

**Hay Lakes ECS Meeting
August 27, 2020**

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Pam Ritchie (president) called the meeting to order at 7:27 pm

2. Attendance

Martha Wrubleski (Teacher), Miranda Odland (Outgoing Coordinator), Marie Carlson (Coordinator), Pam Ritchie (President), Desiree Davis (Vice President), Blaine Seutter (Treasurer), Avey Christiansen (Secretary), Hannah Carlson (Educational Assistant), Marie Schultz (Bookkeeper), Pheonix O'Flaherty, Bradley Selin, Crystal Johnson, Cheryl Wagar, Jody Melin, Derrick Lukin, David Jones, Suzie Brown, Jenny Crandall, Cory Lestus, Desiree Davis, Penny Martin, Blaine Seutter, Dennis O'Flaherty

3. Adopt Agenda

- Cheryl Wagar requests to add a piece about inclusive education (added to new business)
- Marie Stratuliak requests to add in an AISCA application (added to coordinator's report)
- Pam Ritchie adds in moving the kindergarten to private to public (added to coordinator's report)

4. Coordinator's Report

a. Alberta Education Information - New Funding Model and Deadline

There is a new funding model under the new UPC government. They have proposed a weighted moving average to calculate how funding is received for students. It now takes into account a 3 year average. The actual school year accounts for 20%, the upcoming school year accounts for 30%, and projection accounts for 50%.

b. Move the Kindergarten From Private to Public – Due to the new Alberta Education funding model this year and that BRSD is unable to continue to work with our kindergarten program supporting students with needs, Pam Ritchie is recommending to move the preschool to public rather than private so that we'll be under BRSD and will have access to more supports for our children - especially for children with special needs who require additional supports. Pros and cons of public vs. private were discussed. A vote will take place at the end of the meeting.

c. COVID-19 Information - Because of COVID-19 restrictions, parents are allowed to enter the classroom at the moment. There will therefore be no PODs, and POD deposits won't be collected at this time.

d. Number of students registered

We have approximately 20 students registered for the 2020-2021 school year.

e. Bussing

We don't have any information on bussing yet. The school is waiting to find out which students will be doing learning from home so haven't worked out bus routes yet. Your bus driver will contact you soon to let you know which bus you're on.

f. Policies and Guidelines and Procedures

We have a policy and procedure binder in the classroom. Executives also have copies. If parents would like to read it, please get in touch with either Martha or any of the Executives.

g. Contacting Teacher and Staff

There isn't a land line in the classroom, but Martha keeps her cell phone in the classroom during school days. You can also email her, or write notes to her in the communication journal. If needed, a parent phone the school office, but it's best to contact Martha directly.

If anyone need to get ahold of Marie Stratuliak (coordinator), you can reach her at 587-986-9183.

h. AISCA - AISCA (Alberta independent Schools and Colleges Association) has been very helpful to us as we've worked out some situations this year, even though we are not members. Marie and Miranda are recommending that we become members so long as we remain a private kindergarten. AISCA provides legal support and are great advocates. Memberships are paid based on student enrollment. Unfortunately, we don't know at the moment what their fees are per child. Derrick makes a motion to join so long as it's \$20/child or less. Phoenix seconds. all in favour. MC. If the cost to join is more than \$20 per student, Marie will bring the membership fees so we can revisit at the next meeting.

5. Teacher's Report - School Year Information

a. Safety

There is a student, parent, and guardian Covid19 daily assessment that parents will need to do every day before sending their child to school (you don't have to send the form in). Any child exhibiting Covid related symptoms during the school day will need to leave the school as soon as possible and be isolated in the meantime. A temperature gun will be used if Martha suspects a child may have a fever. We will be following Alberta Health, Alberta Education and BRSO guidelines and using layers of safety strategies together to provide the safest environment possible. Please send your child to school with their own personal hand sanitizer. There is a form Martha will send home that a parent can fill out if a child has allergies, or another health condition that may present as COVID symptoms.

b. Allergies

In the past we have not permitted peanut butter in the classroom because we've had children in the class and school who have severe peanut allergies. Because we will be in a kindergarten cohort, the parents have decided peanuts and peanut butter would be permitted in the kindergarten classroom this year.

c. First Day of Kindergarten/Calendar/Daily Schedule

For the first week, we will split the split classes. Each child will attend their first day of kindergarten with approximately 5 students in each class. The next week, regular split classes will resume as normal. Martha will send out class lists in Remind. Don't forget to sign up! The first day of school will be September 10th or later.

d. Starting Kindergarten

Please do not send your child to school any earlier than 8:25 am. Kindergarten students will be ready to be picked up at 2:55 pm. (Unless the school makes changes to the entry and dismissal times.)

e. Student of the Day - Show & Tell

Every day a student will be student of the day and that student will bring show and tell. The schedule will be online and Martha will send home a calendar. Children are welcome to bring up to 3 items to share.

f. Colour Days

For the first couple of months Martha will be doing colour days in kindergarten. Children are encouraged to wear the colour of the day if they would like.

g. Birthdays

Due to COVID restrictions, we can't have special birthday snacks to share and we aren't permitted to sing in the classroom.

h. Milk, Breakfast & Hot Lunch days

Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no milk, hot dogs days, or hot lunch days. There may be a breakfast room after the first month.

i. Field Trips & Sportball

Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no field trips or Sportball at this time. We aren't sure what will happen with Halloween. There won't be treats, but the class may dress up in the classroom. More info to come.

j. Special Class Days

Normally LAC arranges for parents to bring food for party days, but due to COVID restrictions, we won't be able to share food at this time.

k. Website - www.haylakesecs.ca

l. Remind - Text @hlakesecs to (306) 500-0518

6. New Business

a. fundraisers

With the hiring of a new EA, fundraising will be important. Last year we did VIP meats, the winter greenery, Vessel's (bulbs) and a 2nd VIP meat fundraising. Desiree will chose the fundraisers and will send information home.

b. Public Kindergarten

Cheryl Wagar makes a motion to take the steps to change the Hay Lakes ECS from a private ECS into Public ECS. Ten are in favour, none are opposed. Motion carried. We will start the process to move to a public system.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 7th, at 7:00 pm.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm