

Hay Lakes ECS Meeting
Zoom
March 29, 2021

Call to Order

Pam called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm

Attendance

Marie Stratuliak (Coordinator), Pam Ritchie (President), Desiree Davis (Vice President), Blaine Selin (Treasurer), Avey Christiansen (Secretary), Penny Martin, Bethan Walter, Jody Melin, Dena Weiss, Derrick Lukin, Aly Jones, Crystal Johnson, Lindsey Gerber

Pam -

Pam explained we're going to do the vote anonymously; parents can text Marie their preference (option 1 or option 2) once the meeting is finished. She asked that parents have their votes in by 9:00 pm, and we hoped to be able to let parents know the result of tonight's vote by email before the end of the night. There were 2 families who let us know in advance they wouldn't be able to attend the meeting tonight, so got their votes in to Marie early.

Marie -

Marie explained that because we don't have the funding to split after April, we need to decide what we would like to do with the classes for May and June.

Most public ECS' have larger class sizes, but we have had the option to split until the end of April. The board, the teacher, the EAs and Marie have come up with 2 options about how May and June could go. Because the classroom is very small, because it will be tight with 23 students in it, and because COVID is still a significant concern, we wanted to include an option that included at-home learning as this is a way to keep the 2 classes split within our budget.

Option 1 - Continue with the split classes, but inlace some combined at-home learning. Each class would attend school in-class one day a week, and there would be a combined at-home learning day each week. During at-home learning days, students would have access to the teacher, as well as the 2 EAs.

Option 2 - Gradual transition to a combined class. We would do 2 days in class for each group in May and Fridays would be combined. In June, classes will be combined and students will attend 2 days per week. BRSD recommended we try our absolute best to try to follow the following recommendations if we were to combine classes:

- purchase individual desks for each of the students
- highly encourage mask wearing for all students and teachers
- have an assigned seating plan and keep it on record
- have assigned markings on the floor to show where students can stand

Marie opened the floor for questions.

One parent asked whether there is any option to get any extra COVID funding. Marie has contacted Alberta Education and they let us know we can do at home learning as a solution.

Many other private ECSs split the class to do certain activities (like carpet time) so that kids aren't so crammed together during the day.

Pam opened the floor for questions

Penny mentioned that once classes combined, Martha always ran school days Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays so that the schedule wasn't affected by holidays.

Nobody in attendance had any problem with the school days being Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in May and June.

Pam reminds the parents text their vote to Marie by 9:00

Pam adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm