street dog situation in the Mayan community. They wish to start fundraising to help the dogs there. They would work in conjunction with their Mayan friends. The DGESS students wish to make moccasins for the Maya students coming to Providence in the summer. The confirmed dates are July 30 to August. Students have continued communicating with their Mayan counterparts over Social Media. They are looking at starting an English club one night per week after school.
- (ii) February 22nd was Pink Shirt Day. We had prizes for a draw for Random Acts of Kindness this month for Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt day; and

(iii) Some students are to go to Inuvik for Judo March 3rd.

**4. Inclusive Schooling:**

(i) We are still working with the TBST to push through JP funding applications for students and carers in need of extra support due to behavior or diagnosis to ensure inclusion and respite at home; and

(ii) Student Support Plans (SSPs) and Individual Education Plans (IEPs) have been updated this month.

**5. Language and Culture:**

(i) Working with the A2S program. Elders and Knowledge Keepers are in school working with our students;

(ii) We are planning spring cultural camps; and

(iii) Angela applied for more funding for Rites of Passage ceremonies and cultural activities for women.

**6. Professional Development:**

(i) Angela has continued with the BC Curriculum Adaptation Committee. They met February 23rd over ZOOM;

(ii) Angela is involved in ongoing PD (Principal/Management courses);

(iii) Della Beck, PST, trained in Yellowknife last week. It was a territory-wide PST in-service; and

(iv) Many staff were involved in Wilderness First Aid Training this month.

**7. Staffing:**

(i) The teacher who was away has returned from leave;

(ii) I submitted resumes for part-time custodian and for SAs. I continue to follow up with HR; and

(iii) The current librarian has to resign before we can post for that position.

**8. Funding:**

(i) Angela applied for a \$5000 Action Grant for coaching money from Engagement Canada and was granted that;

(ii) After school clubs and lunch clubs paid for with funding continue to run; and



**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 @7 PM

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by DEA Chair, Alayna Krutko, to adjourn at 9:47 PM.