

ABJ Parent Council Meeting Minutes December 2, 2019

1. Welcome and introductions 6:30pm.

Parents and Staff introduction.

2. Opening Prayer – Shelley Borowski

3. Agenda approved by: Nicole Marofke, 2nd by Kirsten Gazso.

4. Minutes of October 29, 2019 approved by: Marofke, 2nd by Kirsten Gazso.

5. Student Council

- December – Basket of Joy
 - Each grade level 9 to 12 is assigned a family to collect donations and gifts.
 - Pajama Day

7. Principals' Report

- Shared EICS Board of Trustees Alberta Budget Statement 2019.
<https://www.eics.ab.ca/download/220440>
 - Many of the teachers on staff are juggling schedules and picking up additional course loads to ease the impact.
- Alberta Education is not collecting class size data for the 2019/2020 school year as it has in previous years.

New Courses available to students:

Last January teachers were approached and ask “What are you passionate about?”

- 12-13 courses were proposed by teachers. These were presented to students.
- Courses with the highest student interest were selected.

New courses include:

- Creative Writing – Mrs. Boake
- European History – Mrs. Fichter
- Phycology 20 – Ms. St. Amand & Mr. Dumont
- Interior Design 9 – Mrs. Ryl
- Creative Textile Art 9 – Mrs. Ryl
- Math 30-2 French – Mme. Roque

Questions from parents:

Q: Are there cuts to mental health resources within the school?

A: Yes. ABJ's Mental Health Therapist position has been terminated.

Q: Will there be any mid-year school fee increases?

A: No

Q: Are EIPS schools start and end time going to change?

A: No

8. Shelley Borowski – Board Chair –Public Engagement Survey

- Choice in Education Engagement Survey is still open until December 6, 2019. Please complete the survey and let your voice be heard!

<https://www.alberta.ca/choice-in-education-engagement.aspx>

10. Closing Prayer – Shelley Borowski.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next meeting date: January 27, 2020